



POLISH AMERICANS - AMERICAN POLES Outdoor Exhibition

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The United States, a melting pot of cultures and traditions of the various countries its citizens came from, is a special partner for Poland, particularly in terms of culture. In many areas and at different levels, mutual Polish-American cooperation is a natural path of development for both countries. The USA remains a country eagerly chosen by Poles going abroad. It is in the United States that, due to the favorable mood of openness and tolerance of others, it is relatively easy for them to find a new home and work for the development of the country, its culture and local communities. The USA is the country with the largest Polish community worldwide, accounting for over 3% of the entire population of the United States.

The Villa Decius Institute for Culture - a meeting place for cultures and traditions, and the US Consulate General in Krakow have prepared the exhibition "POLISH AMERICANS/AMERICAN POLES, devoted to Poles and Americans of Polish descent and their contribution to the culture of a given country. The exhibition, built around three categories - people, places and events - is a story about Polish immigrants and their descendants (Americans of Polish origin) who contributed to the development of the societies in both countries, contributing significantly to their culture, economy and science.

The exhibition emphasizes United States' and Poland's openness to the inspiring social and cultural influences of visitors - new residents and citizens. It aims to remind and show how both countries have been drawing for centuries from the wealth brought by foreign arrivals, placing particular emphasis on Poles (including Krakow residents) who set out into the world and made a significant contribution with their knowledge and skills to the culture of other countries - in this case, the United States.

These mutual influences, enriching both sides, play an important role in building and strengthening intercultural dialogue and friendship between Poland and the United States.

The exhibition "POLISH AMERICANS/AMERICAN POLES" was located in the very heart of Krakow - in Planty Park (route between Poselska Street and Wawel). The exhibition could have been viewed from October 1 to October 31, 2020. The date of the exhibition was not chosen at random - October is Polish American Heritage Month, which has been celebrated in the United States for 40 years.