

Cracow Youth Jazz Band

Young and very talented musicians from the Cracow School of Jazz will give an open air jazz concert. Some of them have already toured Scotland, with Dominik Bieńczycki being one of them — an astonishing violinist who completely brought the house down when they played at the Jazz Bar a few years ago with Leszek Nowotarski. People still talk about this concert! Dominik Bieńczycki (violin) will be accompanied by other fantastic musicians: Anna Basista (vocal), Krystian Telizyn (bass guitar), Aleksandra Wagner (piano), Michał Heller (drums). The concert will start at 6.00pm.



Photo: Grzegorz Bartusiak

Puppet theatre *The story of the Wawel Dragon*

Polish Volunteers Świątlica and Young Carers present one of the best known Polish folklore children's stories that tell the legend of an evil dragon that lived near Wawel Castle in Cracow eating shepherds and their stock and causing destruction and fear until this young cobbler's apprentice stuffed a lamb with sulphur and give it to the dragon, who ate it and soon became incredibly thirsty. For relief he drank half of the Vistula River and exploded. As a reward to show the King's gratitude, the poor apprentice married the King's daughter and they lived happily ever after. Mr Karol Bartusiak, graduate in Physical Theatre Practice and winner of the Vodafone World of Difference prize for this project worked with children from Świątlica to deliver this inspiring project. There will be an opportunity to take photos with the Wawel Dragon after the performance, performance starts at 3.00pm.

Children Activities

Traditional Paper workshop

A research student representing the Little Collection of Polish Folk Art and Craft at the University of the West of Scotland, Ms Anna Sznajder, presents the history and traditions of the Polish folklore and the colourful examples of the art of making flowers, toys and other items characteristic for different parts of Poland.

This stand offers children and everyone interested the opportunity to practice the art of making paper flowers and other traditional items.

The Goal Academy — The Edinburgh Red Lions

This young but well experienced football school through their extensive programme of sport activities promotes not only the physical development, but also discipline, the rules of fair-play, cooperation in group, psychological development, responsibility and understanding of the emotions that are connected with playing games. In 2011 the Edinburgh Red Lions football club was awarded the Scottish Football Association 'Standard' Quality Mark Award.

This stand offers children and young people interested in fair-play football games the opportunity to learn the basic roles and tricks of a football game.

Exhibition

The Ethno-Fashion exhibition

It unveils the combination of costumes designed and produced by Teresa Seda and original folk costumes from different parts of Poland. It is in fact a contemporary ethno-fashion show delivered by Teresa Seda, Elżbieta Czyżewska and Akamine Hidetoshi. It presents 20 photographs of their latest inspirations with Polish folk costumes and new applications of folk design. These images blend fashion, costume design, and sophisticated photography.

Venue: St Andrew's and St George's West,
13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA



Photo: Akamine Hidetoshi

Films

To experience a taste of Poland, the beautiful landscapes with mountains, lakes, sea and the major tourist attractions in Poland, a series of films and clips from Poland will be presented throughout the day.

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Programme

- 11.30am** Welcome by the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Edinburgh and the Head of the Scottish Office of the European Commission
- 12noon** Presentation of Polish regional dances by Mazury Dance Company of the Polish YMCA
- 1.00pm** Scottish pipe band 'Scotpipe' with some Polish young musicians from Poznań
- 2.00pm** Presentation of carvings in salt by a sculptor from the Wieliczka Salt Mine
- 3.00pm** Children's puppet theatre *The story of the Wawel Dragon*
- 4.00pm** Presentation on Polish folklore and bobbin laces from Bobowa
- 5.00pm** Presentation of Polish regional dances by Mazury Dance Company of the Polish YMCA
- 6.00pm** Jazz concert by Cracow Youth Jazz Band

Stands open from 11.00am to 6.00pm (unless otherwise stated).

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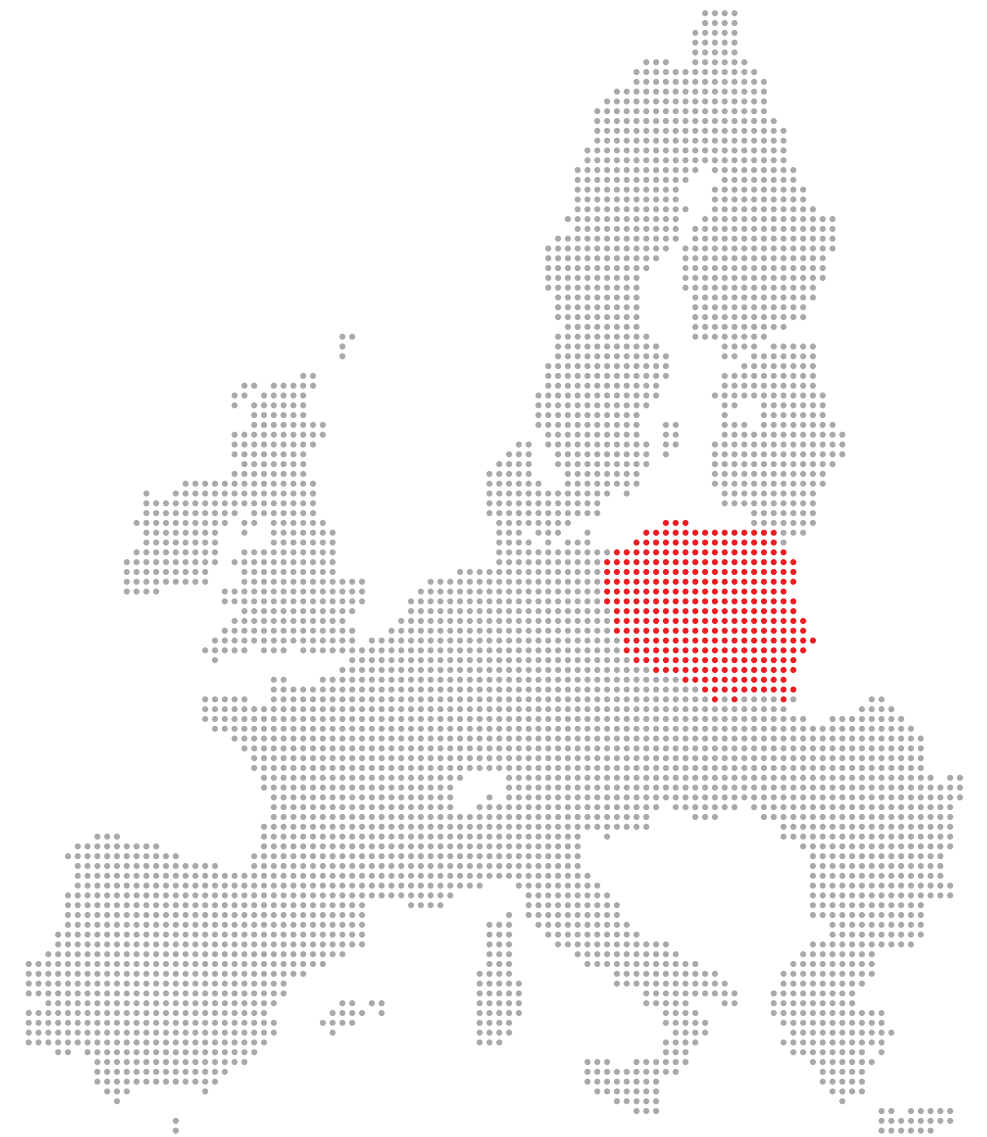
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The Polish Day

Saturday 2 July 2011
11.00 am – 7.00 pm
St Andrew Square
Edinburgh EH2 2YR
Free event

The Polish Day to mark the Presidency of Poland in the Council of the European Union with traditional and contemporary music, dance, artistic workshops, exhibitions, children's activities and food tasting.

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Every six months a different member state of the European Union holds the Presidency and presides over the work of the Council of the European Union. During this time the state holding the Presidency plays host to the majority of the Union's events and plays a key role in the activities of the European Union. It is responsible for organising EU meetings, setting the Union's political agenda and ensuring its development, integration and security.

From the 1st of July 2011 Poland is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Polish Day will give everyone the chance to learn more about Poland and its culture, traditions and history and also about its major tourist destinations, including Kraków — the European Capital of Culture 2000 and its partner city of Edinburgh, the magnificent Wieliczka Salt Mine and the beautiful Bobbin laces from Bobowa.

The stands will include information about the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Union, information on investment opportunities in Poland, and also information on how to start your own business or a charity in Scotland provided by the Business Gateway.

Children can engage in traditional Polish workshops and football activities while parents taste the traditional Polish charcuterie and delicious fresh Polish bread, baked locally in Edinburgh.

The central area of the Square will feature an interesting cultural programme that will include a presentation of some dances by the Mazury Dance Company from London and lively tunes by a Scottish band Scotpipe as well as a Cracow Youth Jazz Band.



Information Stalls

European Commission and the European Parliament

The Office of the European Commission in Scotland acts as a bridge between the people, politicians, businesses and organisations of Scotland and the departments and personnel of the EU institution based in Brussels. The European Parliament Office in Edinburgh aims to help increase awareness of the European Parliament and the work and activities of Scotland's six MEPs.

This stand offers the information on the European Parliament, the European Union, the European Commission and their role and responsibilities.

Business Gateway

This offers practical help, advice and support for new and growing businesses in Scotland. With the number of Polish businesses that were created recently in Scotland there is a great need for more information on not only how to open a business, but also how to improve it to the advantage of the available services. All Business Gateway services are free of charge.

At this stand the Polish business Adviser, Majka Kozłowska will be happy to answer your questions (stand open from 11.00am to 2.00pm).

Polish National Tourist Office

With the wide variety of tourist attractions, the well-known Polish hospitality and convenient direct flights from Scotland to major Polish cities, Poland is the place that people want to explore and learn more about.

The stand offers a variety of choices for people interested in visiting Poland and to learn more about the country, its people and culture.

Kraków

A city of legends and historical facts, a city of poets and painters, philosophers and ordinary people, a city of science and work... Even one short visit leaves travellers with thousands of memories and opportunities to stop for a while, look at the place, to meditate... There are so many things worth getting know in here: monuments, which are living witnesses of passed days, charming narrow streets and restaurants, an active artistic life and magic atmosphere, often filled with events, sometimes lazy, always unique.

This stand will offer you not only information on the city's history and main tourist attractions but also the opportunity to see an artist at work, creating unique images of Kraków.

Edinburgh.com.pl — Polish Community Group

The history of Scottish-Polish relations is long and rich and goes back for centuries. This group of young volunteers that run the Polish website organised a competition that was aimed at discovering new symbols and places connected with the traces of Polish presence in Scotland.

The exhibition *Poeple, Places, Stories* is a small part of works submitted for the competition offers the opportunity to see the interesting photographs and read extraordinary stories that describe the extent of Scottish-Polish relations.

Workshops



Bobbin Laces from Bobowa

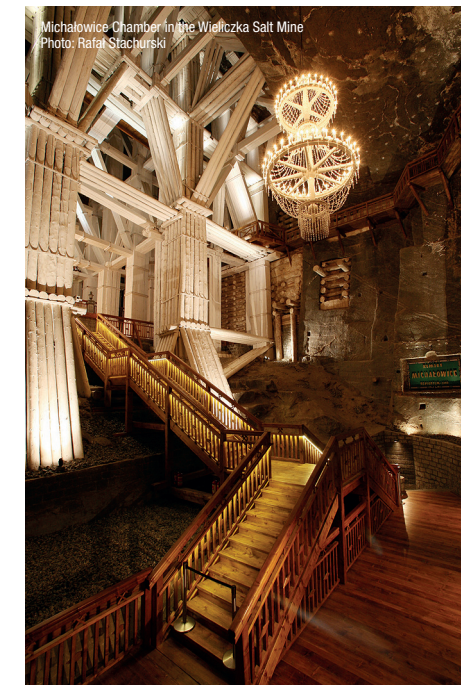
Bobowa is one of the oldest settlements situated in the valley of the Biala River in the south of Poland. It is famous for its rich folklore and beautiful handicraft. The history of bobbin laces in Bobowa goes back to the beginning of the 16th century.

This stand offers the possibility to learn how to make bobbin laces and before you get into making your own, you can see an exhibition of a selection of professionally made laces from Bobowa by Mrs Ewa Szpila.

The Wieliczka Salt Mine

Created in the Middle Ages, is the oldest salt enterprise on Polish land. For centuries, it was the source of the country's wealth and the material foundation of its culture. Today it is one of the most popular Polish tourist attractions. Magnificent chapels, captivating underground lakes, original tools and equipment and traces of mining works allow us to understand the miners' struggle against the elements, their work, passion and beliefs. The Wieliczka miners have left behind many salt carvings and reliefs.

This stand offers the chance to see and maybe even try carving in salt yourself.



Food Tasting

Deli Polonia

Run by Lucyna and Kelvin Ellis an Edinburgh based Polish delicatessen (235-241 Leith Walk) that introduced the traditional fresh Polish produce to the local Scottish market (people) in 2005 and this year expanded their offer by adding a Cafe and a bakery to their services. In 2006 the delicatessen won the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Young Business Award.

This stand offers the 'Taste of Poland' with its freshly baked bread throughout the day and cold meat platter at 2.00pm.

Music, Dance and Theatre



Mazury Dance Company of the Polish YMCA in London

Founded in 1949, today consists of over 120 dancers, singers and musicians in three groups from age 9 upwards. Mazury's performances over their 60 year history range from charity fundraising and social events to shows at prestigious UK and European venues to audiences of thousands. The Company has performed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and has entertained the Prince and Princess of Wales. In 1992 Mazury took part in the celebrations in Poland marking its return to a free and independent country, and they also represented Poland at the Foreign Office on the occasion of Poland's entry into the EU. Mazury's 60th anniversary in 2009 was marked by a sell-out gala performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at London's Southbank centre. Mazury will present some of the traditional Polish dances and will give you a photo opportunity after the performance at 12noon and 5.00pm.

Scotpipe

Scottish Pipe Band formed by Pipe Major Scott L. Duncan with the aim of promoting Traditional Scottish Bagpipe Music at Events anywhere in the world. Recently they were invited to play in America, Canada, China, India, Japan, France and Poland, and were honoured to play for the Holy Father to celebrate his visit to Scotland. Scotpipe are renowned for their Charity work and this year will support the Polish charity 'Barka'. The band offers everything from a Solo Piper to a Pipe Band and will give a taste of Scottish and Polish music at 1.00pm.

