





### **FLYING THE FLAG:**

Wednesday 1st November 2023

ANGLO-POLISH COMMEMORATIVE
ORGANISATIONS AND
THE SECOND WORLD WAR



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Polish Heritage Society UK was set up 12 years ago in 2011 as a registered British Charity by a group of people who were on the committee for the build of the Polish Allied Armed Forces **Monument** in THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM in Alrewas in 2008/2009. Some of these people were interested in promoting Poland and its History and Heritage. From an initial meeting grew the idea of Polish Heritage Society UK.





HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE POLISH WAR MEMORIAL 19 SEPTEMBER, 2009.

"I salute the courage of the Polish Armed Forces who fought so gallantly in the second world war. It is a testament to the best of human nature that the people of Poland, in the name of peace and freedom, so heroically opposed such an overwhelming force at the cost of many lives.

This monument unveiled in the National Memorial Arboretum today, almost at the 70th Anniversary of the start of that war, will be a permanent reminder of their sacrifice".

#### The Opening Ceremony



HRH The Duke of Kent together with HE The Ambassador of Poland Mrs. Barbara Tuge Erecinska took part in opening the ceremony. HE Ryszard Kaczorowski, the last President of Poland in Exile giving a welcome speech. The Royal Air Force Marching Band provided military music and played both National Anthems for the occasion.















National Memorial Arboretum, September 2009

A message from our President, General Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank



'I am delighted to be associated with the work of the Polish Heritage
Society and very honoured to serve as its President. The Society's work highlights the enormous contribution which generations of Poles have made to their adopted country. Preserving and celebrating that heritage will only further strengthen the ties between Poland and the United Kingdom.

### PHS UK Strategic Aims:

- (i) To continue the historic relationship between UK and Poland
- (ii)To bring community awareness of such historic links
- (iii) To work with other Polish Groups in the common interest of maintaining Polish Heritage in the UK



The original Trustees of PHS UK invested £1000 each. We were lucky to also received some Testament behests. Currently we have 5 Directors, 1 Trustee and 1 Company Secretary who all have a genuine passion for Polish history.









Teresa Stella-Sawicka



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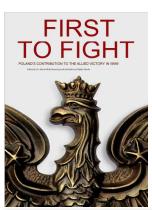


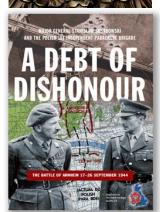
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## What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: PHS Heritage Plaques

Jan Herman Zukertort, a world class Chess Champion. Music – Sir Andrzej Panufnik, the famous composer living in England. Sir Joseph Rotblat, a physicist who worked in Alamo, New Mexico, on the development of the Nuclear bomb that hit Hiroshima. He left as he disagreed with the policy.

In the Polish Army, **General Anders** of Monte Cassino 1944 fame, of course and **General Sosabowski** who lead the Polish Airborne Brigade in the Battle of Arnhem, September 1944. PHS UK Chairman is the author of a book about this battle (<u>A Debt of Dishonour</u>). **Polish Enigma Cryptographers** at their base in Felden, Herts. **The Polish Navy**, Central London.









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## What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Grave Renovations

Krystyna Skarbek, she was called Churchll's favourite spy and worked for SOE. General Marian Kukiel - World War II General and Military Historian.

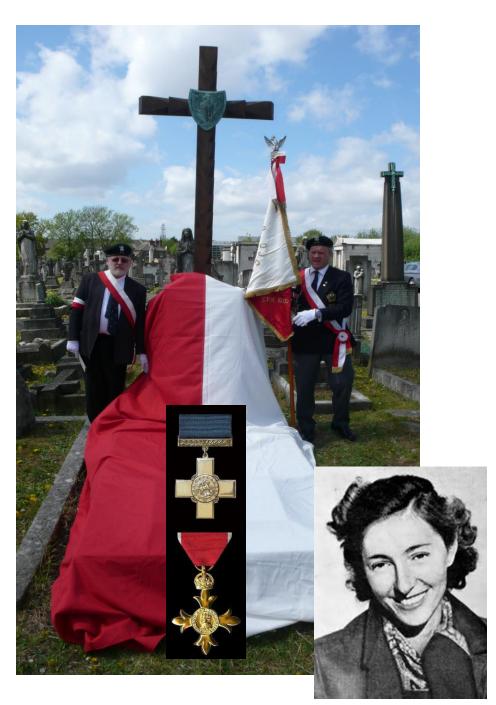


**Prince Joseph Poniatowski** who worked with Napoleon 3rd, and was a composer and musician. He was exiled to England after Revolution broke out on the streets of Paris. Some of you might remember the Mass in F performance written by Prince Poniatowski and discovered by MSS in the British Library. It was performed at Westminster Cathedral Hall. The whole Poniatowski family came over from Paris for the performance.

**Polish Generals Swirski and Zahorski,** in defence of Polish borders just before World War Two. **General Gorzechowski,** Commander of Polish Military Police and Battle of Brześć. Hanka Januszewska cordinates these renovations.











### What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Statues

The Chopin Statue in the centre of Manchester, built in Deansgate, next to the Old Library and is based both on Chopin's Revolutionary Etude of 1831, and on the theatre play called "November Night/Noc Listopadowa". The statue was sculpted by Robert Sobocinski to a original design by PHS UK. The Polish community in Manchester were actively involved in this major project.



## Chopin's Legacy in England & Scotland in 1848 and now

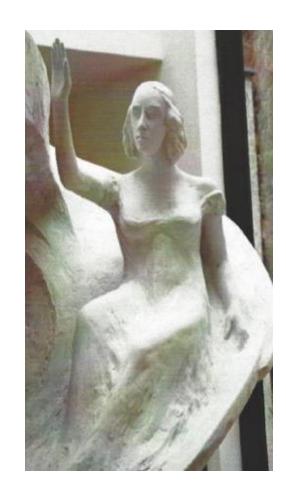


Achille Deveria (c. 1840) lithography showing Jane Stirling with young Fanny Elgin (future Lady Bruce) and Fryderyk Chopin

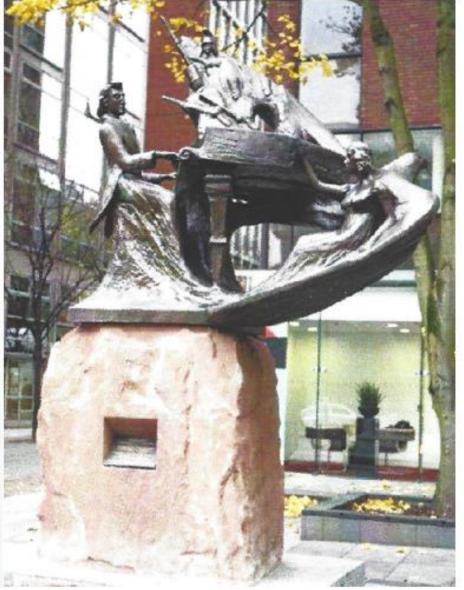




A story of 2 theatre plays & 2 undiscovered paintings... 2 monuments... and Jane Stirling's unrequited love of Chopin











## Fryderyk Chopin Statue in Manchester unveiled in 2011 by Polish Ambassador to the Court of St James







## Chopin's visit to England and Scotland 170 years ago and other memories from here, 52 years ago













## What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Chopin in the Southbank

Chopin Statue Renovation - South Bank. Following a 40 year disappearance of Chopin's statue by Bronislaw Kubica, winner of a Polish National Competition for a statue to gift to the people of the UK as a 'thank you' for their help in WWII. It was unveiled in 1974 by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. The statue disappeared. PHS UK eventually tracked it down thanks to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and direct help from the homeless people of the Southbank in 2011. The statue was found in a derelict condition, with no plinth. PHS paid for its renovation in Poznan, a new plinth was organised, transportation there and back to the UK followed by installation and re-unveiling by HRH Duke of Gloucester. Currently 2 theatres in Worcester and Cirencester are working with us on the "Rescuing Chopin" play for its Premiere on 27th January 2024. A play in 2 acts.









21 July 2010



Please accept my epologies for the delay in responding to you but we are in the process of engaging an independent sculpture specialist from the Arts Council to review the statue in its present condition. We will than be in a better position to fully respond to your letter regarding the reinstatement of the statue.

I will be in touch as soon as the specialist has made their assessment and we can progress this matter further.

In the meantime I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding and I will contact you again shortly.

Yours sincerely,



#### Freedom of Information Act 2000





KENSINGTON PALACE

14th October 2010

Thank you for your letter of 24th September 2010 to Mr Alistair Wood kindly inviting The Duke of Gloucester to unveil a memorial of Frederick Chopin at The Festival Hall, South Bank.

His Royal Highness, in principle, would be delighted to accept this invitation.

I look forward to hearing further from you when a date has been proposed for the occasion next year.







### Memorial to Chopin at Festival Hall

By TERENCE MULLALY.

MEMORIAL to Chopin, which provides lessons MEMORIAL to Chopin, which provides lessons for all those concerned with the art of sculpture, with its siting in public places and indeed with town planning, was yesterday planning, was yesterday unveiled by Princess Duchess of Giouces- The rotationship with both has, indeed, been carefully construed.

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The Daily Telegraph, 27th 02. 1975

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#### THE TIMES

### Search ends on a high note

ike a set of car keys or your favourite Biro, a two-tonne bronze statue of Chopin is a very easy thing to mislay. Now, 25 years after it mysteriously vanished from the storage aults of the Royal Festival Hall in London, it has turned up and will be inveiled for a second time tomorrow.

Presented to Britain as a gift from the Polish people in recognition of British help in liberating Poland during the Second World War, the two-metre high brutalist sculpture of the Polish composer Frédéric Chopin, created by Bronislaw Kubica, was unveiled outside the Royal Festival Hall in 1975 by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. There it stood for almost ten years until it was removed and placed in storage during renovation work to the Southbank, It was not to be seen again ... until now.

"It was moved from place to place while in storage and was forgotten about," says Dr Marek Stella-Sawicki, chairman of the Polish Heritage Society. "There were many of us looking for it, including the Polish Embassy, Lady Cholmondeley from the Chopin Society, a consultant for English Heritage - there must have been 50 or 60 people searching for it."

Dr Stella-Sawicki tried tracking down people who had worked on the renovation of the Royal Festival Hall in















Search ends on a high note



#### Inscription

{On the front of the plinth:} Fryderyk Chopin, 1810 - 1849.

'Simplicity is the highest goal achievable when you have overcome all difficulties!

{On the left of the plinth:}

Unveiled by HRH the Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO on the 18th May 2011 in the presence of Her Excellency Ms Barbara Tuge-Erecinska, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in the United Kingdom, following restoration work by the Polish Heritage Society (UK).

{On the right of the plinth:}

This statue of Fryderyk Chopin by Bronislaw Kubica was a gift from the Polish nation in 1975 to thank the British people for their sacrifice in the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945.

'For your freedom and ours.'

{Inscribed on the lower right of the statue:}
1974 B. Kubica





Lang Lang's autograph



Chinese virtuoso Lang Lang poses with members of the PHS committee after laying flowers at the statue of Fryderyk Chopin outside the Royal Festival Hall



#### SOUTHBANK CENTRE

The Ambassador of The Republic of Poland, HE Ms Barbara Tuge-Erecińska, Mr Alan Bishop, Chief Executive of Southbank Centre, The Polish Cultural Institute and The Polish Heritage Society welcome you to...

### The unveiling of the restored

## Chopin statue

by "
HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO



Chopin Concert

by
Alexander Ardakov

Wednesday 18th May 2011 from 11.00am





### What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Bronze Busts

Chopin's birth and donated to Trinity Laban
Conservatoire, The London Borough of Ealing to its Gothic
Town Hall, and the Club Ognisko. Busts of Marie Curie
Skłodowska were commissioned, paid for and donated to
The Cancer Hospital Wimbledon and a Cancer hospice in
Hampstead in memory of Dr Andrzej Meeson - Kielanowski
who died in 2012 and was a founding member of PHS UK.



Chopin Bust at Ognisko Polskie





Trinity Laban Conservatoire by Thames Marie Curie Cancer Hospice in Hampstead

### What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: 9 Annual Conferences

Held at the RCDS and Polish Embassy/Consulate on a variety of military history subjects such as:

- 1. Polish Military Leadershipin in the Second World War (2 day conference at RCDS)
- 2. The Polish Section of SOE and Poland's Silent & Unseen 1940-45 (Cicho Ciemni)
- 3. General Maczek An Assessment of Leadership, the Polish Armoured Brigade
- 4. The Polish Underground State during WW2
- 5. The Battle of Britain The Polish Story
- 6. The Military Road to Polish Independence 1914 1921
- 7. Building The Polish Army in the Middle East 1941-43
- 8. The Formation of the Polish 2nd Corps under General Anders
- 9. The Italian Campaign, Battle of Monte Cassino, Bologna and Ancona





PHS annual conference

## POLISH SECTION SOE 1939-1945: ITS ORIGINS AND ROLE by

Dr Andrzej Suchcitz FRHist.S.

Keeper of Archives
The Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum
and its branch

Polish Underground Movement Study Trust







PHS Conference Proceedings

CONFERENCE PAPERS

What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Exhibition Donations The Conrad Society for Joseph Conrad Exhibition in POSK (2012) Polish Émigré Artists (Sheffield) 10th Anniversary exhibition of build of Monument in National Memorial Arboretum in POSK and in Wilno Centre Manchester **Exhibition of best Polish Sculpture on Southend Pier for 6** months during London Olympic Games in 2012 (0.25 million visitors).



What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Strategic Community

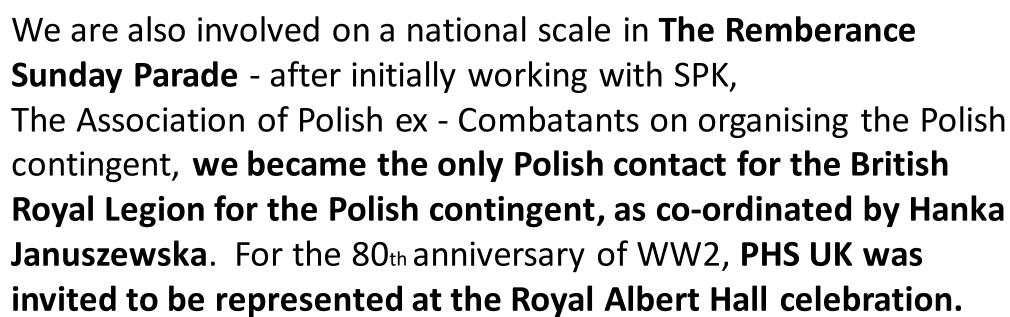
## **Spends & Donations**

Our largest investment and donation was for Ognisko Club. £22,000.00 + full cost of scaffolding for the repair and renovation of the Grade 2 listed front façade, excluding the balcony, which had already been commissioned to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. We also paid for some repairs to the roof and to some windows. The Project was delivered to the satisfaction of Westminster City Council.





What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Annual Cenotaph Parade in November - Remembrance Sunday







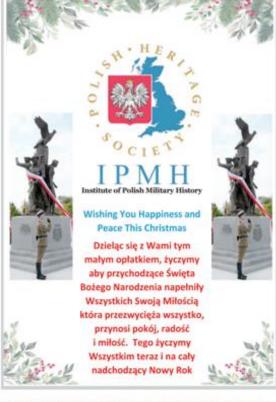




Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021 at the Cenotaph











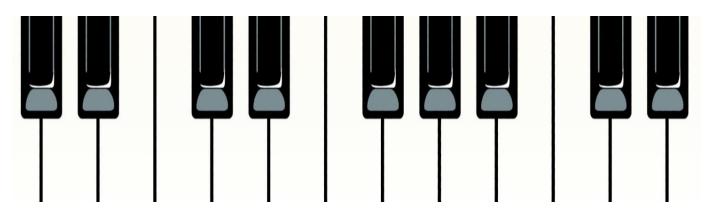








What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Public Concerts





Several Concerts including **Wojciech Kilar** at The Embassy and **The Polish Tango** at The White House, **Poniatowski Mass in F** at Westminster Cathedral Hall, **Andrzej Panufnik** Concert.



## The Polish Heritage Society UK have the pleasure of inviting you to a concert and reception







Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 pm The Embassy of the Republic of Poland, 47 Portland Place, London W1B 1JH



Wojciech Kilar (1932 –2013) was a Polish classical and film music composer. His film scores have won many honours including the best score award for the music to Ziemia Obiecana / The Promised Land in 1975 also The Pianist in 2002, directed by Roman Polanski. He received an award from the Cork International Film Festival for the music to From A Far Country (1981) about the life of Pope John Paul II. One of his greatest successes came with his score to Francis Ford Coppola's Dracula in 1993 which received the ASCAP Award.



Julia Samojło pianist



What Polish Heritage Society UK Does: Media Channels and

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**Military History** 



### The II Corps in the Italian Campaign 1944-1945

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland 10 Bouverie St, Temple, London EC4Y 8A

Registration/Coffee 0900-1000

Welcome by Dr Marek Stella-Sawicki MBE 1000-1030

Ambassador/Consul General

1030-1130 The Four Battles of Monte Cassino January-May 1944 -Session 1

Dr. Christopher Mann, Department of War Studies, Royal Military Academy

Sandhurst

1130-1230 Supporting the Battle: The Engineering Challenges of Italy Session 2

Major General John Drewienkiewicz (Retd)

## **The Institute of Polish Military History - IPMH**

An online Educational Institute that delivers online lectures on Polish military history, given by international world class historians via the Zoom Platform. The Dean of the Faculty of Military History is Jarek Garlinski, son of the famous Polish Historian Jozef Garlinski. Our Director of the Research Dept is Basia Korzeniowska who runs lectures on techniques for research etc. Our research Dept helps students with their personal history projects. Each academic year has two semesters, autumn and spring. Currently we have 32 lecturers working with the Institute, including several senior military professionals. Our current programme of lectures runs up to Easter 2024. Our lectures are marketed in the UK and USA via the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York, operating in 2 or 3 time zones in the USA and Europe.





### MEET OUR IPMH LECTURERS









Professor Andrzej Nowak



Professor Antony Polonsky



Dr Halik Kochanski



or Dermot Turing



Mr Jarek Garliński



Dr Paul Latawski



Ir Roger Moorhouse



Or Andrzej Suchcitz

#### **OUR NEW IPMH LECTURERS FOR 2021-2022**









From Left: Major General David Tadeusz Ząbecki, Professor Bolek Biskupski,
Count Adam Zamovski and Dr Franciszek Rozwadowski



....Nie ma co dużo mówić, chyba wszyscy robimy nie zła robote i coś pozostaje z tego – **a to najważniejsze**...

...There is not much to say, I think we are all doing a good job and something remains of it - and this is the most important thing...

Dr Andrzej Suchcitz FRHistS









#### Institute of Polish Military History UK

https://polishheritage.co.uk

https://www.facebook.com/polishheritagesocietyuk

### Autumn 2023 - Spring 2024

NOW IN TWO TIME ZONES (GMT & North America)



21.10.2023 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America Battle of Grunwald

Professor Sven Ekdahl

28.10.2023 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America Poland on the cusp of the 19th Century

Professor Antony Polonsky

11.11.2023 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America The Polish January Uprising 1863

Professor Andrzej Nowak

18.11.2023 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America Kraków in World War 1

Professor Alexander Watson

09.12.2023 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America Masterclass in Operational Art: The Battle of Warsaw

Dr Paul Latawski

#### **IPMH Spring 2024 Semester**

27.01.2024 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America The Polish Air Force in the Battle of Britain Mr. Richard Komicki

10.02.2024 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America The Berling Army

16.03.2024 Saturday 15.30 UK 11.30 North America Polish Soldiers and Civilians in Hungary 1939-1945

Dr. Halik Kochanski

20.04.2024 Saturday 15.30 UK 10.30 North America The Polish Presence in Wartime Britain















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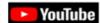
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1	The Battle of Warsaw, 1920: 100 Years Ago	Professor Norman Davies	17/10/2020
2	An Introduction to Poland's Security Dilemmas	Professor Andrzej Nowak	31/10/2020
3	Poland Between the Wars	Professor Antony Polonsky	14/11/2020
4	Forming The New Polish Army, The Influence of Józef Piłsudski	Dr Paul Latawski	28/11/2020
5	The Outbreak of WWII and Poland	Mr Roger Moorhouse	12/12/2020
6	Poland's Greatest Contribution to WWII - Enigma	Dr Dermot Turing	30/01/2021
7	Poland's Armed Forces during WWII and the complexities of an army in exile	Dr Andrzej Suchcitz	13/02/2021
8	Polish Political Developments During WWII	Mr Jarek Garlinski	27/02/2021
9	The Polish Underground State During WWII	Mr Jarek Garlinski	13/03/2021
10	The Eagle Unbowed - Poland's Place in the World	Dr Halik Kochanski	27/03/2021
11	Mieszko to NATO: Military Alliances in Polish History	Professor Norman Davies	09/10/2021
12	Poland's Security Dilemmas up to 1800	Professor Andrzej Nowak	16/10/2021
13	Generals: Kościuszko and Pułaski	General David Tadeusz Ząbecki	30/10/2021
14	Poland's Security Dilemmas after 1800	Professor Bolek Biskupski	13/11/2021
15	Poland's Armies during the time of Napoleon	Mr Adam Zamoyski	27/11/2021
16	The Personification of Poland's 19th Century Military	Dr Paul Latawski	11/12/2021
17	Struggle: Józef Zachariasz Bem (General) Poland's Politics: 1914-1939	Professor Antony Polonsky	29/01/2022
18	Poland's Cipher Security in WWII: -1. An Overview	Dr Dermot Turing	12/02/2022
19	Poland in WWII	Mr Roger Moorhouse	19/03/2022
20	Poland's Cipher Security in WWII – 2. Polish Intelligence traffic	Dr Franciszek Rozwadowski	16/04/2022
21	Poland: A Battlefield, 1812-1945	Dr Halik Kochanski	30/04/2022
22	Poland's Security Challenges through the Ages	Professor Andrzej Nowak	01/10/2022
23	Chicken Coop & Marauding Foxes: Military Strategy in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth	Professor Robert Frost	08/10/2022
24	War Against Russia 1792	Professor Richard Butterworth - Pawlikowski	15/10/2022
25	Three Partitions of Poland: 1772, 1793, 1795	Professor Antony Polonsky	29/10/2022

#### Polish Heritage Society UK

Institute of Polish Military History

We have now successfully completed 31 lectures and we do hope that you have found them both interesting and informative. We should also like to take this opportunity to thank the lecturers for their time and expertise. The next series of 9 lectures in Autumn 2023/Spring 2024 are now listed on the Eventbrite Website link below.



#### Tickets on www.eventbrite.co.uk

For more information, please contact us by email:

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### **Future Projects:**

We are in the planning stages of a professional theatre production of a two act play about 'Rescuing Chopin' – the Southbank Story. This is planned to go ahead at Worcester Guildhall in the New Year. A BBC theatre production director is working with PHS on this project!

### **Future Projects:**

We are always researching new topics and new lecturers to move our projects forward, and looking back over the 12 years of our existence, I hope you will agree that we seem to be doing something right, as PHS has been awarded a total of 14 Polish Government medals

Chairman – 8
3 Directors x 2 each
A total of 14 medals in PHS UK























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