Join the PolArt Inc. Family!

PolArt 2015 Melbourne Finale

11 Folkloric Dance Ensembles in Australia and New Zealand [Kujawy, Kukuleczka, Lajkonik, Lowicz, Oberek, Obertas, Podhale, Polonez, Polonus, Syrenka, and Tatry], have been working together for the last 18 months in one organization called Polish Visual and Performing Arts Australia and NZ, trading as PolArt Incorporated.

The main aims of the Organisation are to promote the Polish Arts here in Australia and NZ, and to support and facilitate collaboration amongst our large family of Ensembles, collectively involving over 1000 dancers and more than 2,000 supporting parents. The Organisation is already an influential member of the Polish Community Council of Australia, which ensures that the tri-Annual PolArt Festival continues to flourish and grow, supporting the cultural development and artistic efforts of young Poles. PolArt Incorporated is an Independent Body overseeing the organisation and financing of each new PolArt Festival in a different host city, but also supporting it with a body of accumulated knowledge and experience gained over 40 years.

PolArt Inc. owns the intellectual property rights and legacy associated with PolArt, which will be fully archived in subsequent years. Our goal is to ensure that the great initiative of the Polish Women’s Association of Australia and in particular Mrs Zofia Krupska, who initiated the first PolArt in 1975, will never be lost, and will continue to be celebrated in years to come.

PolArt Inc. Logo

We are proud to introduce our new Logo designed by Black-Rhino Creative. It expresses our unity and our love of Polish art.

It also represents all types of Polish art, including performing arts, visual art, music, drama, etc. It unites us all as a group from all locations around Australia & New Zealand.

Membership Renewals

For those dancing ensembles who have signed up to be members, you are required to pay this years annual membership fee of $90.00.

For the dancing groups who have not yet applied for membership the first year is $100.00. Please contact the Secretary via email for further information.

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PolArt 2018—Brisbane

As we all know the next PolArt Festival is to be held in Brisbane at the end of 2018. The President Chris Dutkowski and Artistic Director Henry Kurylewski are hard at work with their committee to make the next PolArt, the best PolArt ever! All information pertaining to Brisbane can be found on PolArt Brisbane’s website www.polart2018.com.au.
Our Organisation’s ability to support PolArt Festivals was significantly boosted in 2014 with a significant bequeathment from the Estate of the late Zofia Jaskewycz nee Rospond. The Rospond Foundation, managed by Trustees, was established solely to support PolArt Festivals into the future, and each year PolArt Inc. is the sole recipient of funds from the Foundation, which are to be used to help the next PolArt Host City Organising Committee pay for the most prestigious venues for the next Festival.

The first President of PolArt to serve for the inaugural 3-year term is Paul Zajac, administrator of the Polish Ensemble Tatry in Adelaide. He is supported by an appointed Board of experienced community leaders choreographers and executive committee members from other member Ensembles.

A new website has been developed to document and inform the Polish Community of the activities and work of PolArt Inc. and to ensure a high level of communication and interaction occurs.

We are currently reviewing and updating our PolArt Festival Rules to reflect the new structure and arrangements and a Festival which is growing in depth, breadth and professionalism.

As part of the launch of our first Newsletter, we warmly extend the invitation to other Ensembles and Theatre Groups to join the family of PolArt Inc. Please help us on our journey of making PolArt Festivals the jewel in the heart of the Polish Community in Australia and New Zealand.

Committee members are:

**President**—Paul Zajac (Tatry)

**Vice President**—Urszula Lang (Lajkonik)

**Secretary**—Jola Zurawski (Kujawy)

**Vice Secretary**—Edith Drajkopyl (Lowicz)

**Treasurer**—Anna Trajonovska (Kukuleczka)

**Vice Treasurer**—Daniel Gadd (Podhale)

**Archives**—Basia Czech (Polonez)

**Media**—Pawel Kidon (Syrenka)

**Polish Liaison Officer**—Ela Sawicka (Polonus)