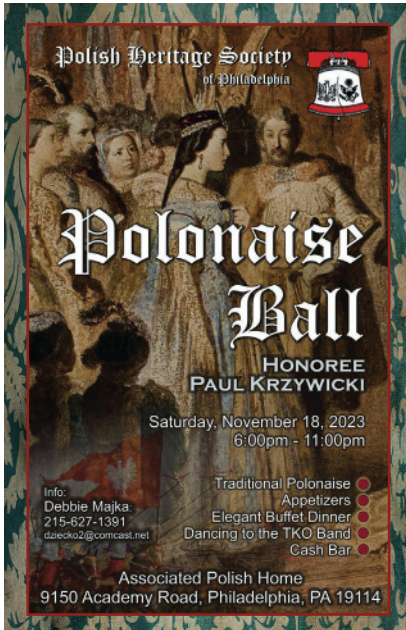


Polish Heritage Society Philadelphia, PA



The 2023 Polonaise Ball

On Saturday, November 18, at the Polonaise Ball organized by Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia (PHSP), Paul Krzywicki, a retired member of the Philadelphia Orchestra, was the recipient of the Polonia Achievement Award. Paul was tubist with the Philadelphia Orchestra for 33 years. His career included over 4,000 concerts, sixty record albums and performances of several new compositions including Jan Krzywicki's *Concerto for Tuba*. As a professional musician, he advises and assists the PHSP in organizing its annual Chopin Concert.



Jan Krzywicki

Members of the Polish Heritage Society, music lovers and friends of Paul Krzywicki and his wife Joan, enjoyed an evening of dancing and a delicious banquet at the Associated Polish Home in Northeast Philadelphia. A printed event program, that included greetings from Philadelphia's Mayor James F. Kenney, was published with Paul's biography, along with wishes and congratulations from supporters of the Polish Heritage Society. Income from the event, and the accompanying auction, will be used to support the Polish Heritage Scholarship Program.



At the 2024 Chopin Concert were (left to right): PHSP Board members Alexandra Ziolkowska-Boehm, Paul Krzywicki, John Wisniewski, Dianna Blichasz, Margaret Zaleska, Debbie Majka (Chopin Concert Chairperson), pianist Antoni Kleczek, PHSP President Peter J. Obst, Tiffany Loomis and Vice President Michael Chrabowski.



Antoni Kleczek

The 2024 Chopin Concert

The Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia held its annual concert to honor Fryderyk Chopin at the Germantown Settlement Music School on Sunday, February 25. This year's artist was young Antoni Kleczek who has already performed in some of America's great musical venues such as Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. In 2022 he was awarded the Grand Prix at the 29th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition for Children and Youth in Szafarnia, Poland (photo insert above right.)

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Antoni is a recipient of the 2023-2024 Chopin Foundation Scholarship and is currently studying privately with Dr. Martin Labazevitch in Washington D. C.

A reception with wine and various hors d'oeuvres followed the performance where many praised the outstanding rendition of Chopin's works by our young Polonian pianist. We are fortunate to have such rising talent in our midst and look forward to Antoni reaching new heights in his developing career.