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in New York

New York, April 23rd 2022

Mr. Marek Skulimowski
President and Executive Director
The Kościuszko Foundation
15 East 65th Street
New York, NY 10065

Dear Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure that I have received the invitation to **The Kościuszko Foundation 85th Annual Dinner & Ball**. On this grand occasion, I wish to extend my most sincere congratulations to you, the Board of Trustees and all members of The Kościuszko Foundation alike.

Since its very conception nearly a century ago, The Kościuszko Foundation has been a champion in funding programs that support and promote Polish-American intellectuals and artists. Therefore, I want to express my deepest gratitude for continuously making that happen. I truly appreciate your being a great proponent of Polish culture and heritage, and working extensively with the Polish community in New York for almost ten decades. Doing so requires dedication, hard work and perseverance but all the same, these characteristics have contributed to the respect and esteem The Kościuszko Foundation has deservedly earned and is enjoying today.

As Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York, I am grateful for your promotion of Polish culture and heritage, and for developing strong relationship between Poland and the USA. It is worth noting though that just as its renowned patron General Tadeusz Kościuszko, the Foundation does its utmost to support freedom and sovereignty. Especially now, during the trying times of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, The Kościuszko Foundation comes out as a true friend of our Eastern neighbor by substantially assisting the Ukrainians who have fled for their safety and found one in Poland. It fills me with great satisfaction to be able to congratulate you for this worthy mission. Please keep up the good work!

I truly believe that the strength and endurance of the Foundation, your support of the long lasting tradition and your responsiveness to the challenges of the future will result in decades of prosperity for The Kościuszko Foundation to come.

Wishing you all the best,

Adrian Kubicki

Adrian Kubicki
Consul General

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April 23, 2022

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Kosciuszko Foundation's 85th annual dinner and ball.

As a city built by immigrants, New York is home to a global community that hails from every corner of the world, speaks a multitude of languages, and represents a vast array of backgrounds and beliefs. This unparalleled diversity is the source of our singularity and strength, and it provides us with endless reasons to celebrate. Every New Yorker has a fundamental responsibility to help better the lives of others, and the Kosciuszko Foundation has taken this responsibility seriously since its founding in 1925. The foundation has raised nearly \$700,000 in support of Ukrainian refugees in Poland, providing funds for clothing, food, housing, and other crucial aid. Throughout its history spanning nearly a century, the foundation has also fostered an exchange of culture, education, and ideas between Poland and the United States, providing more than \$1 million annually in fellowships and grants to artists, scholars, scientists, and many others. Today's event is an excellent opportunity for every New Yorker to stand in solidarity with our Slavic sisters and brothers who have been impacted by the invasion of Ukraine. I am proud to applaud the Kosciuszko Foundation for its tireless efforts to build a better, brighter, and safer future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, I extend my best wishes for a memorable evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Adams".

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April 23, 2022

Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.
15 East 65th Street
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To All the Friends and Supporters of the Kosciuszko Foundation:

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and congratulations to the Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc. on the occasion of its 85th Annual Dinner & Ball. Tonight, we are here to celebrate the accomplishments of Thaddeus Kosciuszko and pay tribute to two artists whose stories and art exemplify and carry forward his legacy. We also honor the bravery of the Ukrainian people who continue to fight for their freedom and liberty.

The Kosciuszko Foundation was founded in 1925 to promote closer ties between Poland and the United States through educational, scientific, and cultural exchanges. It is fitting that the foundation takes its name after Thaddeus Kosciuszko, one of the greatest heroes not just in Polish but also American history. Kosciuszko's efforts in aiding the American Revolution marked the beginning of a long history of friendship between the Polish nation and the United States. In times of despair, whether during World War II or today, the Kosciuszko Foundation has stood with the United States and the rest of Europe to, in the words of the KF Board of Trustees, "give aid in those cases where the need is greatest." The Kosciuszko Foundation is living up to that principle by donating all proceeds from this evening to aid Ukrainian women and children fleeing their homes into Poland and other neighboring countries.

Tonight, we honor two individuals who continue to embody the spirit of Kosciuszko and all he stood for nearly 200 years later. For her powerful movie "Mr. Jones" about the Holodomor genocide against Ukrainians by the Russians, the Kosciuszko Foundation awards world-renowned and Oscar-nominated Polish film director Agnieszka Holland the Medal of Recognition. For his acclaimed work in film and theater, the Foundation awards Lech Majewski with the Kosciuszko Foundation Pioneer Award.

These two individuals inspire us with their searing and necessary work. It is clear the spirit of Kosciuszko lives on within their monumental achievements. I extend my greatest congratulations and thanks to tonight's honorees and wish the Kosciuszko Foundation many more years of success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn B. Maloney".

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress

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Long Live Ukraine!

Fighting Russian invaders in 1794 Kosciuszko told chaplains in Ukraine, "Join your hearts with the Poles, who defend our freedom and yours." Egalitarian Poles turned the phrase, "For your freedom and ours," into their national motto.

When Russia began bombing Ukraine and killing civilians, Poles understood what they were going through. Over the centuries, all of Russia's neighbors have been attacked and oppressed by Kremlin autocrats. Russia has never been a free country, so Ukraine's successful democratic government on its doorstep is seen as a threat by Moscow.

Kosciuszko Foundation President Marek Skulimowski was in Poland for the funeral of his mother when Russia began its war against Ukraine. Marek offered his home to those fleeing bombs. He opened his mother's house to Ukrainians as well. Marek rushed to the border with his friend Marcin Piotrowski of the Folk Foundation, (Folkowisko) to start working on an infrastructure on both sides of the Polish-Ukrainian border with tents for food, sleeping, medicine and supplies for refugees as they escape the Russian Army. Marek and Marcin are both descendants of Poles oppressed by Russians so it's in their blood to help.

As the child of war refugees who fled Russian bombs, it's in mine too.

Albert Einstein, a Kosciuszko Foundation guest, once said: "The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, because of those who look on and do nothing."

When Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia bombarded Poland and imprisoned its people, the Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees acted to: "Give aid in those cases where the need is greatest." Today we follow the vision of our founders.

And that is why the proceeds from this year's Kosciuszko Foundation ball will be donated to a new fund called Help Ukraine.

The Kosciuszko Foundation's primary mission is to support Polish education and culture, but in a time when Putin is facing war crime charges at the Hague for killing women and children, it would be unconscionable to turn a blind eye.



From left: KF President Henry MacCracken, Albert Einstein and Dr. Harlow Shapley, head of the Harvard College Observatory

More than four million Ukrainians have already escaped this war with only what they can carry. They're saying goodbye to their mothers, sisters and daughters as fathers, brothers and sons stay to fight for their homeland. Poles have opened their homes, hearts and wallets to refugees, but the massive exodus continues. Women and children sleeping in train stations are trying to find their next stop.

This is not the first time Russians have carried out mass murder against Ukrainians. In the 1930s when

Joseph Stalin wanted to eliminate an independence movement, he ordered Soviet troops to confiscate crops and livestock from Ukrainians who farmed the breadbasket of Europe. The Russians killed millions during the Holodomor, which means "to kill by starvation."

Moscow conspired with journalists to cover it up and the west did nothing to stop it. The story inspired Agnieszka Holland's film "Mr. Jones" about the Holodomor.

The Kremlin is once again trying to starve Ukrainian lives, culture and freedom.

The Kosciuszko Foundation will do all we can to provide humanitarian aid and protect Ukraine's rich culture. We are partnering with The Smithsonian Institution to save Ukrainian works of art from the war. We will coordinate response and recovery operations to protect Ukrainian national treasures.

Another Ukrainian treasure is its children. Hundreds of thousands of displaced children from Ukraine have entered Poland's school system. New students arrive daily. The KF is working with the Recipe for Independence Foundation in Warsaw which teaches cooking and life skills to children in foster homes. Now in war time mode, they use professional kitchens to make hundreds of meals a day, and prepare welcome packages for refugees with toothbrushes, toothpaste, water, energy bars, socks, underwear, etc.

The KF is also paying to print books for Ukrainian children flooding into Poland's school system.

When Albert Einstein fled Nazi Germany to come to the United States, he was able to continue his research here. The Kosciuszko Foundation's subsidiary in Poland, KF Polska, has announced a grant program for Ukrainian scientists that will allow them to continue their research while in Poland.

The needs of the millions of Ukrainians that have escaped to Poland is evolving as they look to settle into new lives while planning to rebuild their country. The KF's new Help Ukraine fund will track those needs from resettlement, education, cultural preservation and whatever else we can do to help Ukrainians persevere.

To our Ukrainian brothers, we the Poles and Polish Americans of the Kosciuszko Foundation are with you! We support your right to sovereignty and prosperity.

Slava Ukraini!

Alex Storozyński
Chairman of The Board of Trustees
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DINNER

PRESENTATION OF THE KF MEDAL OF RECOGNITION

AGNIESZKA HOLLAND

Film Director

PRESENTATION OF THE KF PIONEER AWARDS

LECH MAJEWSKI

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GRAND POLONAISE

Polish American Folk Dance Company and Guests

Dancing throughout the evening until 12:30 a.m. to the Gerard Carelli Orchestra

DINNER MENU

APETIZER

WILD MUSHROOM RISOTTO

Holland Leeks, Asparagus, Grana Padano, Evoo



ENTRÉE

GRILLED FILET MIGNON

Truffle Whipped Potato Cake, Rainbow Swiss Chard,
Hen of the Woods Mushrooms, Blackberry Reduction

Meatless option:

CANADIAN SALMON FILET

Beluga Lentil Fondue, Shaved Fennel Salad, Roasted Radishes, Basil Syrup



DESSERT

LEMON VIOLET SEMIFREDDO

Blueberry Compote, Violet Foam, Raspberry Sauce, Crunchy Floral Meringue



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KF MEDAL OF RECOGNITION



In 1955 The Kosciuszko Foundation initiated an award meant to honor special friends who have significantly contributed to our mission of promoting cultural and intellectual exchanges between Poland and the United States.

Called the Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition, the bronze medal was designed in 1955 by the Polish sculptor Tadeusz Sowinski. It features a bas relief bust portrait of Tadeusz Kosciuszko dressed as an American military hero with the distinguished Order of the Cincinnati pinned to his chest. Encircling the portrait are the famous words of Thomas Jefferson: "He was as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known."

On the reverse of the medal, bordered by the lamp of knowledge and wheat of internal inspiration we find the text: "The Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition for Distinguished Service to Polish and American Culture."

Generally awarded during the Foundation's Annual Ball, it is not awarded annually. The first award was made to Henry Noble MacCracken for his efforts in establishing the Kosciuszko Foundation. Others who have received the award were Eric P. Kelly, Artur Rubenstein, Oscar Halecki, Wacław Lednicki, Kazimierz Wierzyński, Kazimierz Bulaś, Lawrence L. Thomas and Francis J. Whitfield, the editors of the first Kosciuszko Foundation Dictionary, Leopold Stokowski, Stanisław Skrowaczewski, Maria Kuncewicz, Arthur and Marion Coleman, Edward Smith, Robert Goldstand, Stanisława Malecka-Dymnicka, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jerzy Kozmiński, Ann T. Mikoll, Michael G. Sendzimir, Archbishop Wesoły, Jack Radgowski, Edward Pinkowski, Van Cliburn, Ryszard Kapuscinski, Wanda Tomczykowa, Marta Eggerth, President Lech Wałęsa, Dr. Maria Siemionow, Rafał Olbiński, Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Professor Frank Wilczek, Wojciech Inglot, Justyna Kowalczyk, Juliusz Machulski and Martha Stewart, Lt. General Edward L. Rowny, Professor Stanley Wojcicki and The Hon. Chuck Hagel.

This year, the Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition is being awarded to Agnieszka Holland.

Chairmen of the Ball

HANNA CHROBOCZEK KELKER



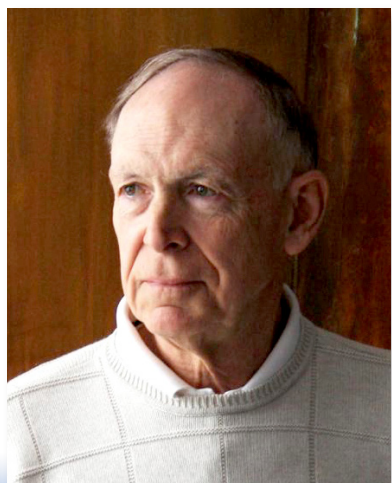
Hanna Chroboczek Kelker was born and raised in Poland. She has served the Polish community on Board of Directors of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America and now as a member of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Board of Trustees where she chairs the Committee of the Collegium of Eminent Scientists of Polish Origin and Ancestry. She and her husband Norman established a Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship in honor of her parents. In 2021 the Polish Government awarded her the "Krzyż Kawalerski Orderu Zasługi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej".

Dr. Kelker obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Warsaw and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. She was a faculty member at New York University School of Medicine where she studied immune responses in HIV infected individuals and

conducted HIV vaccine studies. She also is an accomplished photographer and has exhibited her work at number of galleries and at the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Dr. Kelker encourages everyone to support the mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

NORMAN KELKER



Norman Kelker has been an active participant in the life of the Polish community for the last forty years. He and his wife Hanna are members the Kosciuszko Foundation, the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, the Pilsudski Institute and other Polish organizations. He has visited Poland many times and has taught in the KF's Teaching English in Poland program.

Norman was born and raised in Ohio. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio and graduate degrees from Purdue University and Michigan State University. He spent his career as a research biologist at New York University School of Medicine and as an executive at Enzo Biochem, Inc., a biotechnology company. Like all of us he and Hanna are saddened and dismayed by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine and encourage everyone to actively

support the Kosciuszko Foundation in its efforts to provide emergency relief to those whose lives have been disrupted by the conflict.

Medal of Recognition

AGNIESZKA HOLLAND



Agnieszka Holland is a Polish film and television director and screenwriter. She is best known for her films *Europa Europa* (1990), for which she received an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay nomination, and *The Secret Garden* (1993), as well as *Angry Harvest* (1985) and the Holocaust drama *In Darkness* (2011), both of which were nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In 2017 she received Alfred Bauer Prize (Silver Bear) for her film *Spoor* at the Berlin International Film Festival. *Mr. Jones* (2019) about the Holodomor genocide by Russia against Ukrainians was nominated for Best Film at the Berlin International Film Festival.

Having graduated from Film and TV School of Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU) (1971), Agnieszka Holland returned to Poland and began her film career working with Krzysztof Zanussi as assistant director, and Andrzej Wajda as her mentor. Her first feature film was *Provincial Actors* (1978), one of the flagship pictures of the "cinema of moral disquiet" and the winner of the International Critics Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 1980. Subsequently, she made the films *Fever* (1980) and *The Lonely Woman* (1981). In 1981, just before the declaration of the state of emergency in Poland, Agnieszka Holland emigrated to France.

Agnieszka Holland collaborated with her friend Krzysztof Kieslowski on the screenplay of his trilogy, *Three Colours* (1993). Her other films include *To Kill a Priest* (1988), *Olivier, Olivier* (1992), *Total Eclipse* (1995), *Washington Square* (1997), *The Third Miracle* (1999), *Shot in the Heart* (2001), *Julie Walking Home* (2001), *Copying Beethoven* (2006), *Burning Bush* (2013), and *Charlatan* (2020). She also directed several episodes of many notable TV series, including *The Wire*, *Jag*, *Cold Case*, *Treme* (for the pilot of the latter, she was nominated for an Emmy), and *The House of Cards*. Agnieszka Holland has also written or co-written screenplays for films made by other directors and directed plays for Polish television. She was elected chairwoman of the Board of the European Film Academy in 2014 and has served as its President since 2021.



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Lech Majewski is a poet, painter, media artist, writer, director, member of the Director's Guild of America and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Working internationally, he builds his visions in his films, installations, novels, theatre, and opera stagings. He studied at Krakow Academy of Fine Arts and graduated from the National Film School in Łódź, Poland. His credits include films such as *The Knight*, *Prisoner of Rio*, *Basquiat*, *Wojaczek*, *Angelus*, *The Garden of Earthly Delights*, *Glass Lips*, *The Mill & the Cross*, *Onirica* and *Valley of the Gods*. Presented in festivals at Toronto, New York, Rio de Janeiro, Jerusalem, Moscow, Berlin, Venice, and Cannes, his films received numerous prizes.

His video, film, and artworks have been shown in a variety of galleries and museums around the world, including Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris; Whitechapel Art Gallery, London; Museo des Belles Artes, Buenos Aires; Image Forum, Tokyo; Tel-Aviv Museum of Art; The National Gallery, London; The Prado, Madrid; Art Institute of Chicago; The Louvre and at the Venice Biennale.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York honored him with a personal retrospective entitled "*Lech Majewski: Conjuring the Moving Image*." Senior curator of this exhibition, Laurence Kardish, said: "Lech Majewski's visions touch hidden areas of the mind of contemporary man that have been neglected by other media. In a singularly masterful way, Majewski visualizes human phobias, obsessions, and fascinations." Lech's installation *Blood of a Poet* took part in the 52nd Venice Biennale, and his Retrospective, which originated at MoMA, traveled to the museums around the world. His video art cycle *Bruegel Suite* premiered at the Louvre and was exhibited at the 54th Venice Biennale.

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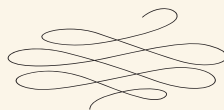
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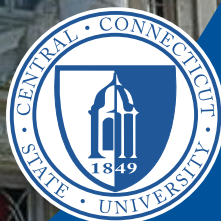
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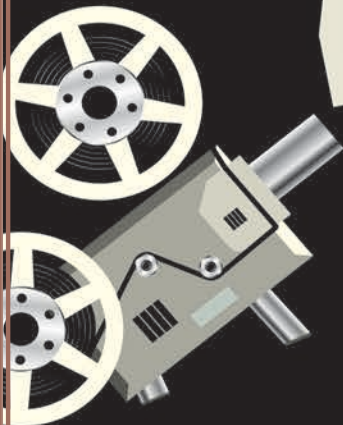
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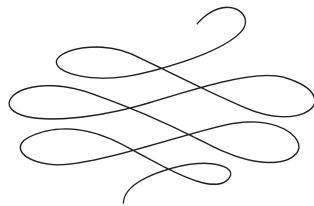
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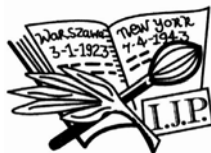
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