



Kosciuszko: A Man Ahead of His Time

A Documentary Film Narrated by Blair Underwood
Written and Directed by Alex Storozyński
Executive Producer Ewe Krzyzanowski

Based on the Book

The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution

Jefferson called, Kosciuszko “as pure a son of liberty, as I have ever known.”

With a moving narration by Blair Underwood, the story is told through reenactments at West Point, Saratoga, Philadelphia, and Poland, along with dramatic readings by screen actors such as Olek Krupa.

It includes interviews with experts such as Former U.S. National Security Advisor Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, UCLA Prof. Gary Nash, Purdue Prof. James Pula, and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Alex Storozyński.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko was a prince of tolerance whose principles still resonate today.

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The Chicago Chapter

of the



Kościuszko Foundation

Tadeusz Kosciuszko's Imieniny

October 27, 2017

PROGRAM

1. Welcome

Lidia Filus, President, Chicago Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation

2. Greetings

Malgorzata Kot, Managing Director of the Polish Museum of America (PMA)

Richard Owsiany, President Polish Museum of America

Piotr Janicki, Consul General

Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago

Frank Spula, President Polish American Congress

Ewa Radwanska, Kosciuszko Foundation Trustee

3. Award Ceremony for Dr. Kornelia Król

in assistance of the Polish Soldiers Society of Gen. T. Kosciuszko and the last year honoree Dr. Anna Kordylewska

4. Musical Program

Cracow Duo

Jan Kalinowski - cello

Marek Szlezer - piano

5. Reception

6. Final Remarks – Lidia Filus

Name's Day Party for Thaddeus & Polish Heroes

In Honor of the Virtuti Militari



After Poland passed the May 3 Constitution in 1791, it was attacked by Russia, Prussia and Austria who wanted to stop these democratic reforms. King Stanisław Augustus created the Virtuti Militari medal to honor the Polish soldiers, such as Tadeusz Kościuszko, who had fought to defend the first democratic constitution in Europe. But the Poles lost the war, and the Russians demanded that these medals be thrown away. While the officers who received this honor took the medals off their chests, they sent the blue ribbons from these orders to their wives and girlfriends, who used them to tie their hair in ponytails.

On Oct 28, 1792, the name's day for Tadeusz, Prince Czartoryski held an (imieniny) party at his palace for Kosciuszko. At this party, the women wore white dresses with black and blue sashes and tied their hair in ponytails with the medal ribbons. The women made a garland crown of leaves from an oak tree planted 100 years earlier by King Sobieski, and placed it on Kosciuszko's head to honor him.

The Kosciuszko Foundation and its chapters will reenact this event on Oct. 28, to honor local heroes that have supported the Polish Community.

Past Awardees

2009 Mariola Golota

2010 Jolanta and Witold Pawlikowski

2011 Tadeusz Makarewicz, Esq.

2012 Anna Szpindor, MD.

2013 Ewa Radwańska, MD.

2014 Maria Zakrzewska

2015 Joanna Rudnicka

2016 Anna Kordylewska, Ph.D.

DR KORNELIA KRÓL



Dr. Kornelia Krol is an Obstetrician-Gynecologist. Her practice is named "Women for Women" to reflect her calling to serve women with all her abilities and empathy. She is a superb gynecologic surgeon, trained by experienced "old-world" masters of surgery and equally adept at the newest technology of mini-invasive and robotic procedures. She is a dedicated obstetrician, drawing on her many years of training and hospital experience in several countries on two continents. She is based in the Presence Health St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago where she serves as teaching clinical faculty for the hospital's OB/GYN residency program as well as for the affiliated University of Illinois and Chicago Medical Schools' medical students.

Dr. Krol's background is impressive: she is one of three sisters from a small town in Bieszczady. Thanks to the upbringing by her remarkable parents, all their talented daughters went on to graduate from medical schools in Poland and have ultimately enjoyed successful professional careers in America.

Kornelia graduated from the Pomeranian Medical Academy in Szczecin in 1981. She then specialized in obstetrics and gynecology at the University

of Belgrade in former Yugoslavia. After emigrating to the USA and passing required licencing examinations, she entered a training program in pathology in Chicago which allowed her to excel in OB/GYN residency training at Southern Illinois University in Springfield. She is a Board-certified Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FACOG), for many years practicing in Chicago.

In addition to her busy practice and continuous education, she devotes countless hours, effort and funds to charitable causes and cultural endeavors benefiting the Polish community in Chicago. She is a member of the International Women Associates (IWA) and often organizes and hosts IWA Polish Group's events.

Dr. Krol has been a member, treasurer and - for the last four years - president of the Polish-American Medical Society (PAMS); the oldest and largest Polish medical organization in the US which under her leadership has just celebrated its 70th Anniversary. PAMS' goals, tirelessly championed by Dr. Krol, are to raise scholarship funds for Polonia's students enrolled in medical, dental and veterinary schools; contribute to charitable causes and organizations; promote the achievements of Polish scientists in the US, support Polish cultural events, foster cooperation between US and Polish foundations, universities and healthcare institutions.

Dr. Krol is an active member of the Kosciuszko Foundation (KF), whose goals are similar to PAMS'. It is in part through the cooperation between these organizations that PAMS has established a dedicated scholarship fund at the KF that has already enabled over 20 KF Fellows - physicians from Poland - to train and conduct their research at Chicago universities. Once in Chicago, these Fellows invariably enjoy our support and friendship, but Kornelia's advice and hospitality are truly unparalleled. The Chicago Chapter of the KF particularly appreciates the degree of Dr. Krol's engagement and big-hearted help she extends to everyone. Her involvement goes far beyond medicine-related activities. She has graciously hosted at her residence KF Chapter meetings, fundraisers and fabulous cultural events promoting Polish music and artists.

On the occasion of the Tadeusz Kosciuszko "Imieniny" The Chicago Chapter of The Kosciuszko Foundation is happy and proud to offer Dr. Kornelia Krol our gratitude and recognition for her contributions to the Polish-American community.