



# The Lira Ensemble

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*“CELEBRATE POLAND!” at Navy Pier*

*Sunday, February 28, 2010*

Navy Pier presents **“Celebrate Poland!”** once again this year: an admission-free festival on the eve of Pulaski Day in Illinois – on Sunday, February 28, 2010 from Noon to 6pm in the Crystal Gardens, a beautiful winter garden of palms, tropical plants, and jumping fountains on the second floor above the Family Pavilion.

**“Celebrate Poland!”** features six hours of continuous FREE entertainment – various styles of spirited Polish songs, dances, and music – from folk to jazz to Chopin – by some of Chicago’s top Polish-American entertainers, both adults and children, in gorgeous, colorful Polish costumes. Chopin music will be featured because 2010 is the bicentennial of his birth. Vendors will offer Polish and Polish-American folk art and gifts, books, CD’s, and of course, Polish food – by Kasia’s Deli, a Chicago tradition.

The Polish Consulate and the Polish Museum of America will provide information and free handouts about Poland and Polish culture.

The entire afternoon will be narrated in English by mistress of ceremonies Lucyna Migala of WCEV Radio and the Lira Ensemble.

**“Celebrate Poland!”** is presented in cooperation with the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland and the Lira Ensemble – the nation’s only professional performing company specializing in Polish music, song and dance. It honors the memory of General Casimir Pulaski, the Polish freedom fighter who gave his life for the cause of American liberty during the Revolutionary War. The state of Illinois celebrates Pulaski Day on the first Monday of March.

Last year’s **“Celebrate Poland!”** event drew more than 2,000 people and even more are expected this year.

This year’s featured performers are:

- Singers and Dancers from the Lira Ensemble
- The Lechici Dancers of the Polish Scouting Organization in the USA
- The Wici Song and Dance Company of the Polish National Alliance
- Storyteller Barbara Kozuchowska
- The Pytlik Brothers Polish Folk Band
- The Little Stars Children’s Theatre Workshop
- Malgorzata Sztwiernia Jazz Band

Historic Navy Pier, the state’s top-visited tourist destination, is located on Chicago’s lakefront at 600 East Grand Avenue. For directions and information about public transportation, go to [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com) or call 312-595-PIER (7437). Indoor parking at Navy Pier is \$26.00.

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**EVENT SCHEDULE**

*(schedule subject to change)*

<b>Noon to 12:15pm</b>	Opening Ceremonies - posting of U.S. and Polish colors by members of the Polish Scouting Association of Illinois, singing of both anthems, and comments from Consul General of Poland Zygmunt Matynia
<b>12:15pm to 12:30pm</b>	Little Stars/Warsztaty Teatralne - children's theater Agata Paleczny, director
<b>12:30pm to 1:00pm</b>	Lechici Dancers & Wici Dancers joint performance Konrad Wiecek & Magda Solarz, directors
<b>1:00pm to 1:20pm</b>	Soloists from the Lira Ensemble Lucyna Migala, artistic director
<b>1:20pm to 1:30pm</b>	Pytlik Brothers Polish Folk Band
<b>1:30pm to 1:50pm</b>	Little Stars/Warsztaty Teatralne - children's theater Agata Paleczny, director
<b>1:50pm to 2pm</b>	Storyteller Barbara Kozuchowska & MC Lucyna Migala with comments about General Casimir Pulaski
<b>2:00pm to 2:30pm</b>	Wici Dancers & Lechici Dancers joint performance Konrad Wiecek & Magda Solarz, directors
<b>2:30pm to 2:45pm</b>	Little Stars/Warsztaty Teatralne - children's theater Agata Paleczny, director
<b>2:45pm to 3:00pm</b>	Pytlik Brothers Polish Folk Band
<b>3:00 to 3:30pm</b>	Soloists from the Lira Ensemble Lucyna Migala, artistic director
<b>3:30pm to 3:45pm</b>	Storyteller Barbara Kozuchowska & MC Lucyna Migala with comments about General Casimir Pulaski
<b>3:45pm to 4:15pm</b>	Lechici Dancers & Wici Dancers joint performance Konrad Wiecek & Magda Solarz, directors
<b>4:15pm to 4:30pm</b>	Soloists from the Lira Ensemble Lucyna Migala, artistic director
<b>4:30pm to 4:45pm</b>	Storyteller Barbara Kozuchowska & MC Lucyna Migala with comments about General Casimir Pulaski
<b>4:45pm to 5:15pm</b>	Lechici Dancers & Wici Dancers joint performance Konrad Wiecek & Magda Solarz, directors
<b>5:15pm to 6pm</b>	Malgorzata Sztwiertnia Jazz Band

