

Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 2



June 20, 1954 - Michael Sobolewski (Born)

Michael Anthony Sobolewski is known in the rock music world as **Michael Anthony**. He is the former bass guitarist and one of the founding members of the rock band Van Halen. He is currently the bass player in Chickenfoot and the Circle with former Van Halen vocalist Sammy Hagar and guitar virtuoso Joe Satriani. He also is marketing his own brand of hot sauce called Mad Anthony's Hot Sauce.

June 21, 1918 - Ed Lopatynski (Born)

Ed Lopatynski is known professionally as Ed Lopat, a star pitcher for the New York Yankees during the period when the Yankees won five World Series in a row between 1949 and 1953. He was a "Lefty" that specialized in "bending curveballs." Ed Lopat later became manager of the Kansas City Athletics.



June 22, 1866 - Kazimierz Zorawski (Born)

Kazimierz Zorawski was a renowned mathematician whose work in differential geometry and fluid mechanics contributed greatly to the fields of science, mathematics, astrophysics and physics. Zorawski's work earned him a place among other Polish notables such as Nicholas Copernicus and Marian Rejewski.



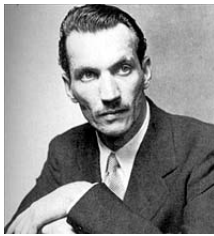
June 23, 1892 - Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Born)

Pianist Mieczyslaw Horszowski was an internationally acclaimed pianist and music teacher whose performances were widely recorded. Mieczyslaw Horszowski was also a teacher at the Curtis Institute and continued to teach and perform until shortly before his death in Philadelphia in 1993 at the age of 100.



June 24, 1914 - Jan Karski (Born)

Jan Karski was a Polish World War II resistance fighter and scholar. In 1942 and 1943, Jan Karski, reported to the Polish, British, and American governments on the situation in Poland, the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto and the Holocaust.



June 25, 2004 - Dr. Thaddeus Gromada (Presentation at the Library of Congress)

Dr. Thaddeus Gromada, the Executive Director of the Polish Institute of the Arts and Sciences, on this day in 2004, gave a presentation at the Library of Congress, outlining the issues of Poland's entry into the European Union.



June 26, 1940 - Ralph Modjeski (Died)

Ralph Modjeski, internationally respected bridgebuilder, was the son of famous actress Helena Modjeska. He built the Benjamin Franklin and Tacony Palmyra Bridges on the Delaware River in Philadelphia and designed and built 30 other bridges across America.



June 27, 1959 - Janusz Kaminski (Born)

Janusz Kaminski was born in Poland on June 27, 1959. He immigrated to America and attended Columbia College in Chicago. Kaminski is a two-time Oscar winner cinematographer and film director. He also won the Academy Award for best cinematography twice in the 1990's - one for "Schindler's List" and the other for "Saving Private Ryan."



June 28, 1996 - Jan Lorys (Became Director of the Polish Museum of America)

Jan Lorys became the Director of the Polish Museum of America in Chicago on this day in 1996 until 2014. We congratulate Mr. Lorys on a job well done and encourage you to visit the Polish Museum of America, located at 984 North Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago, IL.



June 29, 1941 - Ignacy Jan Paderewski (Died)

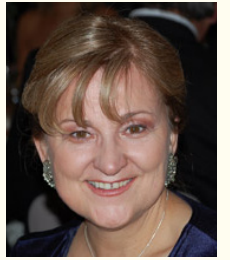
Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and composer, became the most noted statesman of Poland to the United States during and after World War I. In 1919, Paderewski became the first premier of the newly-created Republic of Poland. His heart is enshrined at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, and his remains are buried in the crypt at St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw, Poland.



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