



# POLISH CULTURE

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**Summer 2020**



Nicolaus Copernicus  
1473 – 1532  
Astronomer



Tadeusz Kosciuszko  
1746-1817  
Military Leader



Frederic Chopin  
1810-1849  
Composer



Marie Curie Sklodowska  
1867-1934  
Scientist-Radioactivity



Karol Wojtyla  
1920-2005  
Pope Saint John Paul II



Solidarity Trade Union  
1980 -  
Fall of Communism



**We join the children of the Marie Sklodowska Curie School at the Polish Center in Clearwater in wishing you sunny and healthy days ahead.**

AIPC is a proud supporter of the school where children learn Polish language and traditions. Learn more at [www.szkołaclearwater.com](http://www.szkołaclearwater.com) inquiries to [polskaszkolac@aol.com](mailto:polskaszkolac@aol.com)

Due to the COVID-19 concerns, all events and activities are suspended until further notice.

Please stay healthy! We care!

In the meantime, enjoy our summer edition of *Polish Culture*

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## Worth watching

With travel plans cancelled, home projects finished, it is time to enjoy

[www.flavorofpoland.com](http://www.flavorofpoland.com)

[www.pbs.org/show/flavor-poland](http://www.pbs.org/show/flavor-poland)

Flavor of Poland is a culinary-travel television series . The Flavor of Poland team met with locals, historic, cultural and culinary experts, capturing the most beautiful aspects of Poland on film to bring back to the U.S. and share them all with American TV viewers.

**Portrait de Marjorie Ferry' by Tamara de Lempicka (1932) sold at Christie's, London, on 5th February 2020 for £16,280,000 (\$21,150,000)**

Tamara Łempicka, the ultimate Art Deco master, was born in Warsaw, Poland, to a Russian Jewish father and a Polish mother, and her first husband (Tadeusz Łempicki) was also Polish. However, she spent almost all of her career in the West – most importantly, in Paris and the US. Łempicka's works are no doubt some of the most expensive works by women painters in the world.



### **We mourn one of the world's leading composers**

Krzysztof Penderecki was born on 23 November 1933, in Dębica, died on 29th March 2020. In the history of 20th-century music, his career stands out for his fast rise to the top, matched by none, with the possible exception of Stravinsky.

Among his best-known works are Threnody to the Victims of Hiroshima, Symphony No. 3, his St. Luke Passion, Polish Requiem, Anaklisis and Utrenja.

Penderecki composed four operas, eight symphonies and other orchestral pieces, a variety of instrumental concertos, choral settings of mainly religious texts, as well as chamber and instrumental works. Many are familiar with Penderecki's music thanks to films such as *Shutter Island* and especially *The Shining*, the Stanley Kubrick thriller that included the compositions *Polymorphia* and *The Awakening of Jacob* to frightening effect.

**This year's 61st Season of Chopin Concerts at the Royal Łazienki was moved to the Internet. The recitals of the finest Polish pianists will be played online.**

Due to the coronavirus epidemic, for the first time in history, the famous Chopin Concerts will not take place by the Monument to Chopin. The most distinguished Polish pianists will perform for the listeners online. The recitals, which will be available on [the Museum website](#), will be recorded at the Old Orangery in the Royal Łazienki.



### **Worth exploring**

The current epidemic means that those wishing to visit Poland might have to wait a little while to be able to experience what the country has to offer.

- **Poland Today**  
[poland-today.pl/](http://poland-today.pl/)
- **Discover Poland**  
[www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/discover-poland](http://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/discover-poland)
- **First Time in Poland | 48 Hours in Warsaw**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aePha0zWX7c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aePha0zWX7c)
- **Polish Cultural Institute New York**  
[instytutpolski.pl/newyork/](http://instytutpolski.pl/newyork/)
- **Exploring your Polish Roots**  
[wielcy.pl/](http://wielcy.pl/)  
Minakowski's Great Genealogy

# 10 of the coolest neighbourhoods in Europe

selected by *The Guardian*

1	Järntorget/Långgatorna, Gothenburg	2	University Quarter, Brussels
3	El Cabanyal, Valencia	4	Bonfim, Porto
5	Neukölln, Berlin	6	Powisłe, Warsaw
7	Holešovice, Prague	8	Ostiense, Rome
9	Dorćol, Belgrade	10	Quartier de la Réunion, Paris



Microsoft announced in May a \$1 billion digital transformation plan for Poland, including access to local cloud services with first datacenter region.

[Microsoft press release](#)

## Focus on Polish Scientists

In the race to find a vaccine, Poland's scientists are playing a significant role. Polish Cultural Institute in New York is presenting some of them to you [here](#).

[instytutpolski.pl/newyork](http://instytutpolski.pl/newyork)



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## Congratulations

2020/2021 to the Polish American Engineers Association of Florida, Inc.

Scholarship Recipients

Ms. Ostrowska & Mrs. Chrostowski attended the Marie Skłodowska Curie Polish School in Clearwater

This scholarship was established to recognize outstanding full-time students who have achieved positive academic records. Through their hard work and determination, these individuals have proven to be the type of student that our organization wants to recognize and encourage to continue their education as well as excel in their respective fields bringing pride to the Polish Community.

You can show your support of future candidates in their quest for education and professional success by making a donation and/or becoming a PAEA member.



## Donations

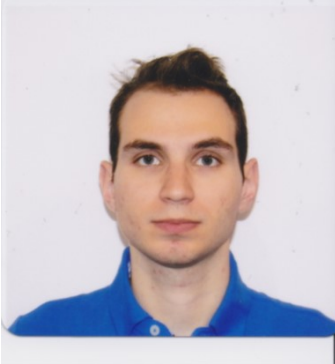
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Dues are at \$30

Membership details at <http://polishamericanengineers.com/membership>

## 2020/2021 Polish American Engineers Association of FL Scholarship Award Recipients



**Robert Chrostowski.** Graduate student at University of Texas at Austin majoring in Materials Science and Engineering, (Texas Materials Institute). Previous recipient of PAEA scholarship. Born in Gdansk.

Robert demonstrates unique qualities in planning and executing experimental scientific research, and thoroughly interpreting the results. As a measure of his propensity for the research environment, his undergraduate work led to two peer-reviewed publications in top journals and as a graduate student so far he has contributed to the establishment of a new research laboratory for surface science at UT, a world-leading institution. He is a recipient of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship. He credits his involvement in mentorship programs as the defining factor in his decision to pursue a PhD. He is an avid mountain biker and outdoorsman.



**Maciej Grybko.** Graduate student at the Illinois Institute of Technology majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He studied at University of Leeds, England. Born in Gdansk.

Maciej sees an enormous potential in hypersonic flight. Maciej's research involves a novel approach to using scramjet engines in launch vehicles to improve access to low earth orbit (LEO) at reduced cost. This has the potential to significantly increase access to LEO for small satellites. He founded a student rocketry club with the ultimate goal of reaching Level 3 of High Power Rocketry certification and competing in the largest rocketry competition in the world – Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition. This future rocket scientist enjoys wall climbing, basketball, dragon boat and cooking.



**Zuzanna Ostrowski.** Senior at the University of South Florida majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Born in Brooklyn, New York.

Zuzanna, is looking forward to a career in the biomedical engineering. She is interested in pursuing her career at a company that designs prosthetics or medical instrumentation devices. USF Dean's List student who did undergraduate research in the Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology at the Morsani College of Medicine. She attended Polish School in Clearwater for 11 years and then she became the school's Assistant Teacher for another 2 years. She believes in the importance of preserving Polish Culture and Traditions. Lately she has been travelling to Poland to attend language camps.



**Tomasz Wiercioch.** Senior at the University of Florida majoring in Electrical Engineering in the Bachelor's/Master's program. He is currently taking graduate level courses. Born in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Tomasz is one of the top 1% students in the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department. Tomasz credits "the beautiful, underlying simplicity present in digital circuits" for sparking his interest. He has a passion for creating things and has an excellent background in digital hardware design as well as embedded processor programming. He is a well respected teaching assistant. He completed two internships at Texas Instruments as well as an internship at SCC Soft Computer and is a summer intern with L3Harris Technologies, Inc. Beyond small electronics projects, his passion is also music— especially guitar and piano.