

Historic Reflections from the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Philadelphia, PA • October / November

November 14, 1972 - Edyta Gorniak (Born)

Edyta Gorniak (born in Ziebice, Poland) is one of the most popular female singers of Polish pop music. She was the star of the musical Metro ("Subway") - the most popular and longest running homegrown musical in Polish history.



November 15, 1980 - Pope John Paul II Visit to West Germany (Event)

On November 15, 1980, Pope John Paul II visited West Germany. This historic occasion marked the first visit of a pontiff to Germany in over 200 years.

November 16, 1603 - Augustyn Kordecki (Born)

Augustyn Kordecki led the historic defense of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa during the Swedish Invasion from November 18th to December 26th, 1655, prior to the cloister of the Pauline Fathers in Czestochowa, Poland.



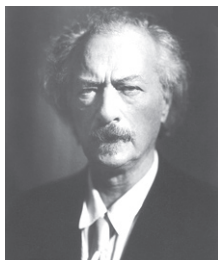
November 17, 1954 - Tadeusz Banachiewicz (Died)

Tadeusz Banachiewicz was a Polish astronomer, mathematician, and the director of the Krakow Observatory. Tadeusz Banachiewicz's international recognition came from his theory of cracovians - a matrix algebra that helped to solve several astronomical, geodesic, mechanical and mathematical problems. A lunar crater is named after him.



November 18, 1860 - Ignacy Paderewski (Born)

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, after World War I, Ignacy Jan 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, Pennsylvania, and his remains are buried in the crypt of St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw, Poland.



November 19, 1925 - Zygmunt Bauman (Born)

Zygmunt Bauman (born in Poznan) is a Polish sociologist who, since 1971, has resided in England after being driven out of Poland by an anti-Semitic campaign, engineered by the Communist regime of the time. Professor of sociology at the University of Leeds (and since 1990 emeritus professor), Bauman has become best known for his analysis of the

links between modernity and the Holocaust, and of postmodern consumerism.



November 20, 1926 - Dr. Andrzej Shally (Born)

Dr. Andrzej Wiktor Shally was a Polish-born endocrinologist who won the Nobel Prize in 1977 in Medicine for research work. Dr. Andrzej Shally developed a whole new realm of knowledge concerning the brain's control over body chemistry.



November 21, 1920 - Stanley Musial (Born)

Stanley Musial, nicknamed "Stan the Man", was born on November 21, 1920 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He played 1,890 baseball games as an outfielder and 1,016 games as a first baseman, but was known mainly as a left-handed consistent hitter. Musial won several National League Most Valuable Player Awards and received Sports Illustrated magazine's "Sportsman of the Year" award and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.



November 22, 1950 - Gregory Luzinski (Born)

Gregory Michael Luzinski was a former left fielder in Major League Baseball, nicknamed "The Bull". He spent the majority of his career with the Philadelphia Phillies. Still a fan favorite in Philadelphia, he opened "Bull's Barbecue" in the Phillies' newly opened stadium, Citizens Bank Park.



November 23, 1933 - Krzysztof Penderecki (Born)

Krzysztof Penderecki is an internationally known composer and conductor of classical music. In 1980, Krzysztof Penderewski was commissioned by Solidarity to compose a special musical piece to accompany the unveiling of the Gdansk Shipyard Memorial statue honoring those killed during the 1970 shipyard riots.



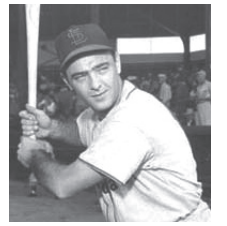
November 24, 1972 - Barry Potomski (Born)

Barry Potomski is a former professional ice hockey right winger. He played 68 National Hockey League games: 59 with the Los Angeles Kings and 9 with the San Jose Sharks.



November 25, 1985 - Ray Jablonski (Died)

Ray Jablonski was a third baseman in Major League Baseball who played for the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds and the New York Giants. Ray Jablonski was elected to the National League All Star Team in 1954.



November 26, 1855 - Adam Mickiewicz (Died)

Adam Mickiewicz was known for his poem Pan Tadeusz and is considered one of Poland's greatest romantic poets. All of his greatest works were written in the Polish language. He is buried in Wawel Castle.

November 27, 1958 - Artur Rodzinski (Died)

Artur Rodzinski was a Polish conductor of opera and symphonic music. Rodzinski studied music in Lwów, and then law in Vienna, where he simultaneously enrolled at the Academy of Music. He was associated with Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.



November 28, 1948 - Agnieszka Holland (Born)

Agnieszka Holland is one of Poland's most prominent filmmakers. Agnieszka Holland is best known for her movie, Europa Europa, which brought her the Golden Globe Award and her second nomination for an Academy Award.



November 29, 1830 - Polish Uprising (Event)

The famous Polish Uprising of 1830 was a revolt against Russian rule in Poland which caused one of the largest waves of immigration in Polish history to France, the United States and several other countries around the world.



November 30, 1768 - Jedzej Sniadecki (Born)

Jedzej Sniadecki was a Polish writer, physician, chemist and biologist. Sniadecki's most important book was entitled The Beginnings of Chemistry, the first Polish-language chemistry textbook. It is believed that Jedrzej Sniadecki was the original discoverer of the element ruthenium in 1807.



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