

THE KOSCIUSZKO FESTIVALS



The Kosciuszko Festivals were the flagship events of **Kosciuszko Heritage Inc** (formerly the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation). Starting from the 2007 **Kosciuszko Music on Mt Kosciuszko** event they were held annually since 2007 till 2013, they celebrated multiculturalism, history and **harmony in the Snowy Mountains** area.

The festivals were centred on Australia's highest mainland mountain, Mount Kosciuszko, which was discovered and named by the explorer and humanitarian Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki after General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a renowned champion of equal rights and liberty for all of humankind.



Dream Lights

2013, February 23 to 24

Locations: Jindabyne and Mt Kosciuszko
featured: Centennial Mass on Mt Kosciuszko, Polish-Ngarigo friendship flights over Mt Kosciuszko, pianist Roy Eaton (USA) and Poles meeting Ngarigo, laser lights show at Strzelecki Monument, Polish classic music ensembles, songs, folklore dances



Over the Moonbah festival

2012, April 14-15

Locations: Moonbah, Jindabyne and Mt Kosciuszko
featured: Polish-Ngarigo friendship flights over Mt Kosciuszko, meeting Ngarigo Elders and their families, celebrating Moonbah historic place, Irish guests, folklore dances, Chopin music concerts, a Polish wedding at Strzelecki monument in Jindabyne



Day of Fun at Kosciuszko Run

2011, February 12

Location: Charlotte Pass Village
featured: Paderewski Music Academy from Chicago, IL USA, Snowy Strings Youth Orchestra from Jindabyne, Awarding Kosciuszko Run participants, Legendary Solidarity leaders Andrzej & Joanna Gwiazda from Poland, Lajkonik folklore ensemble from Sydney,



K'Ozzie Fest

2010, March 19-22

Locations: Charlotte Pass Village, Mt Kosciuszko, Jindabyne and Cooma
 featured: Joint event with Kosciuszko Run at Mt Kosciuszko & Multicultural Harmony Day in Cooma, meeting Ngarigo Elders and their families, Aboriginal and Polish folklore dances, Barker College Symphonic Orchestra from Sydney playing "Kosciuszko" conducted by Brendan Collins, Chopin concert, meeting Kosciuszko Run participants



K'Ozzie Fest

2009, April 17-18

Locations: Mount Kosciuszko, Jindabyne and Cooma
 Celebrating the winners of the Strzelecki Art Competition, tens of performing artists from around Australia, meeting Ngarigo Elders and their families, Aboriginal and Polish folklore dances, traditional walk to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko, meeting Strzelcki families from Australia and Poland, reporting on filming the Strzelecki's path to Mt Kosciuszko, Chopin music piano concert



Mound and Mount Kosciuszko Festival

2008, April 18-19

Locations: Mount Kosciuszko, Jindabyne and Cooma
 featured: Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival Competitions: Photography & Music/Song Writing Composition, tens of artists, including guests from Vilno, Lithuania, meeting Strzelecki families, commemorating Snowy Hydro buliders, Stanislaw Blum, Chopin piano concert, traditional walk to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko



Mound and Mount Kosciuszko Festival

2007, April 28-29

Locations: Jindabyne and Cooma
 featured: Polish folklore ensembles and dances, exhibition of posters from the Kosciuszko Music on Mt Kosciuszko event, mixing and sharing event with local artists, exhibition of posters about Strzelecki's discoveries and achievements, Chopin piano concerts'



Kosciuszko Music on Mt Kosciuszko

2007, February 17-18

Locations: Mt Kosciuszko and Charlotte Pass
 featured: Kosciuszko Music performed on Mt Kosciuszko by the Sydney ensemble Windjammers and by a Jindabyne artist Paul Dion, Polish Mountain Tatra folklore dances by Lajkonik from Sydney, soloists: Paul Dion, Halina Gadd, Slawek Kazan. The performance repeated in presence of local authorities on 18th February in Charlotte Pass.

2013 FESTIVAL DREAM LIGHTS



2013, February 23 to 24

Locations: Jindabyne and Mt Kosciuszko

Organized by Kosciuszko Heritage Inc



Dr Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek – the Chief Organizer of 2007-2013 Kosciuszko Festivals

President of the [Kosciuszko Heritage Inc](http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com)

Editor of [Puls Polonii](http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com) since 2004

<http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com/dreamlights/>

http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com/news/articles/2013_02_25.html#articles

Dream Lights, the 2013 Kosciuszko Festival, was held from February 23 to 24, 2013.

The festival celebrated the best of Aboriginal, Australian, Irish and Polish cultures, inspired by the achievements of the explorer Sir Paul Strzelecki and the majesty of the mountain he named after General Kosciuszko, a renowned champion of equal rights and the liberty for humankind.

[Click here to read articles about this historic event.](#)

[Click here to read article about preparations for the festival.](#)

The action-packed weekend featuring:

- a special guest, an acclaimed and award-winning American pianist Roy Eaton, dedicated admirer of Kosciuszko whose concert was dedicated to the Ngarigo people, the traditional custodians of Mt Kosciuszko;



- piano concerts performed by Roy Eaton and by Krzysztof Malek;



- a stunning visual laser display over Lake Jindabyne on Saturday night;



- a historical Centenary Mass on Mt Kosciuszko, celebrated by (then) Bishop Julian Porteous, and retransmitted at the Jindabyne Bowling & Sports Club;



- the movie premiere of *Polish Aboriginal Fraternity Flights over Mt Kosciuszko*,
a welcome with a special message by Dr Peter Hendy representing (then) opposition leader Hon. Tony Abbott,
an award to Kosciuszko Heritage Inc from Leszek Wikarjusz the President of the Polish Community Council of Australia;
Hon. Dr Peter Phelps, representing Barry O'Farrell, the Premier of NSW, Mayor of the Snowy River Shire Council John Cahill and Mr W Krzesiński representing the Ambassador of Poland A. Jaroszyński unveiling a plaque acknowledging contribution of indigenous guides to discovering and naming Mt Kosciuszko by Sir P.E. Strzelecki ;



- two Gala Concerts at the Strzelecki monument, featuring:

the Zayazd ensemble from Gdansk, Poland,



the Claribel Clarinet Quartet from Lublin, Poland,



- Olivia Kierdal, a young star from Sydney,
- the Kowalski Sisters, sopranos from Sydney,



the Theatre Group “Scena 98” from Perth,



- the Folklore Ensemble ŁOWICZ from Melbourne,



- the Folklore Ensemble LAJKONIK from Sydney, and



- Bogumiła Filip from Sydney and continuation of the Polish-Ngarigo fraternity flights over Mt Kosciuszko.



Kosciuszko Bier from Jindabyne and Polish bikies added to the folklore of the Festival.



2012 FESTIVAL OVER THE MOONBAH FESTIVAL

2012, April 14-15



Locations: Moonbah, Jindabyne and Mt Kosciuszko

Organized by Kosciuszko Heritage Inc



<http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com/moonbah/>

<http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com/moonbah/news.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqSO5R8sqLM>

Mass On Mt Kosciuszko

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_64qHCUGeI

K'Ozzie Fest 2012 Fraternity Flights

- 4.30 pm Mystery wedding (Kasia and Piotr from Poland) officiated by the Polish Consul-General, Mr Daniel Gromann
- 5.00 pm Over the Moonbah festival close; Polish BBQ in the park
- 6.00 pm Dinner at Banjo Paterson Inn (optional)

Festival Director: Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek
Master of Ceremonies: Dariusz Paczynski
Sound and Recording Engineer: Andrzej Strzelecki

Artists:
 Lynn and Darryl of the Celtic Pipers Band
 Arkadiusz Buczek
 Bogumila Filip
 Jolanta Komincz-Howe
 Polish Folkloric Ensemble Kujawy
 Polish Folkloric Ensemble Lajkonik
 Krzysztof Malek
 Wieslaw Rogolinski

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
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Over the Moonbah Festival

Saturday, April 14
 Moonbah and Jindabyne
 Sunday, April 15
 Jindabyne Aero Club, Mt Kosciuszko and Jindabyne

Festival Patron: His Excellency, the Ambassador of Poland in Australia, Andrzej Jaroszyński

Over the Moonbah celebrates multiculturalism, harmony and history in the Snowy Mountains area through a series of colourful, exciting events over two days.

The highlight of the festival is a set of friendship flights over Moonbah and Mount Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mainland mountain. Five pairs of Aboriginal and Polish Australians will take off into the sky, soaring over this beautiful part of Australia.

Over the Moonbah is organised by Kosciuszko Heritage (formerly the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation). The Foundation's past Kosciuszko Festivals include: Kosciuszko Music on Mount Kosciuszko (2006), the Mound and Mount Kosciuszko Festivals (2007-2008), the K'Ozzie Fests (2009-2010), and the Day of Fun at Kosciuszko Run (2011).

Welcome to the Over the Moonbah festival!
www.kosciuszkoheritage.com/moonbah

Saturday, April 14

Moonbah

- 10.00 am
- Mass celebrated in St Thomas Church by Rev. Fathers Peter Miller and Wieslaw Wojcik
- Pre-recorded song *Hi Australian Snowy Mountains* (lyrics by Joanna Kucyper, sung by the Academic Choir of Warsaw Agricultural University, conducted by Michal Dabrowski, music by Monika Szymanska and Arkadiusz Swierski)

11.00 am

- Welcome to official guests by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Dariusz Paczynski
- Welcome to Country by Ngarrigo Elders
- Tribute to John Hospodaryk, including his song *My Mountain Kosciuszko*
- Officials speeches (by the Hon. Dr Peter Phelps, Member of the NSW Legislative Council, on behalf of the NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell; Daniel Gromann, the Polish Consul-General; Tony Cahill, the Mayor of Snowy River Shire; and Dave Darlington, the Regional Manager Snowy Mountains Region National Parks)
- Live music by Lynn and Darryl of the Celtic Pipers Band, Canberra (part one)
- Ms Sabina Swierczek presenting Felix Molski's monograph about Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki's humanitarian work in Ireland during the Great Famine
- Official launch of Felix Molski's book *The Best of Human Nature: Strzelecki's Humanitarian Work in Ireland* by Mr Daniel Gromann
- Official guests receive a copy of the book
- Announcement: the book stall
- Mr Dave Darlington (NPWS): launch of the fact-sheet *Kosciuszko & Strzelecki: The Men, the Mountain, the Monument*, written by Ursula Lang, Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek and Felix Molski, produced by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services of the Office of Environment and Heritage on behalf of Kosciuszko Heritage Inc.
- Live performance: Jolanta Komincz-Howe, songs about Sir P.E. Strzelecki
- John Hospodaryk's *Across the Snowy* (pre-recorded)
- Special announcements before a live cross to the Polish Program on SBS Radio
- Announcements: Polish lunch and Kosciuszko Beer and Zlote Lwy tasting
- Lajkonik live performance (part one)
- Presentation by Polish Didgeridoo Maker Arkadiusz Buczek
- Kujawy live performance (part one)
- Presentation of Polish-Aboriginal pairs flying on Sunday
- Lajkonik live performance (part two)
- Presentation of special guests from Poland: all about the mystery wedding
- Kujawy live performance (part two)
- Live music by Lynn and Darryl of the Celtic Pipers Band (part two)
- Cabaret Vis a Vis (five songs by Jola Komincz, Bogumila Filip and Wieslaw Rogolinski)

Venue description: St Thomas Heritage Church premises and park, at 1202 Barry Way, Moonbah (12km from Jindabyne). The land for the church and burial ground was donated by an Irish convict's son, Thomas Pendergast, in 1861 and the church was built later by Irish settlers. It was renovated in the '90s by the late Fr. Wally Stefanski. It is possible that, amongst the Irish pioneers in the area, there had been Irish families encouraged by Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki to migrate after the infamous Potato Famine.



Jindabyne

- 5.00 pm Traditional photo session at the Strzelecki Monument
- 6.00 pm Chopin Piano Recital by Olivia Urbaniak at Horizon's Hotel
- 7.00 – 8.00 pm Intermission and finger food with a glass of champagne
- 8.00 pm Chopin Piano Recital by Krzysztof Malek
- 9.00 pm Announcements: program for Sunday

Sunday, April 15

Jindabyne

8.30 am
 (Optional) Mass at St Columbkille's Church (2 Kosciuszko Rd, Jindabyne)

9.45 am
 Movie premiere, *A Symbol of Freedom and Honour*, by Oskar Kantor (Oski Pictures) – a controversial story about the Strzelecki Monument (duration: 35 min.) – Jindabyne Cinemas, Visitors' Centre

Jindabyne Aero Club

- 10.30 am – 3.30 pm
- Official welcome and acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the Monaro Country
- Official speeches and Welcome to Country
- Speech by the Hon. Dr Peter Phelps MLC
- Presentation of Polish Aboriginal pairs nominated to fly
- Polish Lunch by Polonez Smallgoods
- A short lecture about Sir Strzelecki's relations with Aborigines, by Mrs Ursula Lang
- Live Show: Polish Folkloric Ensemble Kujawy
- Live Show: Lynn and Darryl of the Celtic Pipers Band of Canberra
- Live show: Polish Folkloric Ensemble Lajkonik
- Didgeridoo artist from Poland: Arkadiusz Buczek presents his Digital Didgeridoo Interface
- Performance by Cabaret Vis a Vis featuring Jola Komincz-Howe, Bogusia Filip and Wieslaw Rogolinski

Mt Kosciuszko

- From 10.30 am Watching the Polish-Aboriginal Friendship Flights
- 12 pm A special Mass to be celebrated at noon by Rev. Fr. Wieslaw Wojcik

Jindabyne

- 4.00 – 5.00 pm Kosciuszko Brewery tour and new brand sale (at Banjo Paterson Inn)
- 4.00 pm Another photo session at the Strzelecki Monument at Banjo Paterson Park over Jindabyne Lake

Jindabyne Aero Club is located on Tinworth Drive, off Barry Way, Jindabyne

Moombah Church, near Jindabyne, restored by late Fr Val Stefanski hosted the 2012 Festival and our Ngarigo guests, the Elders Aunties Rachel and Rae and their families.



Polish didgeridoo man Arek Buczek and folklore ensembles Kujawy and Lajkonik from Sydney at the Festival



Father Wojcik from Poland co-celebrated on Saturday a Mass in Moombah and on Sunday at the summit of Mt Kosciuszko. We also had Irish guests.



Director of the Kosciuszko National Park David Darlington and the President of the Jindabyne Aero Club Bob Young with their wives have been our guests and hosts at the same time.



Our talented pianists Krzysztof Małek and Olivia Urbaniak gave a wonderful Chopin concert at the Horizon Hotel.



POLISH-NGARIGO FRATERNITY FLIGHTS OVER MT KOSCIUSZKO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_64qHCUGeI

a short movie *K'Ozzie Fest 2012 Fraternity Flights*



Aunty Rae Stewart and her grandchildren, Aunty Rachel and her daughter Dr Doris Paton, as well as her young daughter had for the first time a chance to have a look at Mt Kosciuszko from above.



Consul General of Poland Daniel Groman, Hon. Dr Peter Phelps, representing Barry O'Farrell, the Premier of NSW, and Ngarigo Aunties Rachel and Rae have been the guests of the Festival.



A wedding from Poland at Strzelecki monument in Jindabyne



2011 FESTIVAL DAY OF FUN AT KOSCIUSZKO RUN



2011, February 12

Organised by
Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation

http://www.kosciuszkoheritage.com/past_festivals/funday/main.html

The Festival featured:

Paderewski Music Academy from Chicago, IL
Snowy Strings Youth Orchestra from Jindabyne
Awarding Kosciuszko Run participants
Legendary Solidarity leaders Andrzej & Joanna Gwiazda from Poland
Lajkonik folklore ensemble from Sydney
Polish food



Location: Charlotte Pass Village





Day of Fun at Kosciuszko Run

Program

SATURDAY, February 12

8:30am: start of Kosciuszko Run at Charlotte Pass Village.

9:00am: start of the Day of Fun at Kosciuszko Run festivities.

6:00pm: the festivities end and the clean-up begins.

7:00pm-10:00pm: sing-along at Pygmy Possum Lodge.

SUNDAY, February 13

9:00am: Strzelecki Walk from Charlotte Pass to Mt. Kosciuszko, organised by Strzelecki Heritage Inc. and Wild Walks.

11:00am: cleaning activity area; check-out at 12:00pm (noon).

11:30am-2:00pm: Polish lunch at the Banjo Paterson Hotel in Jindabyne, with Polish songs and dances featuring Paulina Pazdzior, John Hospodaryk, the Lajkonik Ensemble and Aussie music by The Band from Snowy River.

Saturday, February 12 at Charlotte Pass Village

Concert and picnic in front of Kosciuszko Hotel. In the event of adverse weather, the festivities will be moved to Pygmy Possum Lodge.

8:30am: start of Kosciuszko Run (from Kosciuszko Hotel).

From 9:00am-10:00pm: viewing of two photo exhibitions, *The First Historic Kosciuszko Run* and *30 Years of Solidarity*, presented on the ground floor of Pygmy Possum Lodge, 150 metres away from Kosciuszko Hotel.

10:00am: Polish folk music, including songs about Kosciuszko and Strzelecki, played from a CD, along with announcements.

10:30am: start of live concert, with all artists singing for the winners of the Kosciuszko Run. *Sing along with Zosia and Gosia! The lyrics of Smile on Us, Kosciuszko are printed overleaf.*

11:30am: medal presentation ceremony with the Polish Consul-General, Daniel Gromann, the AMRA President, John Harding, and the Strzelecki Heritage Inc. President, Paul Gospodarczyk.

11:45am: official speeches from the Polish Consul-General, Daniel Gromann, and Prof. Lidia Filus of the Kosciuszko Foundation in the U.S.

12:00pm: the live concert continues, along with a Polish lunch and Kosciuszko Beer and Kosciuszko Wines tasting.

1:00pm: the Paderewski Music Academy presents *The Music of Polish Kings*.

1:30pm: Zosia Kaszubski and Gosia Kaszubski sing about Polish landscapes.

2:00pm: the Snowy Strings Youth Orchestra presents classical and Aussie music.

2:30pm: John Hospodaryk sings about Mt. Kosciuszko, Strzelecki and Adyna.

3:00pm: *Where Chicago and Jindabyne Meet: A Ten-Minute Bracket with the Paderewski Music Academy and the Snowy Strings Youth Orchestra.*

1. Bushband Medley, Traditional Aussie Music, arranged by Maryanne Simpson.

2. Waves of Tory, Aussie Bush Dance Music, arranged by Maryanne Simpson.

3:15pm: welcome to the legends of Solidarity: Joanna and Andrzej Gwiazda.

3:30pm-4:00pm: *Road to Independence*; Zosia and Gosia Kaszubski present a special selection of songs to honour the Solidarity heroes.

4:15pm-6:00pm: live concert continues with Zosia and Gosia and John Hospodaryk.

6:00pm: A Day of Fun at Kosciuszko Run closes.

6:10pm: please help the organisers in the clean-up operation.

7:00pm-10:00pm: sing-along at Pygmy Possum Lodge. Everybody welcome!

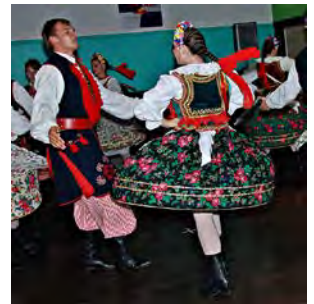
Hosting participants of the Kosciuszko Run from Charlotte Pass to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko



Fantastic Polish youth from Chicago **PADEREWSKI MUSIC ACADEMY** directed by Barbara Bilszta-Niewrzol and accompanied by Prof. Lidia Filus



Poles from Chicago (left), from Australia (right, Lajkonik) and the legendary Solidarity leaders from Poland Andrzej and Joanna Gwiazda (centre)



Snowy Strings Youth Orchestra from Jindabyne (below) hosted Paderewski Music Academy from Chicago



2010 FESTIVAL K'OZZIE FEST



2010, March 19-22

JOINT EVENT WITH KOSCIUSZKO RUN AT MT KOSCIUSZKO & MULTICULTURAL HARMONY DAY IN COOMA



Locations: Charlotte Pass Village, Mt Kosciuszko, Jindabyne and Cooma

About the Festival

The K'Ozzie Fest is an annual, vibrant celebration of the Snowy Mountains, Australia's diverse multicultural society and the ideals of democracy and freedom. It unites many forms of art and performance – such as music, song, dance, poetry, painting and photography – in a series of colourful, three-day-long events.

This year's festival celebrates the 170th anniversary of the discovery and naming of Mt. Kosciuszko, as well as the 200th anniversary of the birth of Chopin.

Who was Kosciuszko? [Get to know the man behind the mountain](#) by visiting our special section devoted to this remarkable individual.

Australia's highest mainland mountain is a magical place: a treasure that belongs to people everywhere. It is a symbol of democracy, freedom and justice. Come and join us to mark 170 years, celebrate our mountain and honour its namesake!

Aims

The K'Ozzie Fest celebrates the unique history and makeup of alpine and rural Australia, as well as the diverse communities that share it. It fosters community pride, builds inter-generational bonds and strengthens appreciation for different cultures and the environment.

The festival also raises awareness about important individuals, such as Tadeusz Kosciuszko and Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki. It recognises the rich history of the area and the values of many cultures.

K'Ozzie Fest Festival organised by the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation

Official Festival Program
Printer-friendly version



Friday, March 19, 2010

Locations: Charlotte Pass Village, Mt Kosciuszko (Summit) and Jindabyne

9:00 a.m. Traditional pilgrimage to Mt Kosciuszko. Walk from Charlotte Pass or the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift, which leaves from Thredbo.

11:00 a.m. The first-ever 'Kosciuszko Run' to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko. The run starts from the Kosciuszko Chalet Resort in Charlotte Pass Village. Total distance: 11km. This event is being organised by Strzelecki Heritage Inc.

12:00 p.m. Sing-along on the summit with the Polish Consul General, Daniel Gromann.

3:45 p.m. Medal awarding ceremony at Pygmy Possum Lodge in Charlotte Pass Village. A special song for the winner will be performed.

5:00 p.m. Piano recital by the outstanding artist Krzysztof Malek, to mark the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth. Jindabyne Anglican Church. Free entry.

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Location: Jindabyne

7:00 a.m. Strzelecki Walk with Pawel Gospodarczyk, starting at the Strzelecki Monument by Lake Jindabyne.

9:00 a.m. Photographic exhibition entitled *In Mud and Blizzard: Winter Expedition Along the Strzelecki Track*. NPWS Visitors' Centre. Photos by Oscar Kantor.

10:00 a.m. The premiere of Oscar Kantor's docudrama about Sir P. E. Strzelecki, entitled *Mt. Kosciuszko: The Frozen Years*, followed by Joseph Drewniak and Andrew Chodkiewicz's 27-minute documentary *Strzelecki's Return*. Jindabyne Cinemas.

11:30 a.m. Free tasting of Kosciuszko Wines. Viewing of the photographic exhibition *Filming in Jindabyne*. Memorial Hall.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch, featuring sausages, bigos (traditional Polish stew) and potato pancakes. Memorial Hall.

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gala Concert at Memorial Hall. Master of Ceremonies: Dariusz Paczynski. The concert will feature:

- A Welcome to Country from the Ngarigo Elders;
- Speeches from: the Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, the Mayor of Snowy River Shire Council, the Ambassador of Poland, the NPWS Snowy Mountains Regional Manager and the patron of the Kosciuszko Run, among others;
- Performances from: the Traditional Dancers of the Monaro, the folkloric ensemble Lajkonik, singers Beata Wald, Asia Lunarzewska and Jola Komincz, as well as the Barker College Symphony Orchestra, among others.

5:00 p.m. Gathering and photo session at the Strzelecki Monument.

7:00 p.m. Piano recital by Krzysztof Malek, to mark the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth. Quality Resort Horizons. Evening attire, please.

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Location: Cooma

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Harmony Day Gala Concert in Centennial Park, featuring:

- Speeches by: the Hon. Steve Whan, State Member for Monaro; Mr Witold Krzesinski, Deputy Head of Polish Mission; Dean Lynch, Acting Mayor of Cooma; Robert Korzeniowski, Patron of Kosciuszko Run; and Dr Lidia Filus, President of Chicago Chapter, Kosciuszko Foundation.
- In the program: Harmony Day Fashion Parade, Traditional Dancers of the Monaro, Monaro Dance Centre performance, Cooma Monaro Chorus, Bollywood Dancers, Barker College Symphonic Band, Cooma District Band, Caledonian Dancers, a Chinese Dancer, the Lajkonik Ensemble and a host of singers, including Beata Wald, Asia Lunarzewska, Jola Komincz-Howe, Paulina Pazdzior, John Hospodaryk and Andrzej Komorowski.
- Mistress of Ceremonies: Allison Jeffries.

10:00 a.m. (Optional) Mass at St Patrick's Catholic Church.

3:00 p.m. Screening of the docudrama *Mt Kosciuszko: The Frozen Years*, followed by *Strzelecki's Return*. Snowy Hydro Educational Centre (two kilometres north of Cooma's CBD).

Note: In the event of unexpected rain during the concert, the festival will move from Centennial Park to the Snowy Hydro Information and Education Centre (two kilometres north of Cooma's CBD), where several films relating to Kosciuszko, Strzelecki and the Snowy Mountains will be screened. In the event of inclement weather forecast for the whole day, the concert will be held in the Cooma Ex-Services Club, 106 Vale St.

Monday, March 22, 2010

Location: Cooma

7:00 p.m. Piano recital by Krzysztof Malek, to mark the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth. St Paul's Parish Hall. Special closing night performance. Meet the artist over wine and cheese. St Paul's Anglican Parish Hall (Commissioner Street, Cooma). Tickets will be available from the Snowy Monaro Arts Council. Ask for a concert program at the venue.

Note: The festival will be filmed by a Polonia Television team headed by Joanna Bator.

VIP's of the Festival: John Shumack, Dave Darlington and Prof. Lidia Filus from the USA.



Ambassador of Poland Andrzej Jaroszyński, Consul General Daniel Groman, Hon. Mike Kelly, Ngarigo Elders Auntie Deanna and Auntie Rae.



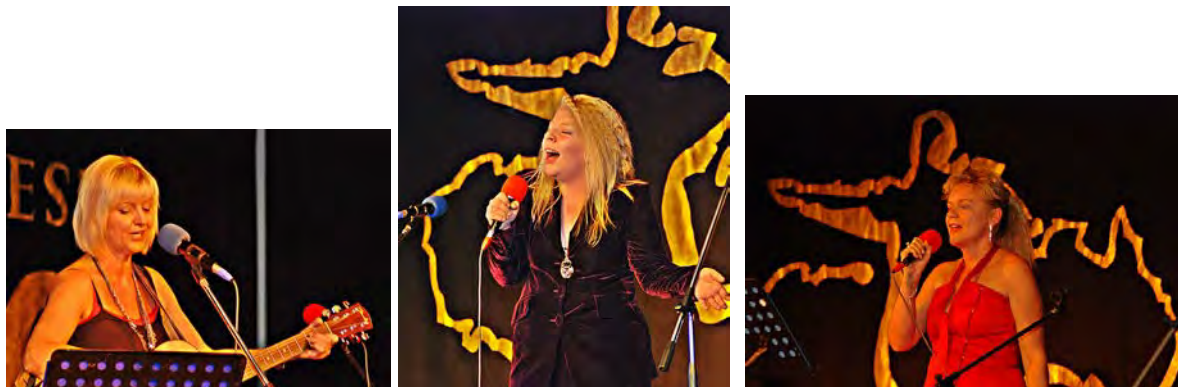
Ngarigo dancers and Auntie Rae Stewart with her daughter Sharon



Polish folkore ensemble Lajkonik



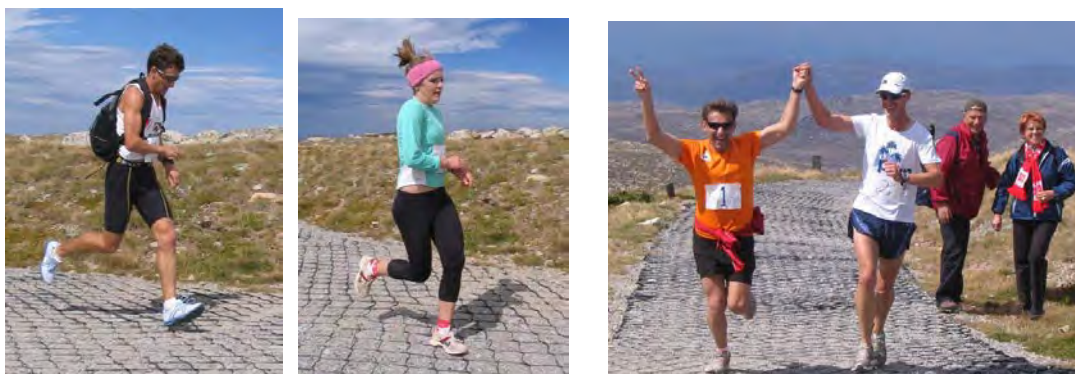
Polish singers: Asia Lunarzewska, Beata Wald and Jola Komincz



Barker College Symphonic Orchestra from Sydney playing "Kosciuszko" conducted by Brendan Collins



Scott McTaggart, Hannah Flannery and golden medallists from Sydney 2000 Olympics Robert Korzeniowski and Nathan Deakes



Robert Korzeniowski with Consul Daniel Groman Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek, Iris White, ambassador Andrzej Jaroszyński, Urszula Lang, and a meeting at Kosciuszko National Parks with Directors Dave Darlington & Steve Redden



K'OZZIE FEST IN COOMA



Polish folklore dancers at the local church and on the stage in Cooma Park



Ngarigo dancers contributed to the folklore of the day



And mixed with Asian folklore of the Harmony Day



Talented Polish pianist Krzysztof Malek performed in a Chopin concert



2009 FESTIVAL K'OZZIE FEST

Organised by the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation

http://www.kozziefest.org/kozzie_2009festival.html



2009, April 17-18

Featured:

Locations: Mount Kosciuszko (April 17), Jindabyne (April 18) and Cooma (April 19).
Tens of performing artists – young and old, from around Australia, and from different backgrounds –
entertained crowds at both the day and evening events.

Strzelecki Art Competition

Traditional walk to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko



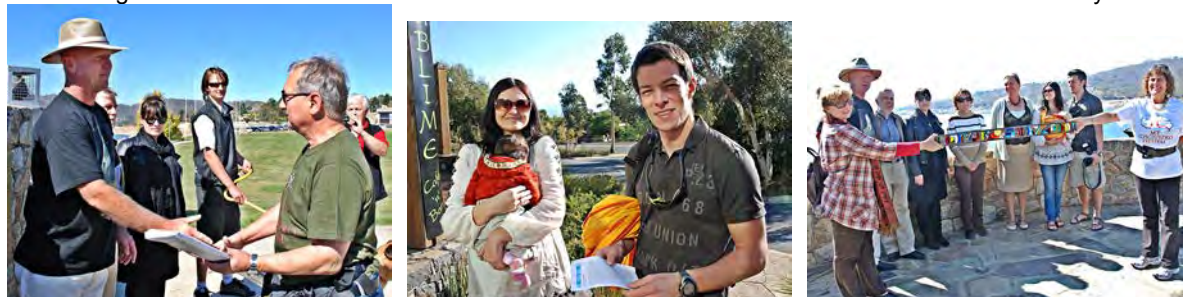
Exhibition of works submitted for the Strzelecki Art Competition



Reporting on filming the Strzelecki's path to Mt Kosciuszko



Meeting with Strzelecki families from Australia and from Poland at Strzelecki's monument in Jindabyne



Kosciuszko Park Directors, Australian and Polish distinguished guests and recording...



The winners of the Strzelecki Art Competition: Krystyna Burkiewicz and Natalia Krysiak



Mixing Polish and Aboriginal folklore



Polish folklore ensembles Lajkonik and Syrenka from Sydney



Mixing Classic Music and non classic art



Meeting with Ngarigo friends



Official parts of the K'Ozzie Fest Fetival



Welcome to Country by a Representative of the Ngarigo People of the Monaro, MC Caroline Fox, Mayor of Cooma Monaro Shire Council Mr Vin Good, and Mr Witold Krzesiński representing the Ambassador of Poland



Ngarigo dancers performing at K'Ozzie Fest in Cooma



The farewell Chopin concert in Cooma: Krzysztof Malek performing



And a local farewell '*We thank Polish People for their contribution to Australia*' on the way home to Sydney



2008 MOUND AND MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO FESTIVAL

2008, April 18-19

Organised by Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation

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Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival Competitions

Photography



& Music/Song Writing Composition



Locations: Mount Kosciuszko, Jindabyne and Cooma



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FKPP Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival Competitions					
Music/Song writing Composition Category for entrants over 25					
<p>The jurors of the music competition, comprising Robert Wolf (musician, composer), John Hospodaryk (singer, musician, composer and history teacher), Ursula Lang (Artistic Director of Festival) and Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek (President of the Cultural Foundation of the Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival) decided to award the following prizes:</p>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Prize of \$1,000 for the song about Tadeusz Kosciuszko "We are part of you, our Leader", music by Lech Makowiecki, lyrics by Tadeusz Buraczewski, from Gdynia, Poland 2. Second Prize of \$550 for the song about Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki, "Edmund, the Adventurer", lyrics by Regina Sobik, from Poland, music and production by Asia Lunarzewska, from Newcastle 3. Third Prize of \$300 for the song about the young love of Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki "List do Adyny", lyrics Marek Batorowicz, from Sydney, music and production by Asia Lunarzewska, from Newcastle 					
<p>The following entries received Special Commendation:</p>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highly Commended Prize of \$200 to Paul Dion, from Jindabyne, for his "Snowy Mountain Anthem" for which he wrote both lyrics and music. The Jury also decided to acknowledge this song about the immigrant workers of the Snowy Hydro Scheme by declaring it the Official Anthem of the Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival 2. Highly Commended Prize of \$200 for Christian values expressed through the song "Stanislaw" about Stanislaw Blum, to which Paul Mackay of Cooma, composed both lyrics and music 3. Highly Commended Prize of \$200 for the song "Letter to Adyna" by Jurek Scislowski, from Sydney 4. Commended Prize of \$100 for the song "Journey of the Mind", music and lyrics by Bunty Bisharah, of Jindabyne 					
<p>Congratulations to all prize-winners!</p>					
<p>Prize-winning entries will be published in the Commemorative Festival booklet "Mountain Whispers – Anthology". Prize-winners and jurors will receive a complimentary copy of the Festival booklet.</p>					
<p><i>Robert Wolf, John Hospodaryk, Ursula Lang, Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek</i></p>					
<p>Sydney, 31 March 2008</p>					

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Category of poetry-music, for entrants under the age of 25					
<p>The jurors of the music competition, comprising Robert Wolf (musician, composer), John Hospodaryk (singer, musician, composer and history teacher), Ursula Lang (Artistic Director of Festival) and Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek (President of the Cultural Foundation of the Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival) made the following decisions in relation to the competition.</p>					
<p>No major prizes were awarded, however, three Special Commendations, including one Highly Commended Prize, were awarded.</p>					
<p>With great pleasure, the jury decided to award a Highly Commended Prize of \$300 to 10-year old Paulina Pazdzior from Sydney, as a new emerging young musical talent. Paulina composed music to a poem by Maria Konopnicka about Tadeusz Kosciuszko: "There in the Swiss Free Land", and then sang the song to create her entry in the Competition. Paulina is the youngest individual performer in the Festival.</p>					
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Category of poetry for entrants under the age of 25					
<p>The jury in this category, consisting of Lucy Bracher from Cooma, Professor Robert Debski from Melbourne, Dr Maria Besemerer from Canberra and Dr Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek (President of the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation) from Sydney, decided to commend the following teenage poets:</p>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dannielle Kelley, aged 13, from Cooma, to be awarded a Prize of \$100 for her poem about Immigrant Workers of the Snowy Hydro Scheme. The poem was entitled "It was 1949" and was illustrated with archival photographs. 2. Joanna Sroczyńska, aged 17, from Konin in Poland, to be awarded a book about Mt Kosciuszko for her poem about Tadeusz Kosciuszko entitled "Passing days, and years flow by". The book by Alan Andrews is called "Kosciuszko, The Mountain in History". Her teacher, Mrs Wydrzynska-Wonder of the World. 					
<p>Roszak, will also be sent a DVD about the construction of the power station of the Snowy Hydro Scheme entitled "Operation Adamina". This facility is often called the 8</p>					
<p>Congratulations to all entrants!</p>					
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FKPP Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival Competitions - Category of photography for entrants under 25					
<p>This competition was called "The Young and the Talented". The jury comprised local photographer Ray Kilen from Benrath, Tom Koprowski, Ryszard Bator, Ursula Lang (Artistic Director of Festival) and Dr Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek (President of Cultural Foundation of Puls Polonii) from Sydney.</p>					
<p>The jury decided to give the following awards:</p>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First prize of \$600 to Shannon Mackay from Cooma for the photo of a young violinist and statue of Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki in Banjo Paterson Park entitled "Violinist and Statue" 2. Second Prize of \$400 to Lachlan Schofield from Cooma for the photo of young footballers "Cooma Colls on a Foggy Monaro Morning" 3. Third Prize of \$200 to Lukasz Swiatek from Sydney for the photo "Lajkonik's Historic Dance on Mt Kosciuszko" 					
<p>Special Commendations and books "Kosciuszko, The Mountain in History" by Alan E. J. Andrews are given to:</p>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sebastian Swaczynski from Sydney, for the photo "Girl from Cambodia" 2. Patrycja Krymowa from Konin, Poland, for the photo "Self Portrait in the Mirror" 3. Grzegorz Kocun from Sydney, for the photo "A Pair of Dancers from Syrenka" 4. Magdalena Kopydłowska from Sydney, for the photo of an Aboriginal boy "Little Reveler". 					
<p>Congratulations to all entrants!</p>					
<p>The prize-winning photos will be displayed in an Exhibition in Jindabyne and Cooma. They are also published in the Commemorative Festival Booklet "Mountain Whispers – Anthology", a copy of which will be given to both prize-winners and jurors.</p>					
<p>Attention: We wish to announce a new photographic competition for both young people and adults for the most interesting and enjoyable photographs taken at this year's Mound and Mt Kosciuszko Festival 2008 Results will be announced during the 2009 Festival. Details of this new competition will be announced in the media shortly following the Festival</p>					
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Official welcomes: Jindabyne Council Mayor John Shumack, National Kosciuszko Park Director David Darlington and Consul General of Poland Mr Ryszard Sarkowicz



Jindabyne: full Memorial Hall of audience, Polish folklore ensembles Lajkonik and Syrenka



Visitors from Lithuania and Polish artists Asia Lunarzewska & John Hospodaryk performing



Polish folklore in Jindabyne



Getting together at National Kosciuszko Park



Polish food and meeting a broad Strzelecki Family from Australia and Poland



Evening Chopin concert by pianist Krzysztof Małek at Horizon Hotel, Jindabyne



Cooma, Multicultural Mass in St Patricks Church commemorating Polish Snowy-Hydro builder Stanislaw Blum, a generous founder of the Blum Foundation



Polish and local folklore mixing in Cooma



2007 MOUND AND MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO FESTIVAL



Mound Kosciuszko in Cracow, Poland (left), Mt Kosciuszko (right), at the centre the MMK Festival poster

2007, April 28-29

Organised by the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation

http://www.kozziefest.org/kozzie_2007festival.html

Locations: Jindabyne and Cooma

Posters from Kosciuszko Music on Mt Kosciuszko presented as gifts to the Jindabyne Mayor John Shumack and Director of the Kosciuszko National Park Steve Reden; talented siblings Vendulka and Vasek Wichta from Cooma performing.



Exhibition of posters from the historic Kosciuszko Music on Mt Kosciuszko event on 17th February 2007



Official opening by Jindabyne Council Mayor John Shumack, Tom Barry and Consul General of Poland Mr Ryszard Sarkowicz



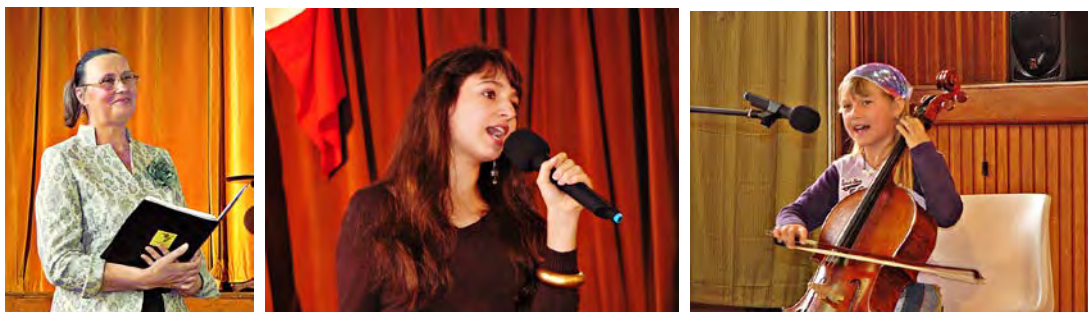
The *Windjammers* from Sydney, conducted by David Keetley playing Kosciuszko music; Professor Graham Wood, a godfather of the festivals, playing on clarinet



Lajkonik, a folklore ensemble from Sydney



Wonderful soloists: Halina Gadd, Olivia Kierdal and Vendulka Wichta



Lajkonik again...



John Hospodaryk and Olivia Kierdal singing about Strzelecki and Paul Dion and his Jindabyne choir presenting Snowy Mountain Anthem



Chopin concert performed by pianist Krzysztof Małek met with a standing ovation



Sunday 29th April, Cooma
Sharing the event with local artists from Cooma: David Turner recalled the melodies of Snowy-Hydro builders, Vendulka & Vasek Wichta played and sang popular Czech melodies



Lajkonik presented new dances



Chopin music performed by Krzysztof Małek. Leszek Strzelecki from Cooma organized an exhibition of posters showing Sir Paul Edmund Strzelecki achievements and discoveries



2007 – KOSCIUSZKO MUSIC ON MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO

Organised by the Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation 17 February 2007
Locations: Jindabyne and Charlotte Pass

Opening of the event by the Ambassador of Poland Jerzy Więclaw. A message from Dr Rokosz, Director of the Mound Kosciuszko Museum in Cracow, Poland, read by Masters of Ceremonies Darek Król and Alinka Mrozik from Lajkonik, a folklore ensemble from Sydney.



The godfathers of the event: Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek (centre), Prof Graham Wood (left) and David Keetley (right)



The dream came true:
The Windjammers from Sydney, conducted by David Keetley, playing Kosciuszko music on Mount Kosciuszko,



Lajkonik, a folklore ensemble from Sydney performing fiery Polish Tatra Mountains dances on Mt Kosciuszko



Song writer and singer John Hospodaryk from Sydney, a Jindabyne artist Paul Dion and poet Acacia Rose performing



Violinist Adam Wąsiel (left) and Paul Dion (right), a Jindabyne artist and the author of the **Snowy Anthem** and **Mountain Harmony** Puls Polonii, 2007-02-23.



Farewell pictures with Steve Reden, the Director of the Kosciuszko National Park and the Ambassador of Poland Jerzy Więclaw.



A Thank You Mass on the Mount for this successful and unique event and a wonderful weather



18th February 2007, Charlotte Pass

Meeting Kosciuszko Park Directors, representatives of the Jindabyne Shire Council and Leszek & Ryszard Strzelecki from Cooma



A glimpse of what happened yesterday on the Mt Kosciuszko:

Our wonderful soloists Paul Dion and Halina Gadd and the Windjammers playing Kosciuszko Music, with a view towards Mt Kosciuszko



Lajkonik showing their mastery of Polish Mountains Tatra dances



On the way back to Sydney a stop at the Kosciuszko Monument in Cooma

