

## January 2010 - Austin Polish Society Newsletter

Dear APS Members and Friends,  
Happy New Year to you and your families from APS!

Austin Polish Society is sharing APS activities with members through our monthly newsletter. Members can review APS events and find out what APS is planning for January and for the year 2010. We appreciate the volunteer hours of our members and friends and the great attendance at all of our events! Thank you!

Please remember for current information and updates check the **Austin Polish Society website** at <http://www.austinpolschsociety.org/>.

Do you have a news item or announcement for the Austin Polish American community? Please send your item with a contact name and phone number to [mmwgawron@gmail.com](mailto:mmwgawron@gmail.com). Deadline for news items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Want to advertise or place a notice in the APS newsletter? Send your information to [info@austinpolschsociety.org](mailto:info@austinpolschsociety.org). Thank you!

### **New Partnership with the Austin Public Library – New Polish Movie Schedule!**

The Austin Polish Society is proud to announce a new partnership and a new 2010 film schedule, starting in February, with the Austin Public Library (APL). Thanks to APS member, Tadeusz

Szostak, and APL staff member, Irena Klaic, 16 Polish films will be screened at several Austin Public Library locations throughout the year. This is another way to introduce Austinites to Polish films and we are very excited about the possibilities. The schedule below indicates the dates, times, locations and film titles.

NOTE: This schedule affects our regular monthly APS Movie Night schedule. APS will now show films on 5 dates in 2010. The APS has special Sunday screening dates. The dates are: January 17, March 14; June 13; September 12; and January 9, (2011). The films will be shown at the same venue, Ventana del Soul, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for each date listed. There is no charge, but donations are requested. Please watch for details and changes on the APS website.

APS urges members to attend all of these free screenings. This new partnership between the Austin Public Libraries and Austin Polish Society is a unique opportunity to inform Austinites about APS, Polish films, and culture. The Austin Public Library locations are at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/map.htm>

If there are APS members who are interested in volunteering to give a brief introduction to one of the Austin Public Library screenings, APS needs your help. If you have the time and the interest to briefly introduce a film, please call Joanna Gutt-Lehr (512) 750 5263 or Mary Gawron (512) 423-1815.

### **2010 Austin Public Library Polish Film Schedule**

	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	FILM	DIRECTOR
1.	Thursday, Feb. 18 6:30 pm	Milwood	<i>Kariera Nikosia Dyzmy/The Career of</i>	Jacek Bromski

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|    |                                  |                     | <i>Nikos Dyzma</i><br>(105 min.)  |                       |
| 2. | Saturday,<br>Feb. 20<br>2:30 pm  | Windsor<br>Park     | <i>W pustyni i w<br/>puszczy/In the<br/>Desert and<br/>Wilderness</i><br>(111 min.)       | Wladyslaw<br>Slesicki |
| 3. | Tuesday,<br>March 16<br>6:30 pm  | University<br>Hills | <i>Fuks/Lucky<br/>Shot</i> (86 min.)  | Maciej<br>Dutkiewicz  |
| 4. | Saturday,<br>March 27<br>2:30 pm | Windsor<br>Park     | <i>Tam i z<br/>Powrotem/<br/>There and<br/>Back</i> (90 min.)                             | Wojciech<br>Wojcik    |
| 5. | Monday<br>April 5<br>6:30 pm     | Manchaca            | <i>Wrozby<br/>Kumaka/ The<br/>Call of the<br/>Toad</i> (90<br>min.)                       | Robert Glinski        |
| 6. | Tuesday<br>April 27<br>6:30 pm   | Windsor<br>Park     | <i>Zmruz<br/>Oczy/Squint<br/>Your Eyes</i> (87<br>min.)                                   | Andrzej<br>Jakimowski |
| 7. | Monday,<br>May 3<br>6:30 pm      | Manchaca            | <i>Pregi/The<br/>Welts</i> (91<br>min.)   | Magdalena<br>Piekorz  |
| 8. | Tuesday,<br>May 25<br>6:30 pm    | Windsor<br>Park     | <i>Sroda,<br/>Czwartek<br/>Rano/<br/>Wednesday,<br/>Thursday<br/>Morning</i> (71<br>min.) | Grzegorz<br>Pacek     |
| 9. | Tuesday,                         | Windsor             | <i>Szczesliwego</i>   | Janusz Zaorski        |

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|     | June 29,<br>6:30 pm                  | Park                 | <i>Nowego<br/>Jorku/ Happy<br/>New York (95<br/>min.)</i>                            |                         |
| 10. | Wednesday,<br>June 30<br>6:30 pm     | Howson               | <i>Edi (97 min.)</i>   | Piotr<br>Trzaskalski    |
| 11. | Monday,<br>July 13<br>6:30 pm        | Spicewood<br>Springs | <i>Yesterday (90<br/>min.)</i>   | Radoslaw<br>Piwowski    |
| 12. | Tuesday,<br>Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup>    | University<br>Hills  | <i>Zaklete<br/>Rewiry/ Hotel<br/>Pacific (95<br/>min.)</i>                           | Janusz<br>Majewski      |
| 13. | Wednesday,<br>Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup> | Howson               | <i>Jestem/I am<br/>(93 min.)</i>   | Dorota<br>Kedzierzawska |
| 14. | Monday,<br>Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>     | Spicewood<br>Springs | <i>Hope/Nadzieja<br/>(99 min.)</i>   | Stanislaw<br>Mucha      |
| 15. | Tuesday,<br>Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Carver               | <i>Pociag do<br/>Hollywood/<br/>Train to<br/>Hollywood<br/>(100 min.)</i>            | Radoslaw<br>Piwowski    |
| 16. | Wednesday,<br>Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Howson               | <i>U Pana Boga<br/>za Piecem/ As<br/>snug as a Bug<br/>in the Rug<br/>(100 min.)</i> | Jacek Bromski           |

**Monthly APS Movie Night**

The Sunday, January 17 APS Monthly Movie Night will be at Ventana del Soul (<http://www.ventanadelsoul.org/meeting-space/>) from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Ventana del Soul is located at 834 East Oltorf Street in South Austin, off IH 35. The phone number is (512) 707-7447. The screening room is on the second floor (no elevator), and water and coffee is served free of charge.

Although there is no entry fee, APS is requesting a suggested donation of \$3 to cover the cost of the venue. In pursuit of finding a new home for our APS Monthly Movie Nights, one of our volunteers, Tadeusz Szostak, has contacted Ms. Irena Klaic of the Austin Public Library (*see article above*). Mary Gawron and Joanna Gutt-Lehr will be working with Library staff to present free screenings in public library community meeting spaces. Thank you, Tadeusz and Ms. Klaic, for your research and support of the APS film outreach!

Thank you Mary, and Joanna for coordinating and presenting at the Austin Polish Society Movie Nights!

**Interested in volunteering? Have a great idea or talents?**  
Contact: Gosia by e-mail: [gosia.jurczynska@oag.state.tx.us](mailto:gosia.jurczynska@oag.state.tx.us) or phone: 512-837-9749 (home) or 512-575-4098 (work). Thanks!

## CALENDAR EVENTS

**Date: January 17, 2010**

**Event: January Special Polish Movie Night**

**Film: Cztery noce z Anna/ Four Nights with Anna (2008, 101 min.),  
directed by Jerzy Skolimowski**

**Genre: Drama**

**Place:** Ventana del Soul, 834 East Oltorf Street in South Austin, off IH 35 (<http://www.ventanadelsoul.org/meeting-space/>).

**Language:** Polish language with English subtitles.

**Cost:** FREE with donation requested.

*Excerpt from the review by Derek Elley, Cannes*

"Onetime enfant terrible of Polish cinema, and subsequently a wobbly emigre auteur in Belgium, the U.K. and the U.S., veteran Jerzy Skolimowski makes a small but commanding return to roots in an obsessive-love drama "Four Nights With Anna." Helmed with absolute assurance from the get-go, but still marbled with moments of black comedy that faintly recall his younger, wilder works, the picture has the metaphysical feel and control almost of a story from Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Decalogue" and is all the more impressive coming from a filmmaker who's just turned 70 and has been absent from the profession for almost two decades. Good reviews, and distinction of being Cannes' Directors' Fortnight opener, should propel this to modest business in art houses worldwide."

**APS Special Event: APS 5th Anniversary, Annual Member Meeting and Appreciation Reception**

**Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2010

**Time:** 6 pm - 9 pm

**Location:** Blackhawk Community Club - 3111 Speidel Drive, Pflugerville <http://www.blackhawkcenter.net/>

**Cost:** FREE

The Annual APS Member Meeting and Reception will be an opportunity for members to celebrate the APS 5 Year Anniversary (yes! APS was established in 2005!), have an update on APS events, meet new Board members, participate in the awards ceremony, and get involved in exciting APS events! As your

contribution, members are encouraged to bring friends who are interested in joining APS. Volunteers will be signing up new members and accepting renewals from current members.

Members! Come prepared to sign up for a 2010 APS event of your choice as a volunteer! Fantastic Polish food will be served. Please RSVP to the Evite sent by e-mail with an accurate number in your party so that we have enough food for everyone!

**May 15, 2010**

**The 200th Year Anniversary of Chopin's Birthday** – Mark your calendar! Save the date! May 15! More information about events to be announced. If you want to volunteer for this event, please e-mail Joanna Gutt-Lehr at: [jguttlehr@earthlink.net](mailto:jguttlehr@earthlink.net).

Thanks!

**Important Dates in Polish History:  
January 26, 1919**

The **Polish legislative election, 1919** took place on 26 January and were the first election in the Second Polish Republic. The elections, based on universal suffrage and proportional representation, produced a parliament balanced between Right, Left and Center (the Polish communists and the Jewish Bund boycotted it). Among the first tasks of the Sejm was creation of the constitution, and the Small Constitution of 1919 was voted ten days after the first session, on 20 February 1919. In 1921 a larger but also more controversial constitution (supported by Right, but opposed by Left) was voted for, the March Constitution of Poland.

In the territories where the election took place, voter turnout was from 70% to 90%. Right-wing parties won 50% of votes, left-wing parties - some 30%, - Jewish organizations - more than 10%.

Since in 1919 the borders of the newly restored Polish state were not yet established, the government of Poland with Jozef Pilsudski, had problems with the creation of the Electoral districts. Upon a decree, signed by Pilsudski on November 28, 1918, Poland was divided into several districts, some of whom were not even part of the country. The list of these districts presents a declaration of Polish territorial claims rather than the real situation in late 1918. It covers the whole territory of the Kingdom of Poland (1916–1918), formerly Russian Belostok Oblast, as well as the whole former Austrian province of Galicia, even though its eastern part was area of a conflict between the Poles and Ukrainians.

The situation was even more complicated in the West in territories which had belonged to the German Empire. Polish legislators created several electoral districts, even in lands that never became part of the Second Polish Republic. Thus, apart from districts of Poznan, Torun, Kartuzy, Katowice, and Gostyn, the government stipulated creation of districts in such locations, as Bytom (Beuthen), Nysa (Neisse), Zlotow (Flatow), Gdansk (Danzig), and Olsztyn (Allenstein). The 1919 election was not organized in these areas, as they remained part of Germany until 1945.

Polish legislators also wanted the election to be organized in Cieszyn Silesia (see also Zaolzie). Therefore, districts were created there in Cieszyn and Frydek-Mistek. Also, the Nowy Targ district covered several communes of Orawa and Spisz, with such towns, as Kiemark, Lubowla, and Spisska Nowa Wies (these locations had been part of Poland until late 18th century).

From: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_Polish\\_history](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_Polish_history)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Polish Language School for Children**

The APS Board has established a committee to explore the possibilities of establishing a Polish Language School for Children in Austin. If you are interested, please e-mail Art Gmurowski at: [gmurowski@hotmail.com](mailto:gmurowski@hotmail.com)

### **Polish Catering**

If you're planning a party wouldn't you like to surprise your guests with some Polish meals? It's only a phone call away. A wide assortment of Polish foods for every occasion, you choose-we prepare. Contact: Anna (512) 692 7684, cell 512-897-0125 or Barbara (908) 377-6528, email: [polishcatering@yahoo.com](mailto:polishcatering@yahoo.com)

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**NEEDED:**

We are looking for a Polish speaking babysitter to take care of our 4-month-old baby from time to time. The applicant should have some experience in caring for an infant or education in early childcare, be a non-smoker, be at least 20 years old, be able to pass a background check, have a positive attitude, lots of patience, energy, and a big heart for children. We would usually need help in the evening or during the weekend. We live on RR 620/ Anderson Mill. If you are interested please e-mail resume with employment history and education background to [marta.nelsen@gmail.com](mailto:marta.nelsen@gmail.com)

**Ideas? Suggestions? Praise?** Let us hear from you! Please contact Beata at [bmghomes@yahoo.com](mailto:bmghomes@yahoo.com) or go to <http://www.austinpolsishsociety.org/>