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50TH ANNIVERSARY BALL  
OF THE HELENA MODJESKA  
ART & CULTURE CLUB  
IN LOS ANGELES







HELENA MODRZEJEWSKA  
HELENA MODJESKA (1840-1909)  
PATRON OF THE CLUB



Helena Modrzejewska, 1840-1909

# MODJESKA'S LIFE

Jadwiga Helena Misel (b. 12 Oct. 1840 in Kraków). Mother – Józefa Benda (1803-1887), baptized as Jadwiga Opid with the last name of her godfather Michał Opid.

Remained in close contact with her half-brothers Benda – actors Józef and Feliks, and the Opid family: Adolf+Kazimiera, their children Ludwik and Maria, and granddaughters Felicia and Helena, that she brought to the US.

Source: *Opid-Modjeska Family Papers, Huntington Library*



# “Wife” of Zimajer (SINNMAYER)

- Around 1860 she started a relationship with Gustave Sinnmayer (Zimajer) stage name Modrzejewski (1825-1901), a much older theater director, actor and manager of a troupe touring Galicia.
- In 1861 Modjeska debuted on stage, the same year she had a son, Rudolf (1861-1940) (later known as Ralph Modjeski), who became a civil engineer in the United States. A daughter Maria (Marylka) died as a baby.



# ACTRESS IN POLAND – KRAKOW, WARSAW

*She came across as the kind of actress who is hard to find even on the stages of great capital cities, an artist who, through work and enlightened management, could join the first ranks of her profession. Mother nature has been generous with her. She has given her all an artist needs: a beautiful appearance, figure and voice, and most importantly, the gift of artistic perspicacity, which makes an actor instinctively feel what a role needs.*

~ from *Kurier Warszawski* (1867)

“To get out of myself, to forget all about Helena Modjeska, to throw my whole soul into the assumed character, ... to be moved by its emotions, thrilled by its passions, ...—in one word, to identify myself with it and reincarnate another soul and body, this became my idea.”

~ Helena Modjeska



# ACTRESS IN AMERICA, SINCE 1877

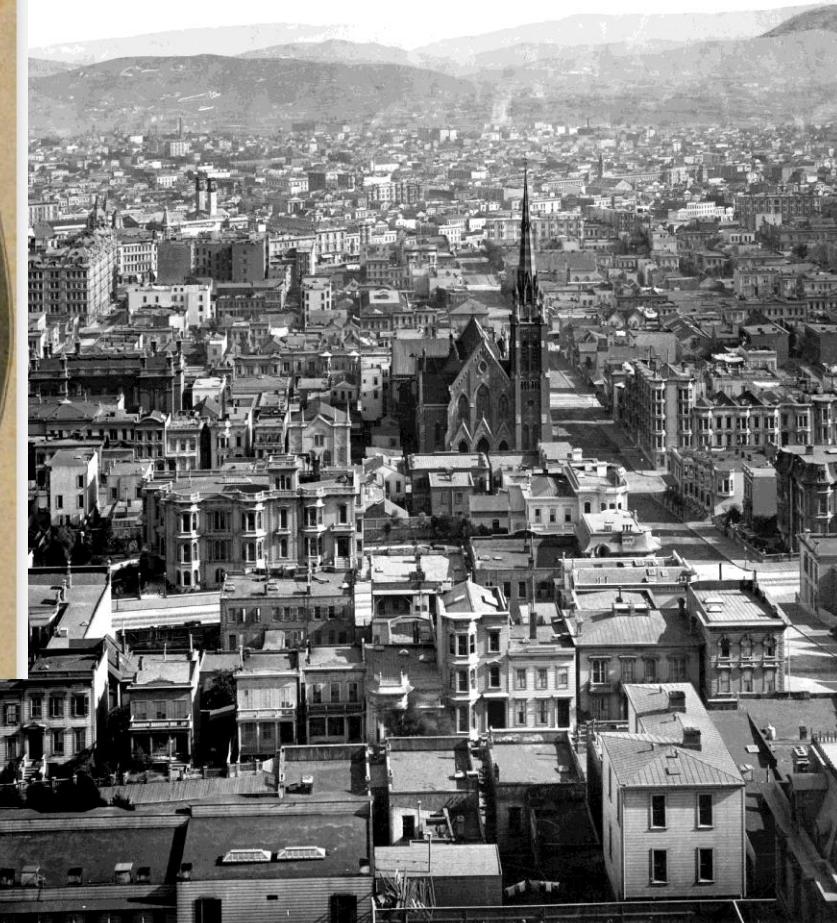
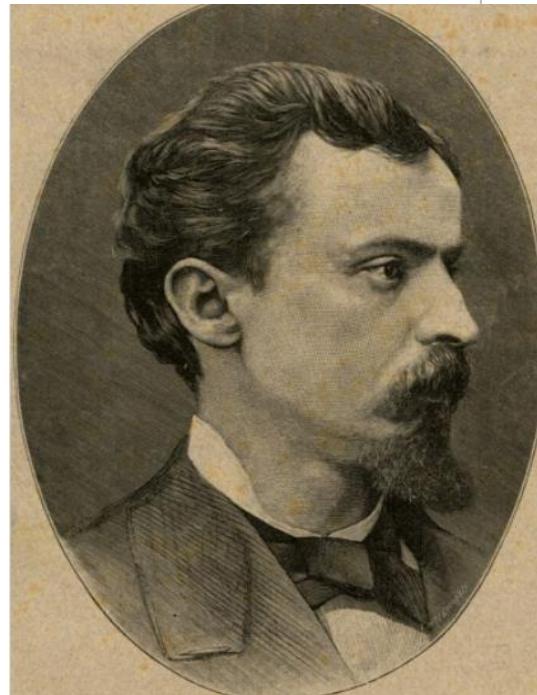
- Married Karol Chlapowski in 1868, a nobleman and journalist from Krakow; in 1876 she emigrated with him and a group of artists and writers to America.
- They first lived in Anaheim, tried farming, but all agricultural pursuits failed – olives, honey, oranges.
- Inspired by Brook Farm colonists, a utopian experiment in communal living.
- Other colonists: Julian Sypniewski with family, Łucjan Paprowski, and Henryk Sienkiewicz (winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1905).
- After the failure of the farm, Modjeska prepared for stage debut in San Francisco.



# ACTRESS IN AMERICA, 1877-78

- Intensive English studies with Jo Tuholsky
- Audition in front of the theater director
- Stage debut at The California Theatre in the title role of Adrianna Lecouvreur.
- A cable to her husband: "Victory. Modjeska."
- Henryk Sienkiewicz reported in "Gazeta Polska":

"Everybody was in a frenzy... Nobody left their seats after the show was over, which is unheard of in America. Contrary to local custom, the actress was called back eleven times... America was taken by storm."



# SHAKESPEAREAN ACTRESS

- During her lifetime, she played 18 roles in Shakespeare's works; and 15 of them in English, 11 in both languages.
- Of all 4,300 performances, more than half, 2,250, were in Shakespeare's plays
- Of all 3,800 American performances, over 2,000 were in Shakespeare's plays
- Lady Macbeth – 520 times
- Rosalind in *As You Like It* – 440 times
- Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing* – 200 times
- Juliet (*Romeo and Juliet*), Viola (*Twelfth Night, or What You Will*, Portia (*The Merchant of Venice*) – 160 times each
- Ophelia (*Hamlet*) & Cleopatra – 100 times each





# Juliet's Costume





Portraits – Modjeska Opid Family Papers. Items – Bowers Museum

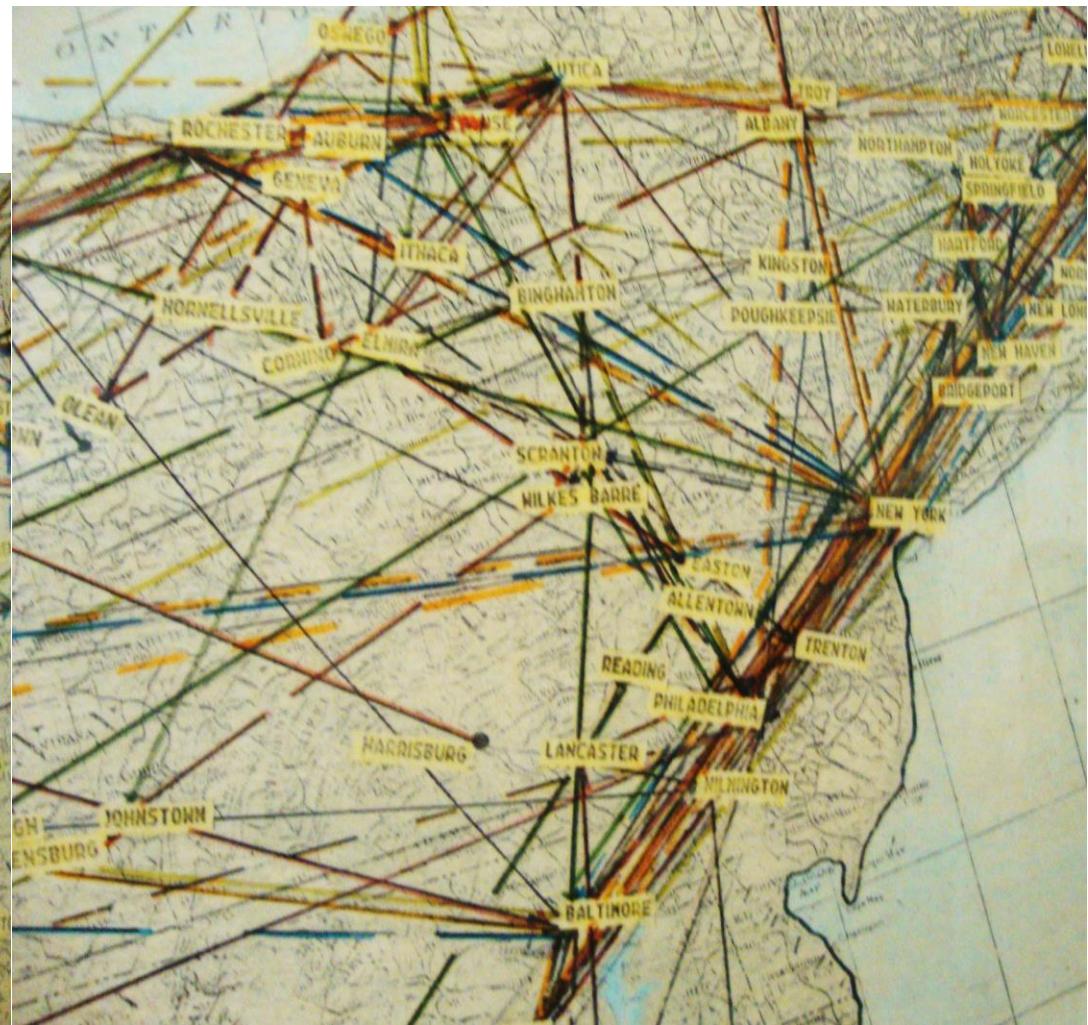
CLEOPATRA



# Lady Macbeth and Rosalind



# TOURING STAR





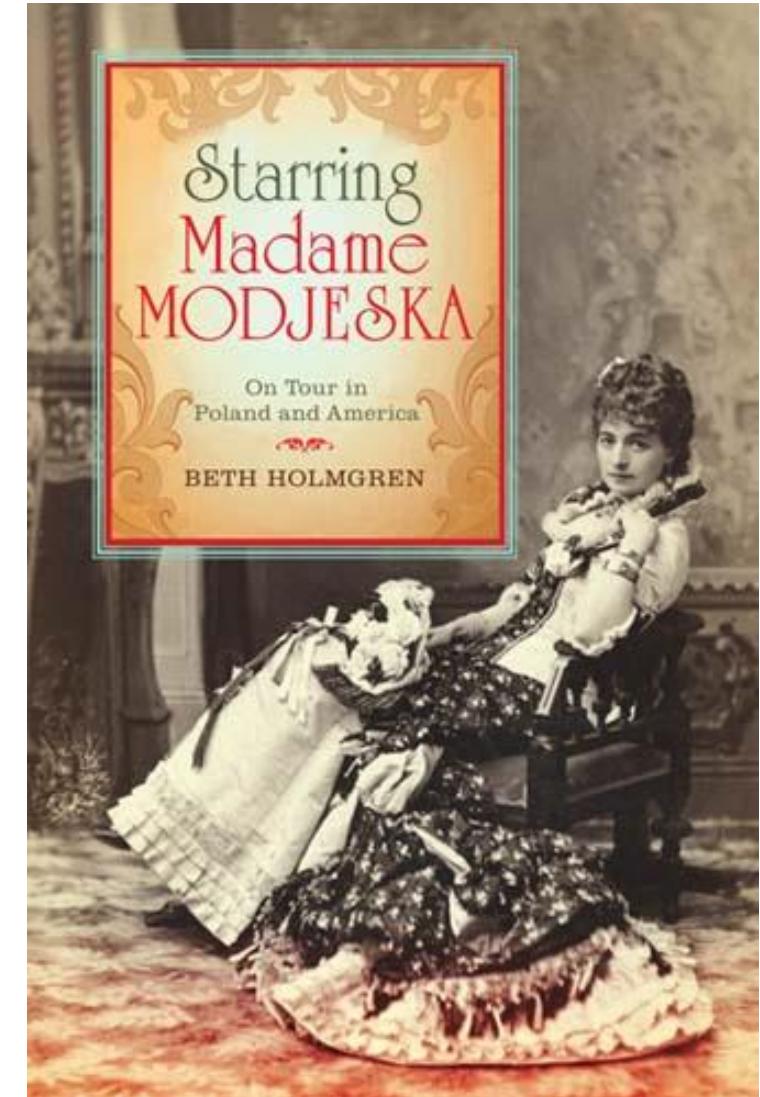
- First tour 1878 – 5 months, 17 cities
- Second tour 1878/9 – 35 weeks, 240 shows, 50 cities, first one by train – her own car “Poland”
- Third tour 1882/3 – 38 weeks, 20+ cities (“farewell”)
- Fourth tour 1883/4 – 40 weeks, second “farewell” with Chlapowski as manager, hired Stinson
- Fifth tour 1885/6 – 80 cities, 245 shows
- TOTAL: 26 tours to 1907, with Sargent, Stinson and then “Helena Modjeska Company”



Touring Star

# DIRECTOR, DESIGNER, PRODUCER

- A US citizen since 1883; continued acting to 1907 (age 67) to support her husband and extended family.
- Went on twenty-six tours with her companies –produced by Sargent, Stinson, then “Helena Modjeska Company”.
- Designed and made her lavish costumes, with real pearls, handmade lace, silks, embroidery, brocades, feathers
- Directed and produced performances,
- Liked idealized “symbolic” approach to acting, not “realistic” with lots of stage decorations and details.
- “Magnetic” emotional impact on audiences and teamwork, of the whole troupe, not just one star.



Dyrekeya Teatru  
Krakowskiego



# Modjeska – Owner of Arden 1888-1906



# Her Bedroom Then and Now



# GRAND SALON IN



# ARDEN



# Modjeska - Gardener & Rosarian



MODJESKA  
WRITER  
&  
ARTIST

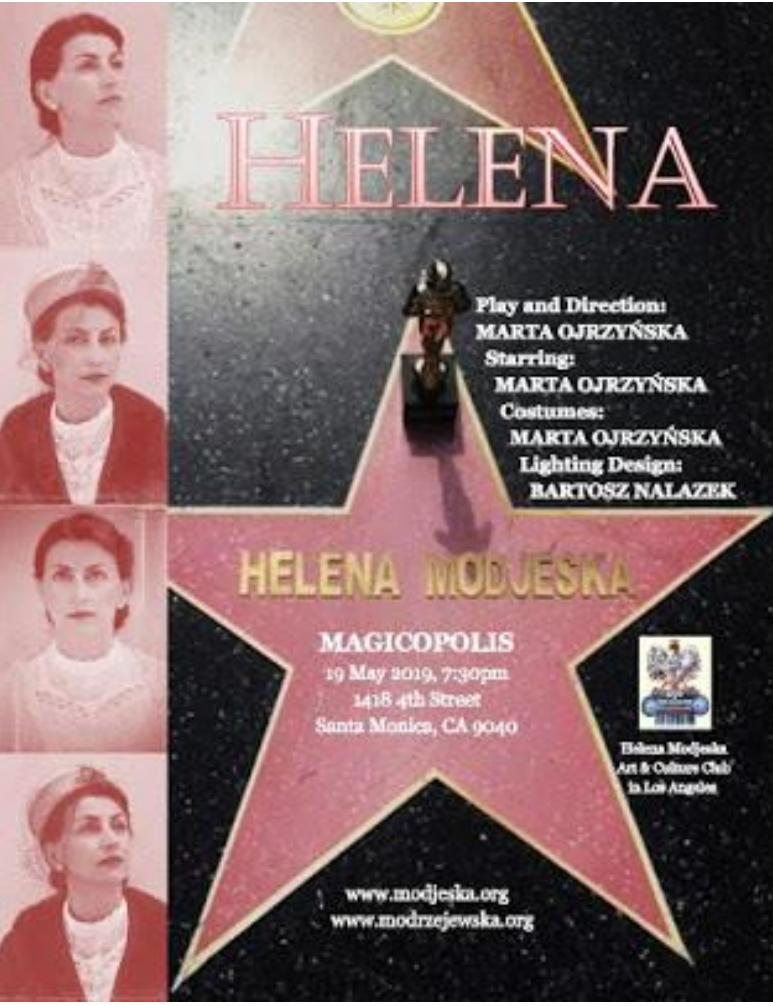


# Helena Modjeska and the Modjeska Club

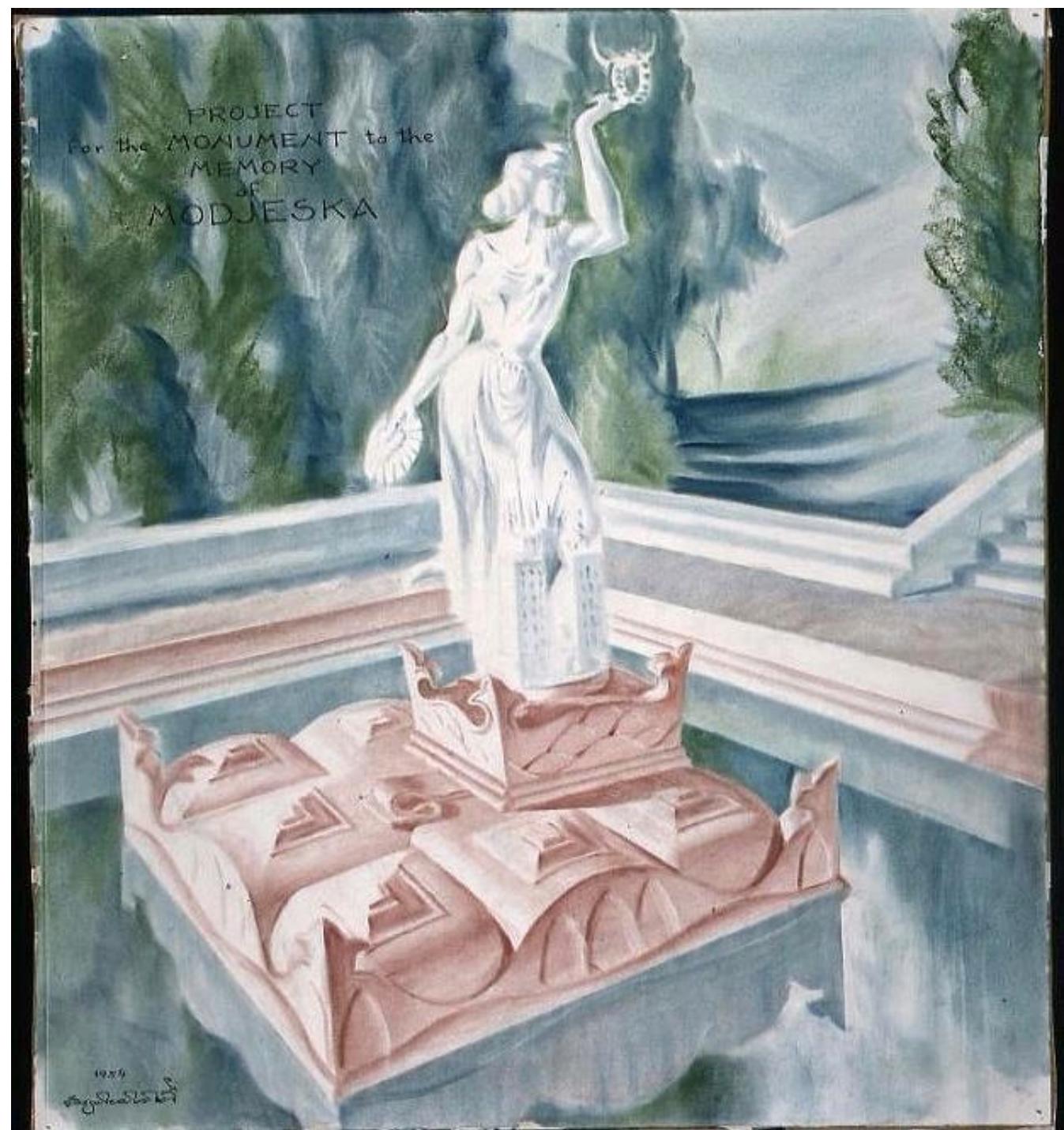
- Three plays – by Kazimierz Braun, Ewa Boryczko, and Marta Ojrzynska
- World Premiere of Barbara Myszynska's documentary, “Modjeska – Woman Triumphant” in 2009
- Many lectures, presentations and trips to her Historic Home “Arden”
- Three designs of monuments, by Stanislaw Szukalski and Tomasz Misztal



# “Helena” by Marta Ojrzyńska, 2019

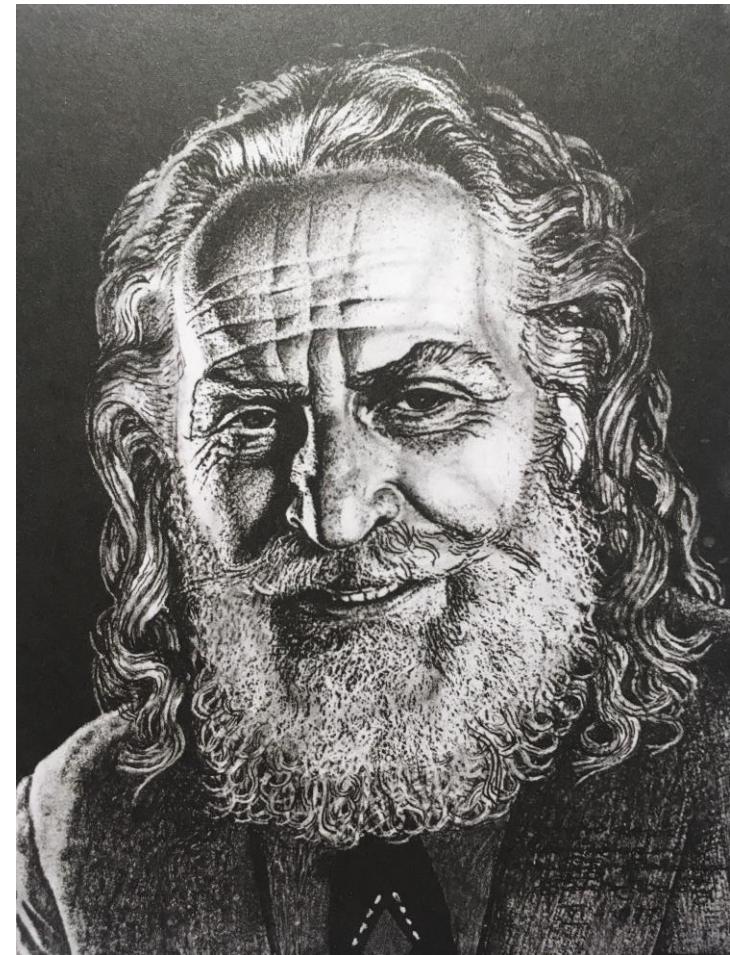
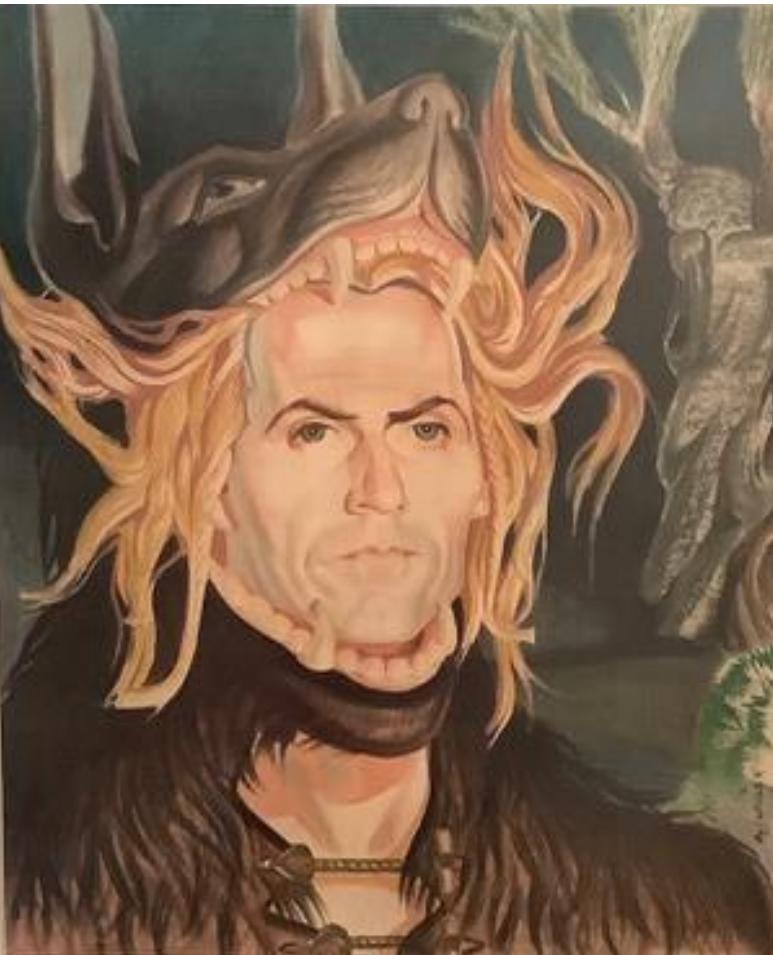


# Monument Plans by Stanislaw Szukalski





LEONIDAS DUDAREW-OSSETYŃSKI (1910-1989)  
FOUNDER OF THE CLUB



Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetyński, 1910-1989

# Modjeska Players, 1950s & Copernicus, 1973



Dudarew-Osetynski's theatrical troupe based in Hollywood, touring the US and Canada. Letterhead designed by Szukalski.

Copernicus Year Envelope with designs by Stanislaw Szukalski, 1973.



# Szukalski speaks at the Club, 1973





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September dnia 10 Roku Państkowego 1973

z, Kaszkawie panujący na Fulleroiu Północnym i zarządzający Bractwem Kulturalnym w Grodzie Aniołów — Zapraszam Jaśnie Wielmożnych Państwa pod gościnną strzechę sławetnej białogłówki Stefanii i Małżonka jej Imię Pana Grzegorza Lockwood'a na ucieczkę dworskie w czasie których to Imię Pan Maciejewski Roman kompozytor znakomity, rodem z Lechistanu, nowożytny zapisem magnetofonicznym Requiem własnej kompozycji, otworzyć nam raczy.

Stoły i piwniczka obficie zaopatrzone będą w krzecze potrawy i konfekty rozmajalte.

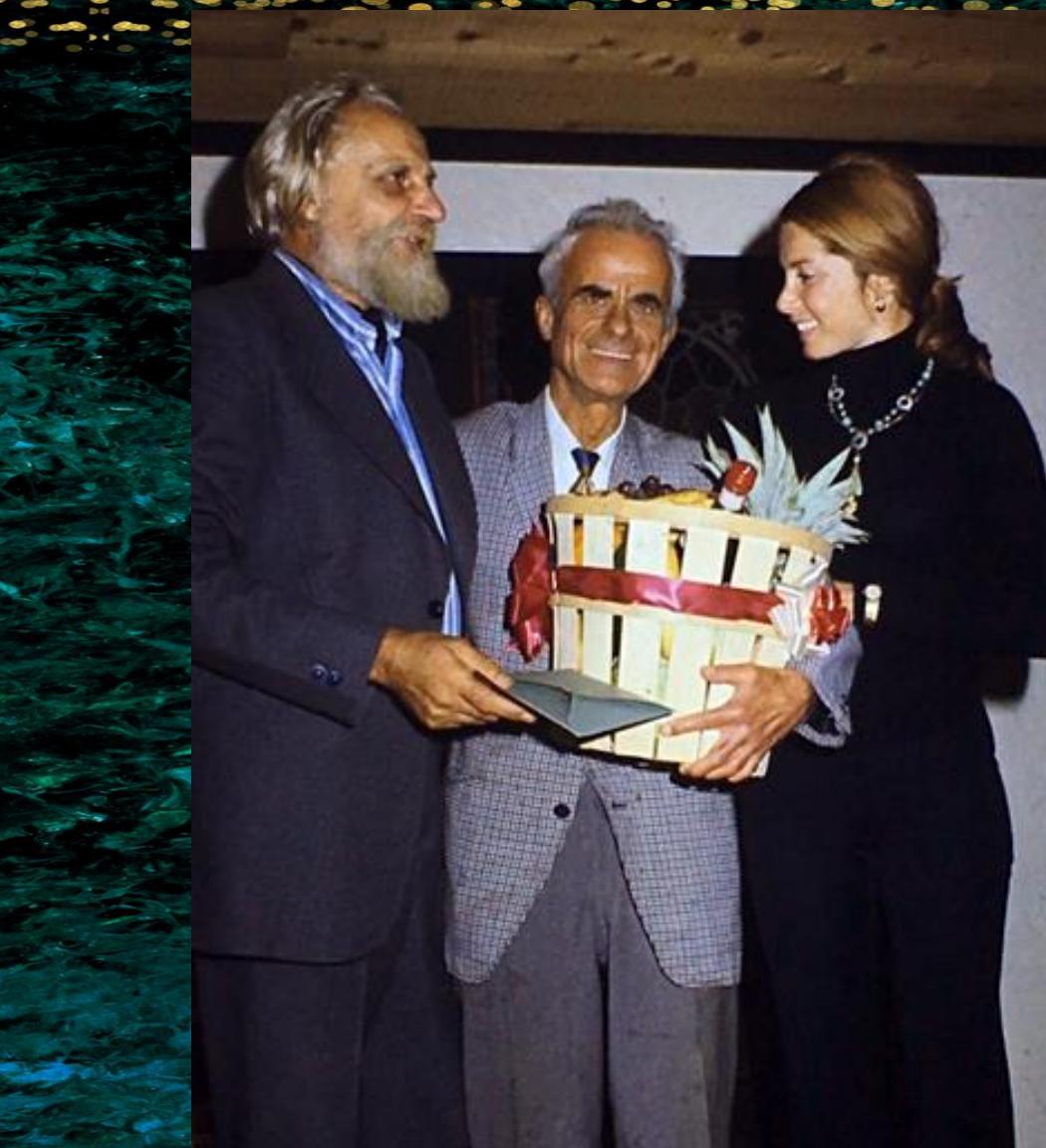
Aby jednak sławetnej Panie domu zbytnie uszczerbku nie przysporzyć przyniesienie własnej okowity bytobu wskazane.

Przyodziąć chędnego bardzo się uprasza Konie i czeladź żarcie i dach nad głową mają zapewnione.

Początek obrzędów szesnastego Septembra Anno Domini 1973 o trzeciej przed zachodem słońca, czy po tutejszymu P.M., a Requiem rozpocznie się o zmierzchu. Impertunem wstęp wzbroniony.

Z należytym szacunkiem, ściele się uniznie i Waszmościankom rączki całuję.

*Socior I - Brodaty i Zanicowy*



Dudarew-Ossetyński, Roman Maciejewski, Stephanie Powers, 1973

## Maciejewski's "Requiem"



At reception which followed the "Requiem" performance composer Roman Maciejewski chats with friends. From left: Oscar-winning composer Bronislaw Kaper, piano greatest Artur Rubinstein, guest of honor R. Maciejewski, reception host Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetynski, and Master Chorale manager, Francis Thredgill.

Roman Maciejewski, whose powerful 2½-hour "Requiem" was presented on November 1, 1975 in the Chandler Pavilion of the Los Angeles Music Center under the

baton of Roger Wagner, is a composer Americans have not heard until this performance, but according to music critics will be hearing from now on.

The outbreak of WW II in 1939 caught him vacationing in Sweden where he stayed for 12 years. Diminutive, frail, once doomed to die according to his doctors, he cured himself by turning to natural foods and Yoga, and in 1950 moved to the warmer climate of California. He now lives in a garage apartment overlooking the ocean at Redondo Beach. He composed his giant "Requiem" between 1944 and 1959 dedicating it to the "victims of human ignorance."

He keeps fit and trim by strict diet and exercise and his happy

"Requiem" was held in Warsaw in 1960. It was then acclaimed by critics as "music of tremendous emotional intensity," but according to one American critic "Maciejewski never lifted a finger" to have it performed in this country. However, Roger Wagner who stumbled on its score accidentally was so impressed that he declared it "a masterpiece" and decided to present its American premiere using his own Master Chorale, the Sinfonia Orchestra of Los Angeles, and four soloists (235 musicians). Wagner knew the costs would be staggering (over \$32,000) so he donated his conductor's fee. The great success and tumultuous applause with which the "Requiem" met well justified his decision.

The mainspring promoting the "Requiem" premiere in Los An-





Dudarew-Ossetyński | Stefan Pasternacki, 1971; Dance with Theater Eskulap, 1976

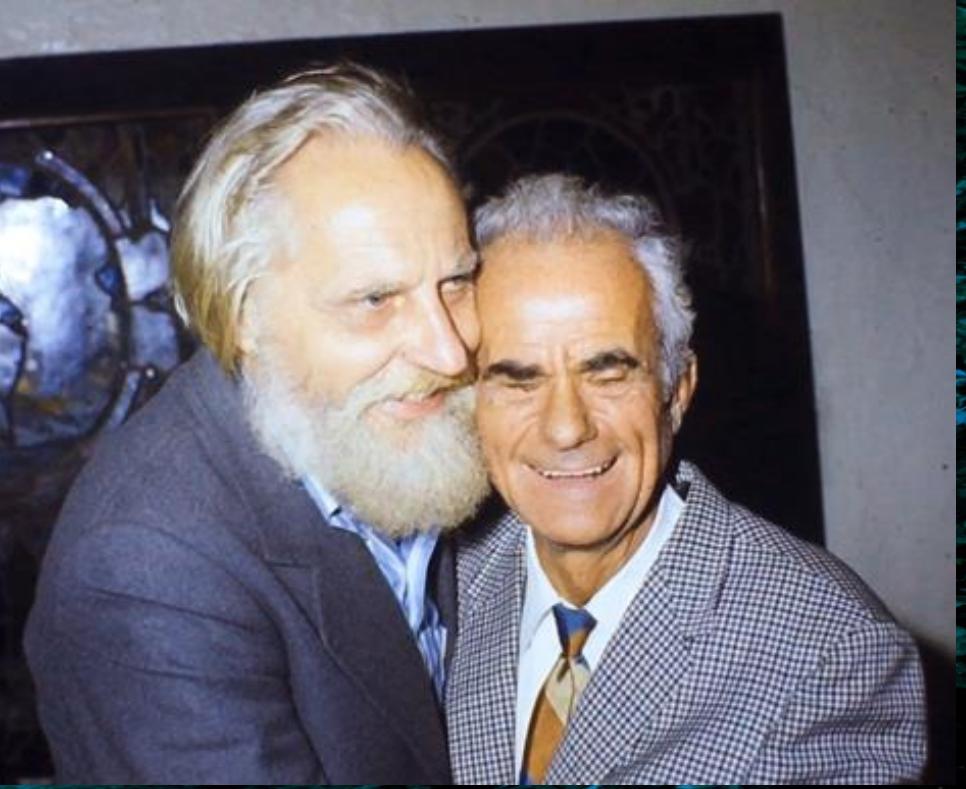
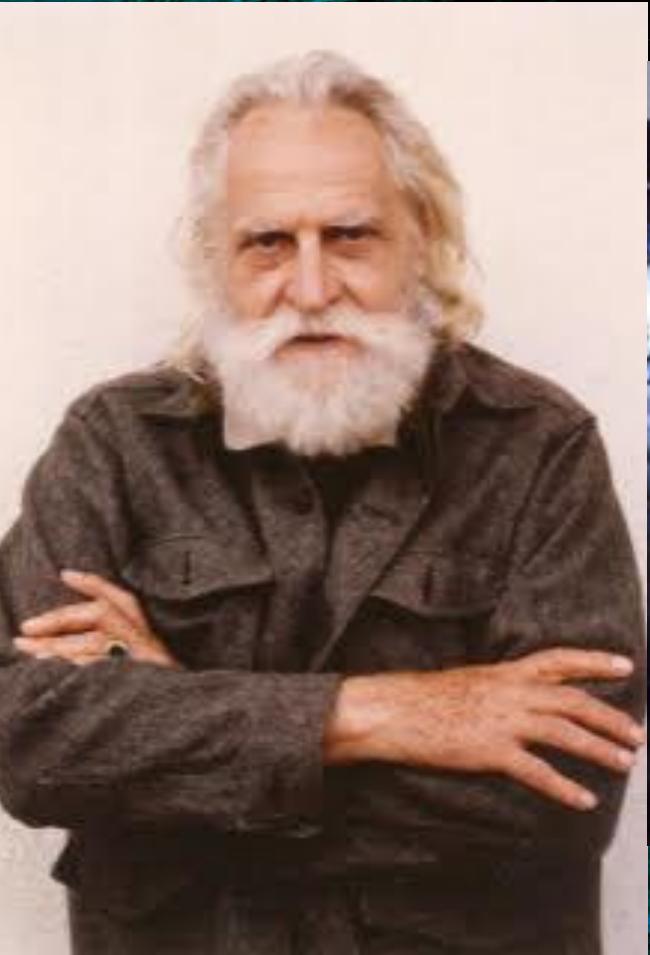


Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetyński, Stanisław Szukalski, 1973





Mira Zimińska-Sygietyńska, Stanisław Szukalski (1978)  
Roman Maciejewski with Club's first President (1975)



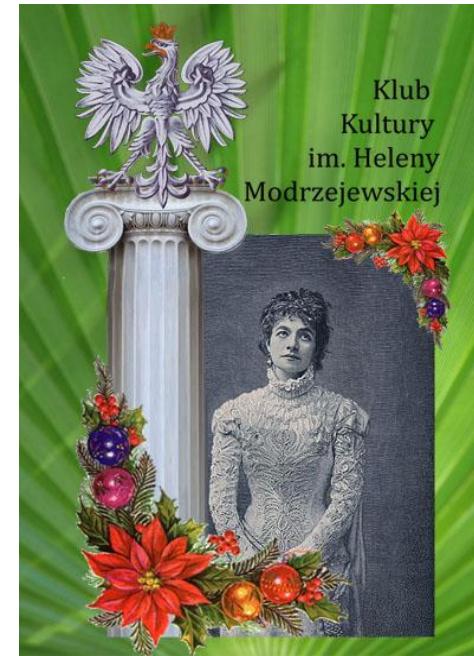
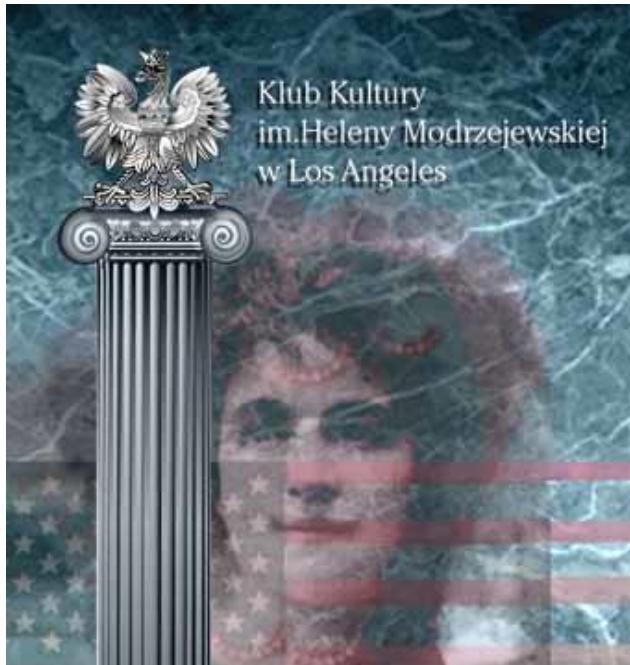
# CLUB HISTORY – BASIC FACTS

## Club History - Basic Facts

- Established as a private club dedicated to promotion of Polish culture in 1971 by Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetynski
- Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, with a changing number and titles of positions
- Received 501(c)(3) charitable status only in 2006 and started English-language programs
- For 20 years associated with the Polish American Congress (Southern California)

# Club Patron and Signs

- Named after actress Helena Modjeska (Modrzejewska, 1840-1909) who first came to California in 1876 and lived at “Arden” in Orange County in 1888-1906)
- Dedicated to the promotion of Polish culture, esp. theatrical performances in Polish, by and for an elite group of intellectuals, like the group of émigrés associated with Modjeska in 1880-90s



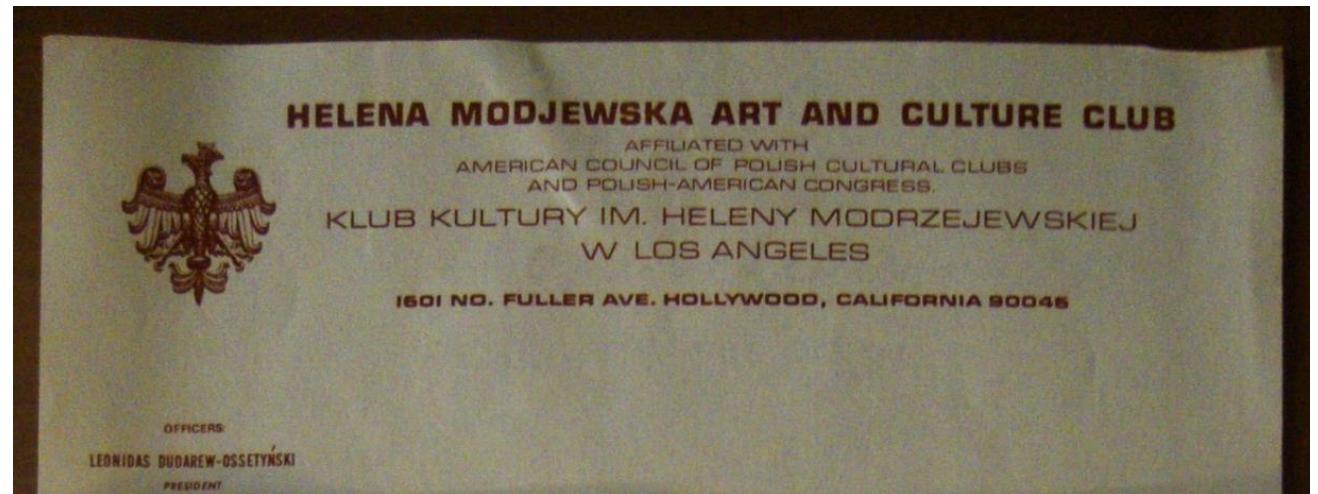
# Club Signs, continued

- The Club emblem features a stylized Polish eagle - in the current version placed on a Greek column, a theatrical symbol - designed by artist Leonard Konopelski, Professor at the Art Center College of Design



# Name of the Club

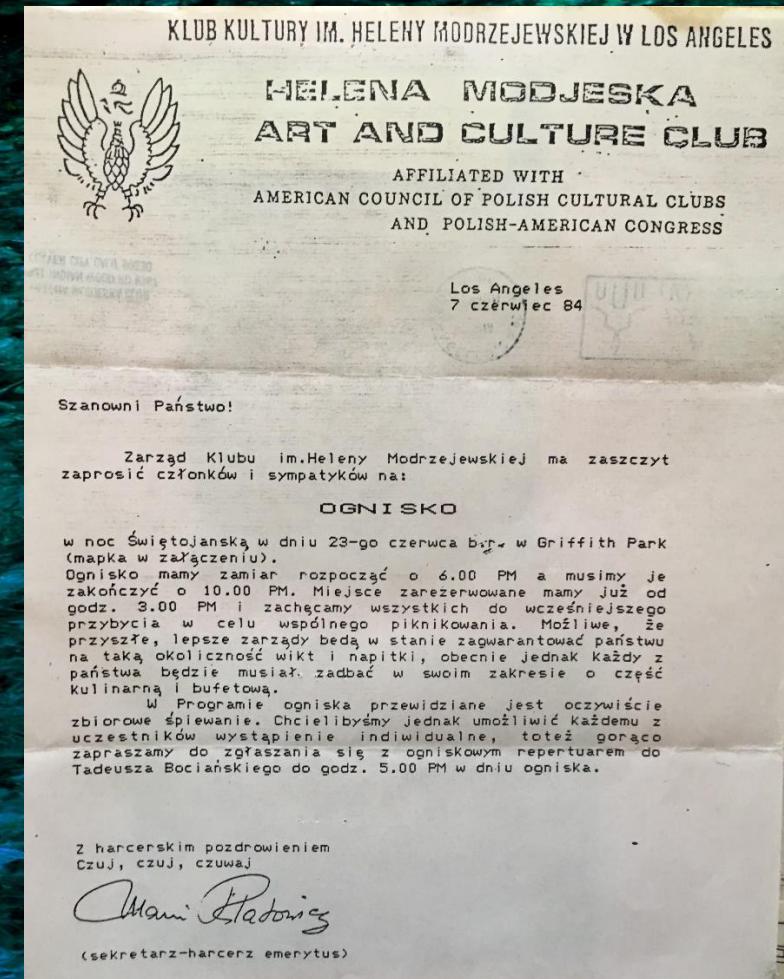
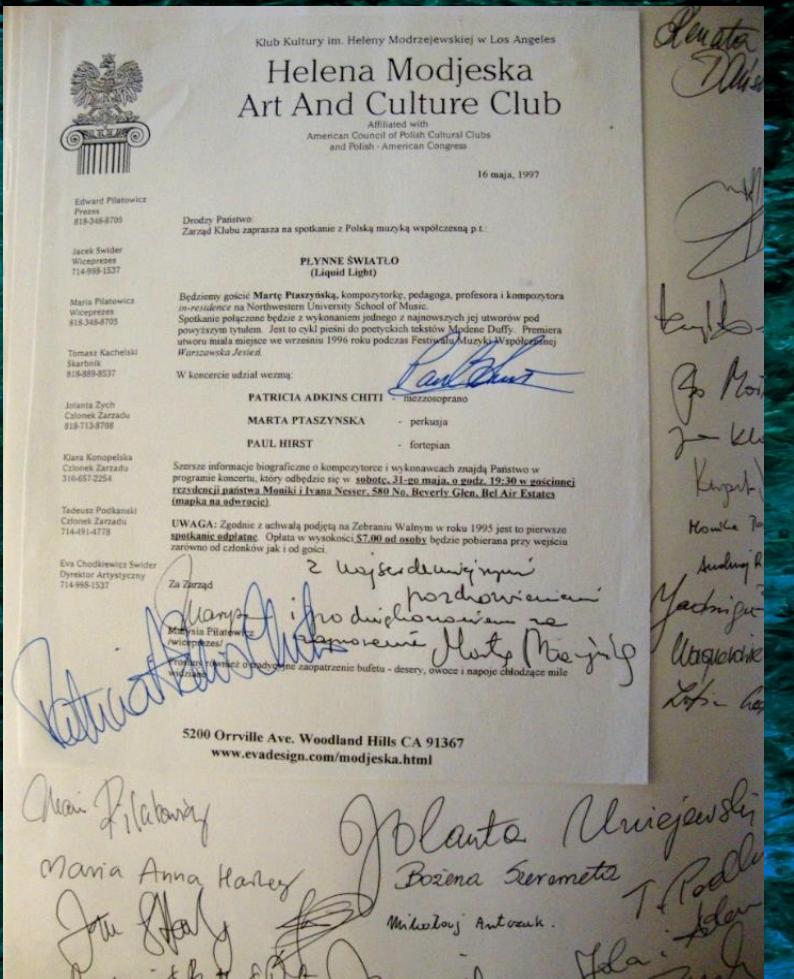
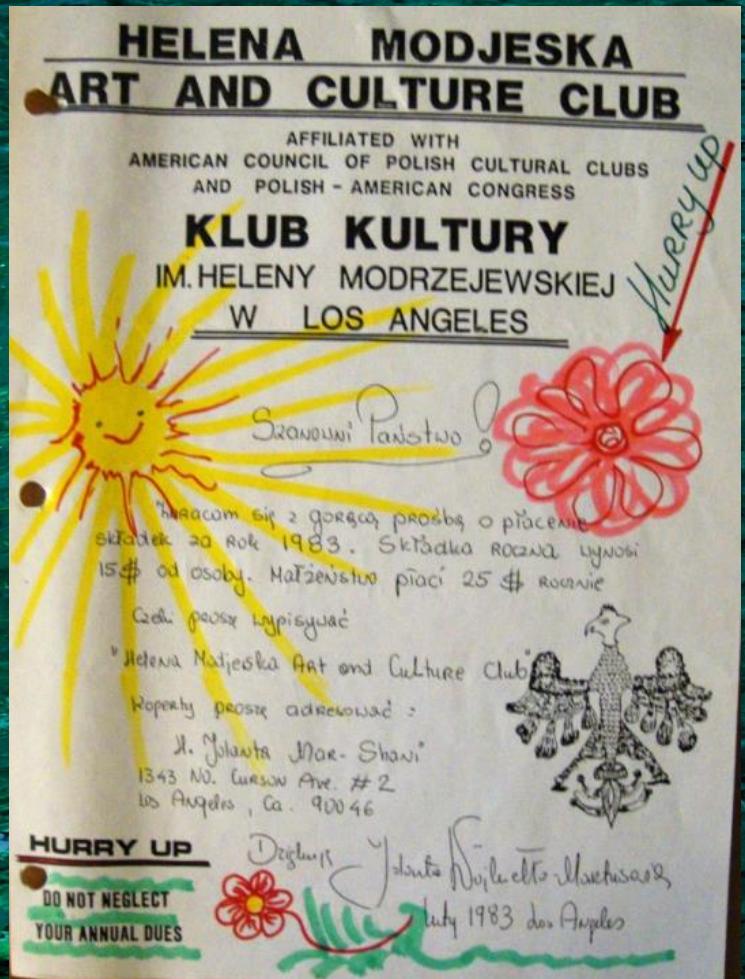
- Klub Kultury im. Heleny Modrzejewskiej w Los Angeles
- Helena Modjeska Art & Culture Club in Los Angeles
- Helena Modjewska Art and Culture Club [sic!]
- IRS changed to Helena Modjeska Art Cultural Club in Los Angeles (2010)
- The rationale for selecting Modjeska as a patron – elite émigré promoting Polish culture in Southern California



## Club History – Basic Facts, cont.

- Membership is restricted, by invitation only with an application form and annual dues
- Maximum number of members = 150 (number limited by space, i.e., the size of private homes used for events)
- Number of members fluctuated from 33 in the early 1990s to 149 in 2011
- Honorary members include past consuls of the Polish Consulate in Los Angeles, film directors, and eminent members of the local community, including past presidents

# From the Club's Yearbooks



# Club History - Main Issues

- Changing identity: From a private “elite” club with membership by invitation, to a public non-profit charity (membership rules remained)
- Changing audience: Offering fewer “members-only” events and more “public” programs with guests from Poland and local artists/notables
- Space limitations: Events in “public spaces” or in private homes, the club’s “seat” is the home of each President for a two-year term
- Language: the initial emphasis on an exclusive use of Polish language, due to the new “public charity” status, recently replaced by bilingual programs, publications, and correspondence



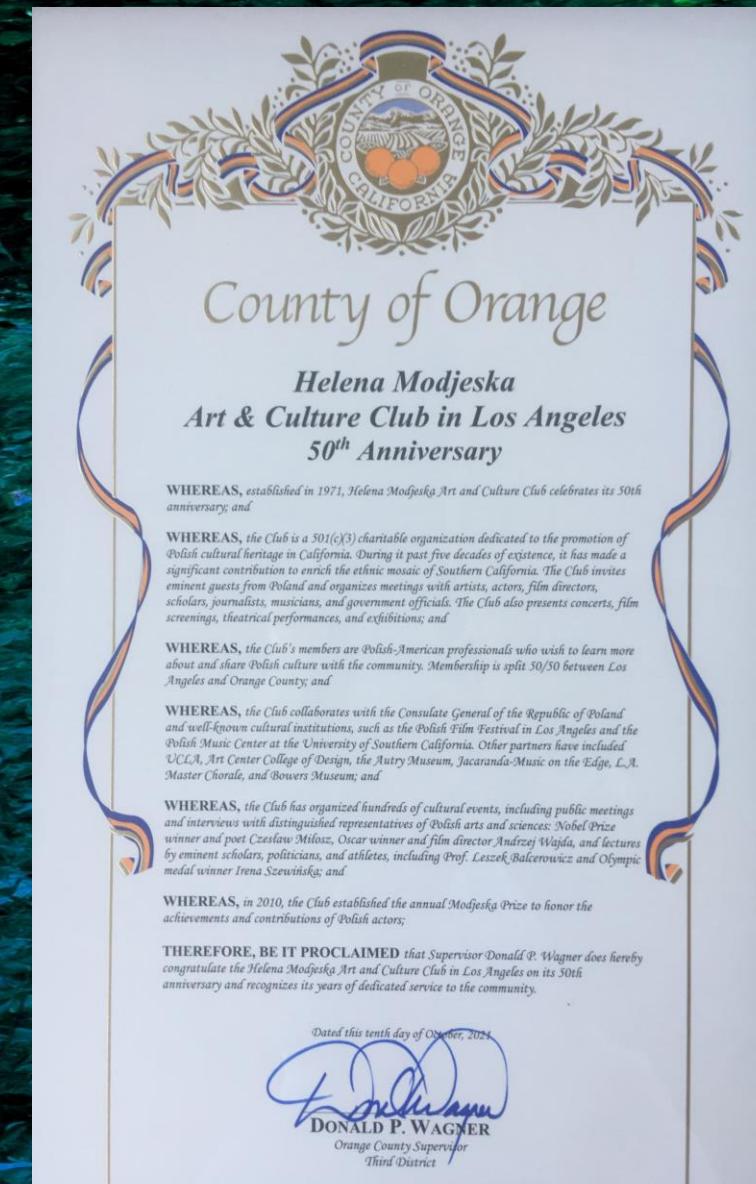
AWARDS

# Awards for the Modjeska Club



- Awarded by the Polish Government, Ministry of Culture: 2 Krzyze Kawalerskie Orderu Zaslugi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
- Awarded by the Polish Ministry of Culture: Medal "Zasluzony dla Kultury Polskiej" in 1997
- Awarded by the Union of Polish Stage Artists (ZASP) "Za propagowanie polskiej kultury na obczyźnie" in 2009







# Individual Awards

10 GLOS September 1, 2003

## Cavalier Cross for President of Modjeska Art and Culture Club And Andrzej Seweryn in Santa Monica

By Jadwiga Inglis

The President of Modjeska Art and Culture Club, Mrs. Jolanta Zych, received the Cavalier Cross of the Republic of Poland - an order given by the President of Poland to persons who have distinguished themselves in the service of Poland. The award was presented to Mrs. Zych at a special ceremony held at the Magdalena Theater during Helena Modjeska Club's August presentation. Andrzej Seweryn, President of the Polish Film Critics Association, read a letter from the President of The Republic of Poland, Aleksander Kwasniewski, congratulating Mrs. Jolanta Zych for her work and achievement. Considering the high level of polish culture in Los Angeles, all the members of the club were very pleased to present Polish Culture to Los Angeles. Jolanta received a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the members of the club and many congratulations and much appreciation for all the great work she does. Considerable thanks are due to Mr. Witold Gamieowicz, who during Jolanta Zych's celebration, spoke about the Modjeska Art and Culture Club; she has brought many fascinating and interesting guests from Poland and created very nice atmosphere for the members and visitors. Among them were film directors, actors, composers, artists and writers.

Premier Léonard, nominated for an Oscar, and Oscar-nominated film "Indochine" awarded in foreign language film category. He works in Hollywood, New York, Paris and many other well known film studios around the world.

The Club is 20 years old now. It has been a necessary of existence and promoting Polish culture.

This special evening was organized by Andrzej Seweryn's wonderous wife, Mrs. Maria Pilatowicz, and Mr. Witold Gamieowicz.

This special evening was culminated by Andrzej Seweryn's wonderful speech, in which he talked about his memories and thoughts on existentialism.

He performed in many plays, especially in Los Angeles during the second film festival. We were happy to see him again, directed by Ilona Kollaczek, "The Guard". As Seweryn performed the main character of Cardinal Wyszyński. We were also happy to see him in "Wojciech Wisniewski" in the "Fire and Swords" film and the judge, in "Sokół".

Andrzej Seweryn is a very highly recognized, distinguished, and well known actor.

Seweryn graduated and taught in PWST (National Theatrical College) in Warsaw, where he performed at the Warsaw Ateneum Theater. Since 1980, he resides in France and works in Comédie de Paris, in Paris. He studied at the National School of Art and Theatrical Methods in Lyon. From the mid-eighties, his career has spread fast as one of the most talented Polish actors who could perform in such theatrical plays as Brecht's "Galileo", Kafka's "Metamorphosis", Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", "Measure for Measure" and also Contemporary plays such as Beckett's "Endgame".

He starred in some of the most important films of Polish and French cinema, including in "The Director of the movie "Kto i Dzień" Jerzy Antosak and actor Andrzej Seweryn

Actor Andrzej Seweryn presents Witold Dubrowski's Journal in Santa Monica



**Krzyz Kawalerski  
Orderu Zasługi  
Rzeczypospolitej  
Polskiej in 1981-  
2008: Zofia  
Czajkowska, Witold  
Czajkowski, Tomasz  
Kachelski, Maria  
Pilatowicz, Tadeusz  
Bocianski, Edward  
Pilatowicz & Jolanta  
Zych**

# Individual Awards

19 Medals for past Presidents and Board Members for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Modjeska Club (2013): Wanda Baran, Franciszka Tuszyńska, Stephanie Powers, Stefan Wenta, Jan Gąssowski, Tadeusz Podkański, Witold Czajkowski (Tchaikovsky), Zofia Czajkowska, Tadeusz Bociański, Maria i Edward Piłatowicz, Jolanta Zych, Krystyna Kuszta, Krystyna Okuniewska, Andrzej Maleski, Danuta Żuchowska, Dorota Olszewska, Elżbieta Kańska & Maja Trochimczyk.

Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetyński (1910-1989) - Krzyż Kawalerski Orderu Zasługi RP, 2013  
Dorota Olszewska – Award from ZASP, 2009, from Komisja Edukacji Narodowej, 2017



# Modjeska Prizes, 2010 - 2021



2010 Jan Nowicki.

2011 Anna Dymna &  
Marian Dziędziel

2012 Barbara Krafftówna

2013 Ryszard Bugajski

2018 Jadwiga Barańska

2019 Maria Nowotarska &  
Agata Pilitowska

2020 Andrzej Seweryn

2021 Jan Englert &  
Beata Poźniak



# Modjeska Prize for Jan Nowicki, 2010



# Modjeska Prize for Marian Dziędziel, 2011



# Modjeska Prize for Anna Dymna, 2011



# Modjeska Prize for Barbara Krafftówna, 2012



# Modjeska Prize for Jadwiga Barańska, 2018



# Modjeska Prize, Maria Nowotarska & Agata Pilitowska, 2019



# Modjeska Prize for Andrzej Sewervn, 2020



# Modjeska Prize for Andrzej Seweryn, 2020



# Modjeska Prize for Beata Poźniak, 2021



# Modjeska Prize

## Jan Englert, 2021





ANNIVERSARIES

25 YEARS  
OF THE  
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POCZET KRÓLÓW



SAMOZWANIEC DUDAREW



JERZY ZGODLIWY



TADEUSZ ZŁOTOUTSY



WITOLD DOBRODUSZNY



ZOFIA ŁAGODNA



EDWARD TECHNOKRATA

# 30 YEARS OF THE CLUB, 2002

March 21, 2002      GŁOS      10

**THE 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**Helena Modrzejewska Art and Culture Club in Los Angeles**

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**Art and Culture Club**



# 30 YEARS OF THE CLUB



# 40 Years of the Club, 2011 Ball in February 2012



# 40 Years of the Club



40 - lecie Klubu Kultury im. Heleny Modrzejewskiej  
w Los Angeles • 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Helena Modjeska  
Art and Culture Club  
in Los Angeles

1971•2011

Congratulations to (all the men  
and women from) The Modjeska  
Club for their outstanding role  
played on the stage of Polish culture  
in California

Consulate General of the Republic of Poland  
in Los Angeles

Gratulacje dla (wszystkich ludzi)  
Kluba im. Heleny Modrzejewskiej  
za wybitną rolę, odegrana na scenie  
polskiej kultury w Kalifornii

Konsulat Generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej  
w Los Angeles

ŚWIAT JEST TEATREM, AKTORAMI LUDZIE,  
KTÓRZY KOLEJNO WCHODZĄ I ZNIKAJĄ.  
KAŻDY TAM AKTOR NIE JEDNA GRA ROLĘ,  
BO SIEDMIEK WIEKÓW DRAMAŻYCIA SKŁADA.

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE,  
AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS;  
THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS AND THEIR ENTRANCES,  
AND ONE MAN IN HIS TIME PLAYS MANY PARTS;

HIS ACTS BEING SEVEN AGES.

Walter Kerr, W. Shakespeare

Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetyński (1971-1978)  
Andrzej Mikołski (1978)  
Jerzy Gałkowski (1978-1982)  
Tadeusz Bocianowski (1983-1989)  
Witold Czajkowski (1990-1993)  
Zofia Czajkowska (1994-1995)  
Eduard Płatowicz (1996-1998)  
Jolanta Zych (1998-2006)  
Dorota Olszeńska (2006-2008)  
Andrzej Maleski (2008-2010)  
Małgorzata Truchimczyk (2010 -)  
And many, many others...

# 40 YEARS OF THE CLUB





GUESTS – LECTURERS - PERFORMERS

# Guests – Film and Theater - Directors



Andrzej Wajda, Krzysztof Zanussi, Agnieszka Holland

**DIRECTORS:** Jerzy Antczak, Filip Bajon, Balbina Bruszevska, Ryszard Bugajski (Modjeska Prize 2013), Eugeniusz Czekalski, prof. Janusz Degler, Zofia Dobrzańska, Leonidas Dudarew-Ossetyński, Jerzy Grotowski, Robert Gliński, Jerzy Hoffmann, Agnieszka Holland, Grzegorz Jarzyna, Zbigniew Kamiński, Janusz Kamiński, Dorota Kędzierawska, Jan Kidawa-Błoński, Lech Majewski, Wojciech Maciejewski, Krzysztof Malkiewicz, Barbara Myszyńska, Maria Piłatowicz, Mark Robson, Zbigniew Rybczyński, Jerzy Skolimowski, Jolanta Siemieniewska, Witold Starecki, Zygmunt Sulistrowski, Stefan Szlachtycz, Matt Szymanowski, Jerzy Stuhr, Henryk Tomaszewski, Andrzej Wajda, Stefan Wenta, Ophra Yerushalmi, Krzysztof Zanussi, Janusz Zaorski & Zbigniew Zamachowski.

# Jerzy Antczak, Jan Kidawa Błoński, Krzysztof Zanussi, Lech Majewski visit the Club



Krzysztof Zanussi, Kasia Smiechowicz, Piotr Adamczyk,  
Consul RP Mariusz Brymora, Helena Kołodziey, 2014



# Guests – Film and Theater - Actors



Tadeusz Bociański & Magda Zawadzka | Barbara Krafftówna & the Board

**ACTORS:** Piotr Adamczyk, Jadwiga Barańska (Modjeska Prize 2018),  
Balbina Bruszecka, Marek Chodaczyński, Piotr Cyrwus, Kazimierz  
Cybulski, Renata Dańska, Zofia Dobrzańska, Jan Englert (Modjeska  
Prize 2021), Monika Ekiert, Romuald Gantkowski, Paulino Garcia, M.  
Gerlicz-White, Robert Gliński, Stanisław Górką, Artur Gotz, Jerzy  
Grotowski, Marcin Harasimowicz, Marta Honzatko, Alina Janowska,  
Krzysztof Janczar, Grzegorz Jarzyna, Emilian Kamiński, Janusz Kamiński,  
Aleksandra Kaniak, Dorota Kędzierzawska, Jerzy Kopczewski, Tomasz  
Kot, Tola Korian, Barbara Krafftówna (Modjeska Prize, 2011), Tomasz  
Krzysztofik, Ewa Krzyżewska, Szymon Kuśmider, Elżbieta Libel, Andrzej  
Mikulski, Jan Machulski, Maria Mamona, Jan Matyjaszkiewicz, ...

# Daniel Olbrychski, Tomasz Kot, Danuta Szaflarska



... Stanisław Michno, Jan Nowicki (Modjeska Prize, 2010), Maria Nowotarska i Agata Pilitowska (Modjeska Prize, 2019), Anna Nehrebecka, Marta Ojrzyńska, Daniel Olbrychski, Marian Opania, Stephanie Powers, Jan Pietrzak, Małgorzata Potocka, Beata Poźniak (Modjeska Prize, 2021), Marek Probosz, Omar Sangare, Zofia Saretok, Beata Ścibakówna, Andrzej Seweryn (Modjeska Prize, 2020), Anna Seniuk, Justyna Sienczyłło, Katarzyna Śmiechowicz, Danuta Stenka, Jerzy Stuhr, Danuta Szaflarska, Grażyna Szapołowska, Joanna Szczepkowska, Włodzimierz Staniewski; Jerzy Stefański, Jerzy Trela, Marcin Walewski, Teresa Warras, Zbigniew Zamachowski, Andrzej Zaorski, Magda Zawadzka, Wiktor Zborowski & Artur Żmijewski.

Jan Englert, Grażyna Szapołowska, Andrzej Seweryn



# THEATRE GROUPS

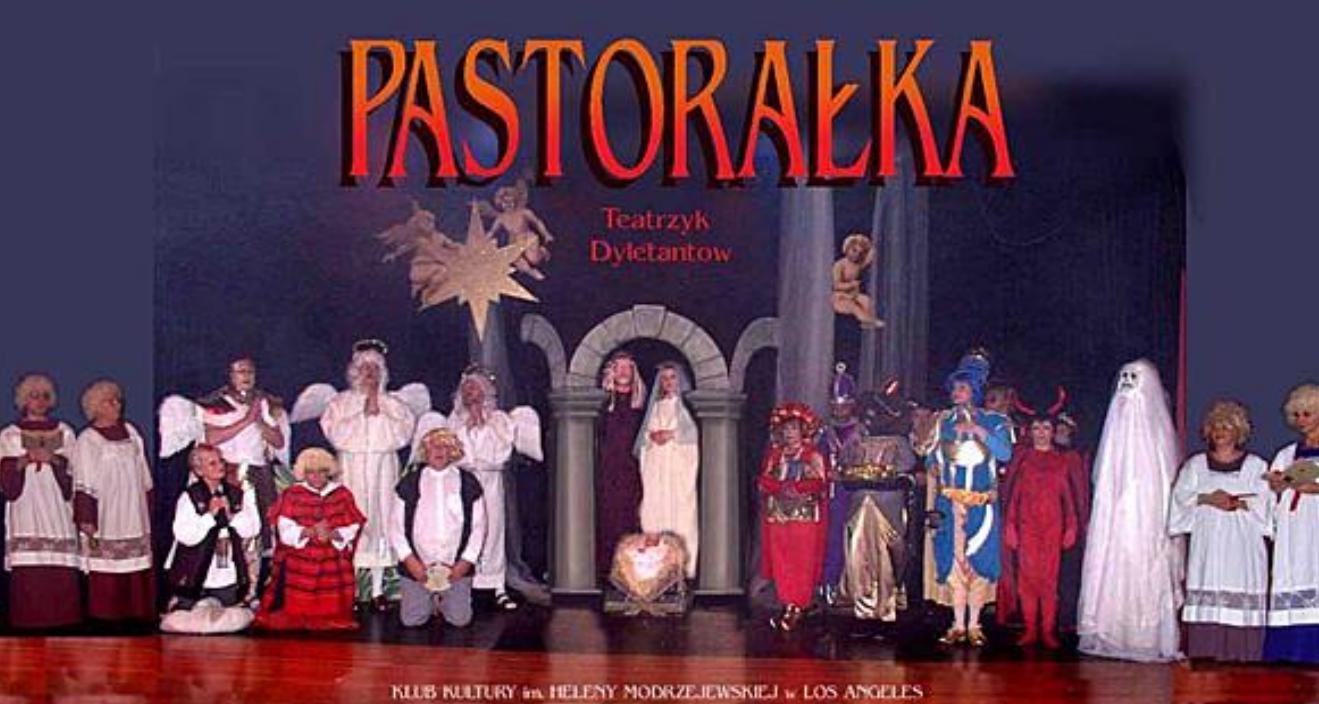


Wojciech Dzieduszycki Cabaret, Kabaret Starszych Panów of Club PIE, Kabaret of Polish Club Las Vegas, Teatr Gardzienice, Teatr Provisorium, Teatr ZAR, Teatr Fantazja of Sydney, Australia, Teatr Polski of Polish Salon in Toronto (5 x), Teatr Polskiego Esperanta, Teatr Eskulap of Warsaw, Wrocław's Teatr Lalek & Amateur Club Groups: Teatrzyk Dyletantów & Teatrzyk Śnieżynka.

# Amateur Theater & Cabaret by Club Members

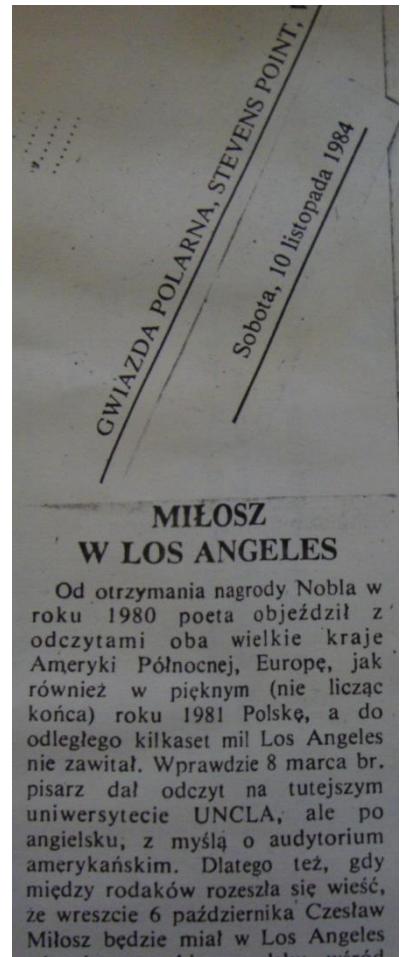
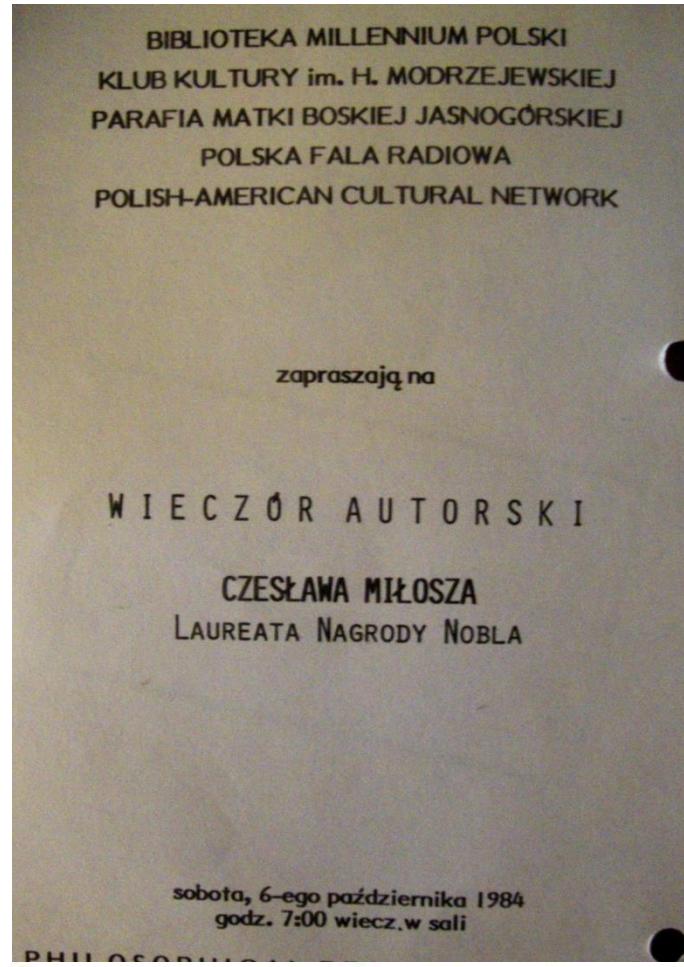
- Staged performances by and for club members, with stage design, costumes, music, lightning, and acting by club members: “Jaselka” (1994), “Smiejcie sie z nami” in 1996, “Piernikalia” (2000), performed at private homes
- Social events: New Year’s Eve Balls, trips to Modjeska sites (Bowers Museum, Arden), picnics, outing to a horse ranch, etc.



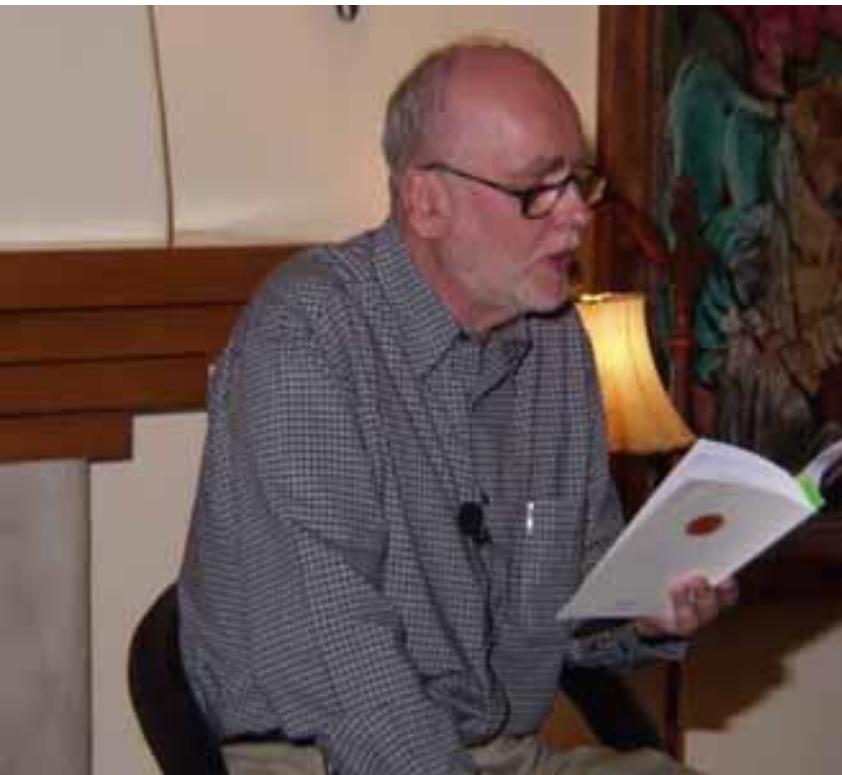


**LITERATURE** Jarosław Abramow-Neverly, prof. Jerzy Bralczyk, Olgierd Budrewicz, Marek Jan Choda-kiewicz, Kazimierz Cybulski, Krzysztof Dzikowski, Leszek Długosz, Artur Domosławski, Wacław Gaziński, Magdalena Grzebałkowska, John Z. Guzlowski, Ryszard Holzer, Aleksander Janta-Połczyński, red. Julita Karkowska, Jan Kott, prof. Leonard Kress, prof. Roman Koropeckyj (UCLA), Wiesław Kuniczak, red. Michał Maliszewski, Roman Makarewicz, Czesław Miłosz (Nobel Prize Winner), Anna Maria Mickiewicz, Jan Nowak-Jeziorański, Kazimierz Ostaszewicz, Maria Piłatowicz, prof. Iwo Cyprian Pogonowski, Edward Redliński, Dr. Janusz Rek, Henryk Rozpędowski, Dr. Kleofas Rundzio, Michał Rusinek, Harvey Sarner, Stefan Sołtysik, Jan Tadeusz Stanisławski, Adrianna Szymańska, dr Leszek Szymański, Jerzy Surdykowski, prof. Tymon Terlecki (Chicago), Olga Tokarczuk, Teresa Torańska, Dr Franciszka Tuszyńska, Ewa Wojdyłło, Adam Zagajewski & Szczepan Zimmer.

# Czesław Miłosz in Los Angeles - 1984



# Adam Zagajewski, 2002



Szanowny i Czciigodny Klubie Heleny  
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życie i wiele jeszcze lat działań i refleksji -  
i skryjcie za zapomnienie.  
Adam Zagajewski.

4.2002



**CLASSICAL MUSIC:** Piotr Anderszewski, Dorota Anderszewska, Michał Białek, Barbara Bochenek, Joanna Brzudowicz, Halina Czerny-Stefańska, Janice Foy, Wacław Gaziński, Kwartet Gitarowy – Poznań, Tomasz Golka, Maciej Grzybowski, Barbara Hesse-Bukowska, Mark Alan Hilt, Jacaranda New Music Group, Kevin Kenner, Adam Kośmiej, Wojciech Kocyan, Róża Kostrzewska-Yoder, Monika Kozłowska, Veronika Krausas, Teresa Kubiak, Hanna Kulenty, Roman Maciejewski, Karolina Naciemiec, Jan Jakub Omsky, Jan Kenty Pawluśkiewicz, Małgorzata Piętkiewicz-Jedynak, Joanna Różewska-Kulasińska, Katarzyna Sądej, Stanisław Skrowaczewski, Marek Szpakiewicz, dr Maja Trochimczyk, Krystian Tkaczewski, Joanna Trzeciak, Bartosz Urbanowicz, Wanda Wilk, Marta Wryk, Bracia Kasper, Łukasz i Dominik Yoder, Krystian Zimmerman & Marek Żebrowski.

# Polish Music Center – Wanda Wilk, 1982, 1999, 2011



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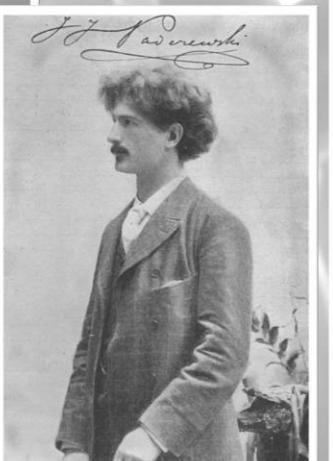
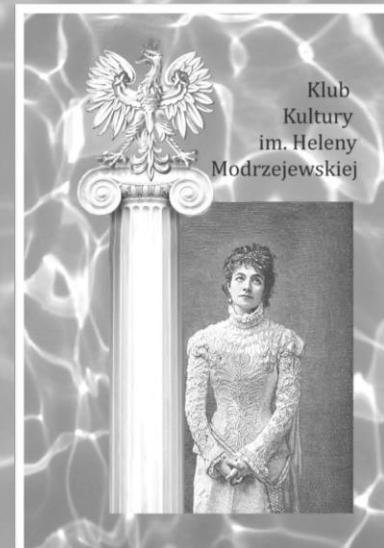
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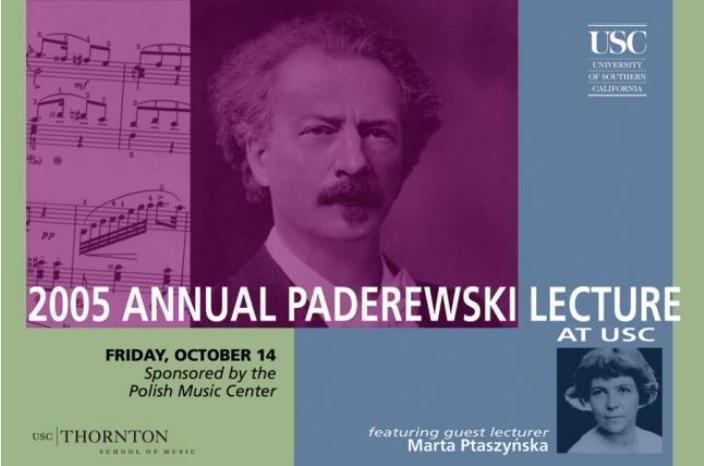
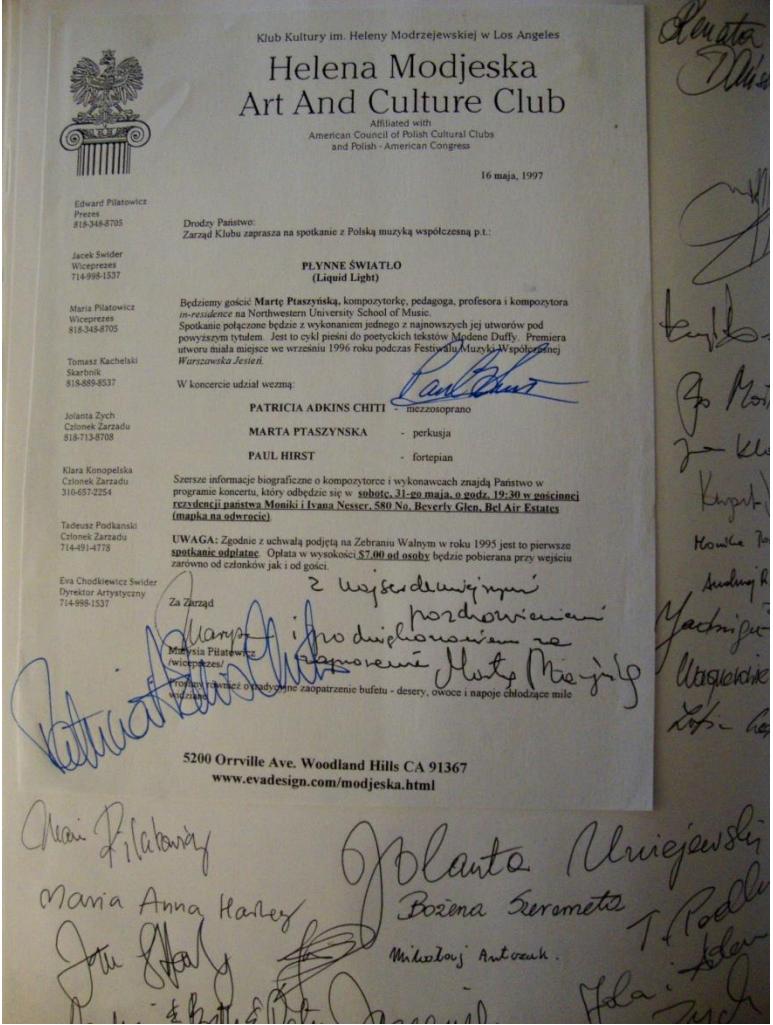
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# Marta Ptaszyńska – 1997, 2005



Joanna Bruzdowicz — 2000, Hanna Kulenty – 2018





The Yoder Brothers, pianists, Concert in 2019

# Chopin's Birthday, Jane Kaczmarek, 2010

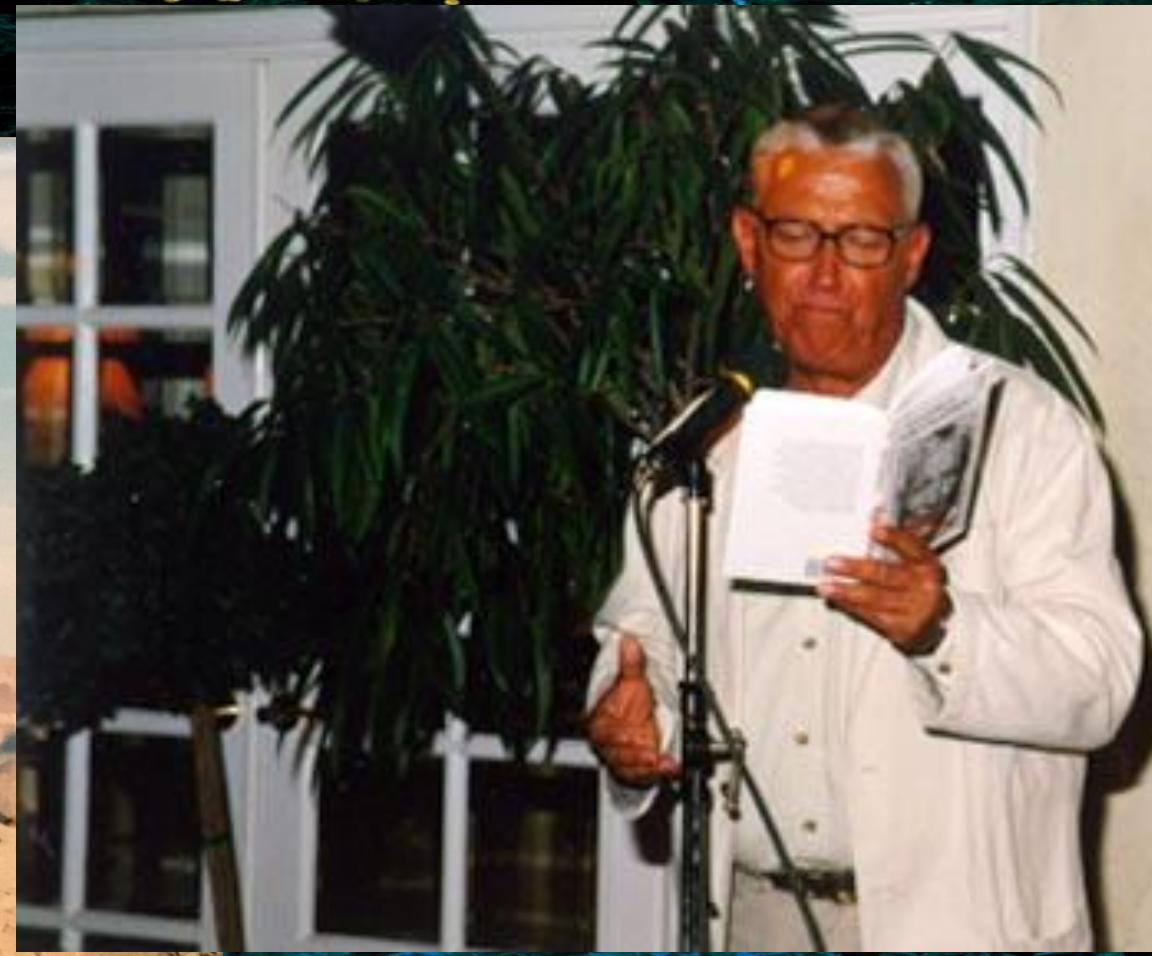


**JAZZ AND POP MUSIC** Grażyna Auguścik & Paulinho Garcia, Adrianna Biedrzyńska, Ewa Błaszczyk, Stan Borys, Jacek Cygan, Diane Davidson & Dixy Co., Urszula Dudziak, Krzesimir Dębski, Krzysztof Dzikowski, Marta Honzatko, Elżbieta Jodłowska, Anna Kostrzewska, Jan A.P. Kaczmarek, Miro Kępiński, Konrad Mastyło, Los Angeles Jazz Quartet, Wojciech Mlynarski, Karolina Nasiemiec, Arkadiusz Niezgoda, Darek Oleszkiewicz, Stefan Pasternacki, Jan Kanty Pawluśkiewicz, grupa Piramidy (Piotr Kajetan Matczuk, Tomasz Imienowski), Piotr Rubik, Beata Rybotycka, Zbigniew Sekulski, Dominika Świątek & Andrzej Perkman, Mikołaj Stroiński, Andrzej Sikorowski, duet akustyczny Shandy i Eva (Shandrelica Casper & Ewa Żmijewska), Grzegorz Turnau, Wiktoria Tracz, Magda Umer, Jacek Wójcicki, Aga Zaryan & Maciej Zembaty.



Ewa Błaszczyk, 2007

# Wojciech Młynarski, 2001



# Urszula Dudziak, March 2008



# Caberet from Club PIE, 2010



# Polish Cabaret from Las Vegas, 2018



FINE ARTS: Magdalena Abakanowicz, Marek Duda, Barbara Hulanicka, Janusz Kapusta, Andrzej Kołodziej, Leonard Konopelski, Ewa Matysek-Mazur, Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Mazur, dr Danuta Künstler-Langer, Monique Lehman, Rafał Olbiński, Andrzej Olszewski, dr Irena Olszewska, Prof. dr Andrzej Strachocki, Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Rottermund, Ewa Świder, Jerzy Szeptycki, Stanisław Szukalski, Leszek Szurkowski, Władysław Wątróbski, Hanna Wojciechowska-Roman i Julian Żebrowski.

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Leonard Konopelski, Witold Kaczanowski, 2004  
Ewa & Andrzej Mazur, 2013



Monique Chmielewski Lehman



PRESENTS **Ewa and Andrzej Mazur**

The background of the slide features a dark, textured surface with a pattern of small, glowing yellow and gold circular dots, resembling stars or confetti against a dark teal or black background.

**EXHIBITIONS:** Photos of John Paul II (Adam Bujak, Grzegorz Gałążka, Arturo Mari, Ryszard Rzepecki), Witold Kaczanowski, Polish Film Poster in Autry Museum, Monika Lehman (Pasadena & Galeria Hellada), Tomasz Misztal, Rafał Olbiński, Prof. dr hab. Jan Wiktor Sienkiewicz, Anna Socha VanMatre, Alina Szapocznikow (Hammer Muzeum), Leszek Szurkowski, Bruno Schultz (San Diego Muzeum), Julian Żebrowski (caricature).

# Photos of John Paul II Exhibition



# Arden – Modjeska Historic Home, 2011



**HISTORY & POLITICS:** Senator RP Anna Maria Anders, prof. Włodzimierz Anioł, prof. Leszek Balcerowicz, Consul General RP Mariusz Brymora, Consul RP Roman Czarny, Ambassador RP Przemysław Grudziński, Konstanty Gebert & Joanna Podolska, Maciej Henzler, First Lady RP Maria Kaczyńska, Jan Karski, Jacek Kalabiński, Julita Karkowska („Nowy Dziennik”), Gen. Stanisław Karpiński (Battle of England), Consul General RP Krzysztof Kasprzyk, Krzysztof Kozłowski, Maciej Kozłowski, prof. Andrzej Korboński, Antoni Macierewicz, Aleksander Małachowski, Jan Małek, Michała Maliszewski, Adam Michnik (3x) & Leszek Moczulski ... continued

.... Jan Nowak Jeziorański (2x), dr Bogdan Oppenheim, Biskup Tadeusz Pieronek, Małgorzata Piętkiewicz-Jedynak, Witold Osiatyński, Jerzy Pujdak, Ambassador RP Janusz Reiter, Col. Stanisław Skalski (Battle of England), Muzia Sierotwińska, Władysław Siła-Nowicki, Prof. Kazimierz Stańczak, Jerzy Surdykowski, Consul General RP Jan Szewc, Consul General RP Krystyna Tokarska-Biernacik, Consul RP Tomasz Trafas, Teresa Torańska, Bronisław Wildstein, Janusz Zawadzki, Minister of Culture RP & Sybiracy, victims of Soviet repressions & deportations during/after WWII.

# Solidarity - 1983



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Los Angeles, dnia 19-go kwietnia, 1983r.

Szanowni Państwo!

Zarząd klubu zaprasza członków i gości na wieczór klubowy w sobotę , dnia 30 kwietnia o godz. 7:30 wieczorem w sali klubowej Owners Association Tara Hill / 4921 Indian Wood Rd.- przy Jefferson, Culver City /. Mapka w załączniku.  
W programie spotkanie z:

p.MUZIĄ SIEROTWIŃSKĄ

pod hasłem

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Pani Muzia związana z awangardą artystyczną w Polsce /występowała między innymi w "Piwnicy pod Baranami"/ była i pozostała do dzisiaj aktywną działaczką "Solidarności". Internowana po wprowadzeniu stanu wojennego przebywała w różnych obozach z takimi działaczkami jak A. Walentynowicz czy H. Mikołajska aż do generalnego zwolnienia kobiet w lipcu 1982r.

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Upierzejmie prosimy o tradycyjne zaopatrzenie bufetu i baru.

Za Zarząd

Tadeusz Bocianowski  
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# Żegota – 1991, Jan Karski – 1995

Lista Gości - 11/30/91



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The subject of the Polish-Jewish relations during WWII is one of the most controversial in international communities and generates heated discussions in both interested representatives of the Jewish community, who view this subject in a different perspective. We look forward to a stimulating exchange of opinions.

Sincerely yours,

Adela  
Zofia Czajkowska  
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# First Lady Maria Kaczyńska, 2007



Lech Balcerowicz with Club Board, 2011



Adam Michnik, Bishop Pieronek, 1999



# Prof. Norman Davies, 2012



19 May 2012

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Sorry, but there are too many  
aspects of European history that  
I don't know myself,

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# JPL/NASA 2011, 2014





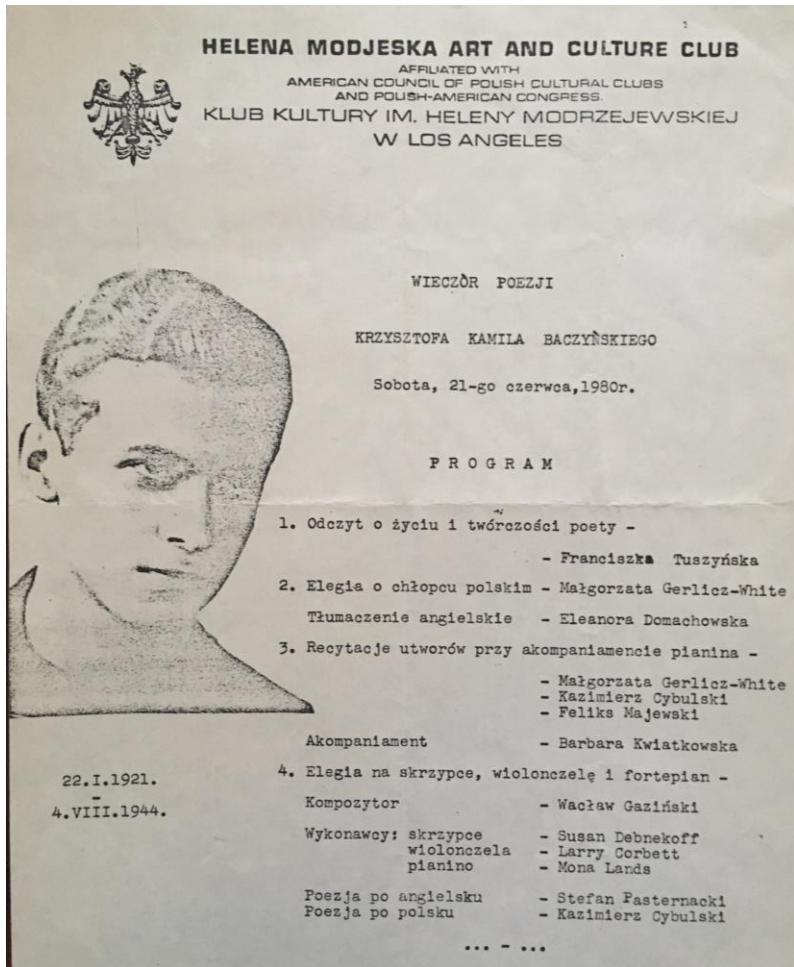
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- Witold Czajkowski (1990-1993)
- Tadeusz Bociański (1983-1989)
- Jerzy Gąssowski (1978-1982)
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Jolanta Zych with Beata Poźniak, Wojciech Młynarski, Agnieszka Holland

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# Jola Zych's Board, 2002



# Past Presidents & Board Members, 2010

Board 2019 with K. Dzikowski & Wiktoria Tracz  
Board 2021 with Dominika Świątek & Pergman



# Board Members at Work



Having fun...



# Magicopolis Theater, 2002, Odyssey Theater, 2016



# JPL/NASA Lecture 2011 | Piramidy Concert, 2019





New Members, 2018

## Impact in Southern California

- Presented between 9 and 15 events each year, with an average of 12 and a total of over 620 events in 50 years
- Events attended by an average of 100 people, ranging from 30 to 500 attendees per event; in 2020-21 held on Zoom
- About 90% of events in Polish, addressed at Polish émigrés and Polish Americans who maintained a connection with Polish culture (both born in Poland and in the U.S.)
- Close collaboration with the Polish Consulate in Los Angeles, by organizing joint events, theater performances, and receiving grants for concerts, publications, and more

## Impact in Southern California

- Well known and recognized in Poland, with a high media profile due to the caliber of invited guests from the “A” list of Polish celebrities, both in culture and politics
- “Hidden” in Southern California, without the media exposure of its two main partners, Polish Film Festival and Polish Music Center, due to the nature of events
- Despite a recent opening of the majority of events to the general public, attended mostly by club members and those with strong interests in Polish culture and language

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