

## Dozynki "Polish Harvest Festival"



Polish Scouts "Harcerstwo" at the "Dozynki" Polish Harvest Festival.



St. Adalbert Polish Language School children at the "Dozynki" Polish Harvest Festival.



Janosik Polish Folk Dancers at the "Dozynki" Polish Harvest Festival.



P.K.M. Polish Folk Dancers at the "Dozynki" Polish Harvest Festival.

## Polish American Cultural Center Museum Polish Harvest Festival "Dozynki"

Report by Michael Blichasz

On Sunday, October 19th, Polish Americans in the Philadelphia, PA, area continued to celebrate October as Polish American Heritage Month and mark the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America in 1608, with a traditional Polish Harvest Festival called Dozynki. The event was sponsored by the Polish American Cultural Center Museum and the Polish American Congress Eastern Pennsylvania District.

The Harvest celebration began with a Polish Harvest Mass at 10:30 A.M. in St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street and Allegheny Avenue in Port Richmond Philadelphia. Children from St. Adalbert's Polish Language School sang during the Mass. After Mass, the crowd of 500 people and one hundred performers dressed in colorful Polish costumes and in Polish scout uniforms enjoyed the Dozynki Festival in St. Adalbert hall. Featured were the Music Box Band and ongoing entertainment by St. Adalbert's Polish Language School, P.K.M. Polish Folk Dancers, Janosik Polish Folk Dancers and the Polish Scouts, Harcerstwo. Philadelphia's Polonia continues to enjoy the music, food, traditions and culture of Poland within the mosaic of Philadelphia's ethnic communities. For more information about Polish history and culture visit the Museum's Internet site at: [PolishAmericanCenter.com](http://PolishAmericanCenter.com).



People enjoyed dancing the Polonaise throughout the day at the Dozynki, sponsored by the Polish American Cultural Center Museum and Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District.

## Overbrook Poets Celebrated 25th Anniversary at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum

On Friday, November 7, 2008, the Kosciuszko Foundation Philadelphia Chapter and its President, Teresa Wojcik, Katarzyna Newcomer and the Overbrook Poets, in conjunction with the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, sponsored 2 hours of poetry of Zbigniew Herbert.



During the poetry reading the Overbrook Poets celebrated its 25th Anniversary. It was in the fall of 1983, a psychiatrist with poetry as her hobby, contacted Ray Greenblatt, Peter Krok, Valentina Sinkievich and Janet Sadler, to form a poetry group. They rotated monthly meetings at their homes, where they submitted their one-page poems to constructive critics. Throughout the years, the group acquired new members.

The Overbrook Poets have given numerous readings of their poetry throughout the Delaware Valley. Their first presentation of Polish poetry took place at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, in celebration of the 200th Birthday Anniversary of poet Adam Mickiewicz, which inspired them to organize evenings of poetry of other Polish poets. The presentations of Polish poetry have always received a warm encouragement from the Philadelphia Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish American Cultural Center, historic Philadelphia.

Congratulations and much success to the Overbrook Poets. Sto Lat!

### Zbigniew Herbert



Zbigniew Herbert, born in 1924 and died in 1998, was a great Polish poet, playwright, and essayist. He was educated as an economist and lawyer.

He is revered and well known in Poland, but less so outside Europe. A member of the Polish Home Army resistance movement (AK) during World War II, he is one of the best known and most translated post-war Polish writers.

In the 1980's Herbert was the main poet of the Polish anti-Communist opposition. In 1986 he moved to Paris, where he wrote for the journal *Zeszyty Literackie*. He read and lectured world-wide, including a time at UCLA, and returned to Poland in 1992.

The Polish Government declared 2008 the "Year of Zbigniew Herbert."

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