

THE OBSERVER

THE COPERNICUS FOUNDATION



The Magic of Christmas



The Copernican Award

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ANNEX GRAND OPENING HIGHLIGHTS

The Copernicus Center began 2012 with a great deal of enthusiasm and satisfaction with the remodeling completion of the Annex. One of the first events held in the newly renovated facility was on January 20th – “The Grand Opening.” While the weather did not cooperate during the evening rush-hour, the event was a huge success, attended by many VIP’s from various community and political organizations. One of the highlights of the Grand Opening was a presentation honoring Mr. Donald Gutowski as, “Copernican of the Year for 2011.” The

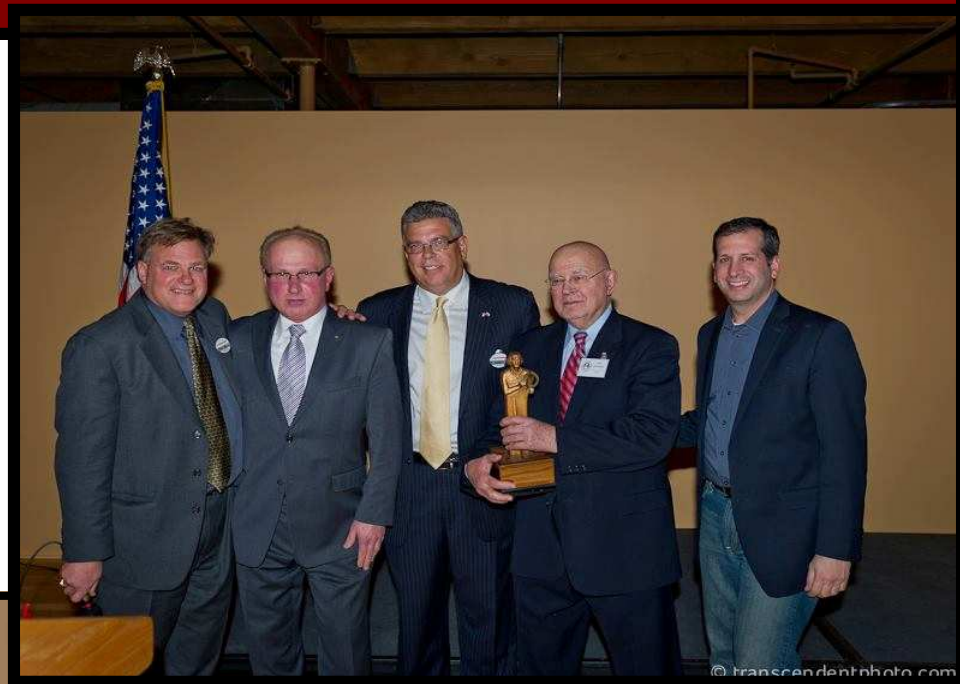
Annex can accommodate up to 200 people and can be used as a small theatre, business function, or family celebrations with a



COPERNICAN OF THE YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

On January 20th at our Annex Grand Opening – Mr. Donald Gutowski was honored as Copernican of the Year for 2011!

A Longtime Copernicus Foundation Board Member, Mr. Donald Gutowski was honored as Copernican of the year for 2011. Don has been affiliated with the Copernicus Center for over 30 years. He has been serving the Copernicus Foundation as a volunteer board member, president, and chairman of the Copernicus Foundation Board. During that time the Copernicus Center has undergone many physical improvements to maintain its status as the pre-eminent Polish cultural center recognized within Polonia around the world.



MAJOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, CHARITABLE EVENTS

As a cultural center, in addition to our normal course of business, over the last quarter the Copernicus foundation has underwritten the cost of several important functions. On January 8, 2012 the Copernicus Center was the host for "WOŚP," Wielka Orkiestra Świątecznej Pomocy. A worldwide children's charitable foundation dedicated to raise funds for medical supplies and provide funds for medical treatment of needy children in Poland. This event was organized by the Copernicus Foundation and board member Mr. Marek Kowalczyk and volunteers throughout the Chicagoland Area, as well as contributions from many area businesses. The main televised musical concert occurred on stage at the Copernicus Center supplemented with appeals for donations and auctions of donated artifacts. The cost of the facility was underwritten by the Copernicus



THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

On December 8, 2011 to celebrate the Christmas Season in our Polish traditions and customs the Copernicus Foundation sponsored, for the first time, a theatrical Polish Christmas show. This event was organized by the Copernicus Center, and choreographed by three of Polonia's main schools of dance and music, namely; Little Stars, Ms. Agata Paleczny; Pad-erewski Orkiestra, Ms. Barbara Bilszta; and Polonia Ensemble, Ms. Anna Krysinska. Attended by families and their children, this event was a huge success with almost full capacity in the theater. Especially dear to everyone who attended were scenes depicted in Polish traditions and customs, "Wigilia" Christmas Eve, "koledniki" Christmas carolers, nativity scene "szopka," as well as many Christmas carolers sang in



PIYZA Children's Theater Play

A theatrical illustration of song and dance choreographed specifically for school age children to illustrate the HISTORY of the arrival of first Poles as settlers in North America. This historical evolutionary depiction of first Poles in America describes first encounters with American Indians, settlements in Texas, Jamestown and famous Poles such as Helena Modrzejewska, Pulaski, Kosciuszko, etc. This event was organized by "The Council Of Educators In Polonia," namely; Dr. Jolanta Tatara and Ms. Jolanta Zablocka with assistance from yours truly John Wojciechowski. Almost 1,500 students attended from various Polish Language Saturday Schools. A special welcome was extended to the children by the Honorable Zigmund Matynia, Consul General of the Republic Of Poland, P.N.A. President Mr. Frank Spula, and Ms. Ewa Koch Presi-



TEATR LUDOWY

Pyza*

za Wielką wodą.

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Pyza na polskich drózkach

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Ti Lascio

February 24th - 8:00 pm

Mardi Gras Ball

Krasnoludki

February 19th - 2:00pm

Kabaret RafaLa Kmity

February 25th - 7:30pm

Zakat Benefit feat. Samih Chankeir

March 3rd - 7:00 pm

Sztos 2

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Santana Tribute Band

Rico

March 9th - 8:00 pm

Bad Romance

March 16th - 8:00 pm

"Belfer"

March 17th - 7:30pm

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Membership Application

The mission of the Copernicus Foundation is to showcase and promote the rich multi-ethnic heritage of metropolitan Chicago, and, in particular, the unique cultural and civic contributions of the Polish-American Community. The Foundation ensures that these rich cultural traditions will flourish for generations through its sponsorship of exhibitions and activities, including the preservation and operation of a historic film theater.

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I do not wish to be a member at this time, but please accept my donation of \$ _____.

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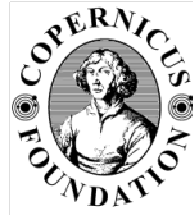
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MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00

Quarterly newsletter *The Observer*, with information about activities and special events
Special discounts to selected activities at the Copernicus Foundation

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00

Two complimentary tickets to the *Taste of Polonia*TM Festival
Special discounts to selected activities at the Copernicus Foundation
Quarterly newsletter *The Observer*, with information about activities and special events
Annual meeting participation

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$100.00

Four complimentary tickets to the *Taste of Polonia*TM Festival
Special discounts to selected activities at the Copernicus Foundation
Quarterly newsletter *The Observer*, with information about activities and special events
Annual meeting participation

EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP: \$250.00

Four complimentary tickets to the *Taste of Polonia*TM Festival
Special discounts to selected activities at the Copernicus Foundation
Quarterly newsletter *The Observer*, with information about activities and special events
Voting privileges at the Annual Meeting
Invitation to special VIP events

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$3,000.00

Four complimentary tickets to the *Taste of Polonia*TM Festival
Special discounts to selected activities at the Copernicus Foundation
Quarterly newsletter *The Observer*, with information about activities and special events
Annual meeting participation
Invitations to special VIP events