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Zapik Theater at the Kids Euro Festival 2015



Igor Cvetko and Jelena Sitar Cvetko.

This fall, Washington, DC hosted the Kids Euro Festival, one of the country's largest performing arts festivals for children. This, the eighth edition of the festival featured more than 125 free events around the city. The two-week long festival was geared to kids ages two through twelve. From October 24 to November 8 the event presented artists in almost every performing genre, including puppetry,

dance, music, theater, magic, and storytelling. Also, several films and workshops were organized to showcase favorite stories from the E.U. Member States.

Kids Euro Festival is annually staged through the collaboration of the 28 Washington-based European Union embassies, and features artists from all 28 E.U. member countries, who perform in 30 major local cultural institutions. Slovenia was this year

represented by Ms. Jelena Sitar Cvetko and Mr. Igor Cvetko of the Zapik Puppet Theater, who introduced to the American audience traditional Slovenian finger-puppet theater through the play *Miška kaško kuhala/The Mouse was cooking Porridge*. In it, the puppets hide, steal chocolate, fall into water (and get safely out of it), carry corn into a mill, bake bread and cook porridge with the help of a mouse. The charming stories were brought to life through





Show at the Hill Center.



The stories were brought to life through interactive performance.

interactive performance with live music played on traditional instruments from around the world.

Musician and illustrator Igor Cvetko and director Jelena Sitar Cvetko created Zapik (<http://www.lutke-zapik.si/>) more than 10 years ago and have since toured with the show several other countries, including Russia, the U.K., and France. The show also won many awards at international festivals.

In Washington, the puppeteers showcased altogether 7 shows in English, and one in the Slovene

language for local Slovenian families. On Monday, October 26, they also appeared on TV Channel 9 WUSA morning show, Great Day Washington. You can watch the clip at: <http://www.wusa9.com/videos/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-washington/2015/10/26/kids-euro-festival-2015/74622420/>

In presenting the program in the framework of the Kids Euro festival, this year the Embassy of Slovenia collaborated with the Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, the Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, the

Children’s Inn at the NIH, Mann Elementary School (within the framework of the Embassy School Adoption Program) and the Library of Congress, where Ambassador Dr. Cerar read the children’s book, *Little Mountain-Fish Goes to Sea*, which he authored. The book, written in Slovenian, tells the story of a curious little fish living in a mountain creek, which wants to see the sea, and the adventures it runs into in its journey down the river to the sea and back. The book was translated into English by Vladimir Pregelj and illustrated by Miro and Metka Zupančič.



The play Miška kaško kuhala/The Mouse was cooking Porridge.



Performance at the Horace Mann Elementary School.



Storytime with the Ambassador at the Young Readers' Center at the Library of Congress.

CULTURE

Readings and Discussions with Poet Aleš Šteger



Reading at the Library of Congress.

Aleš Šteger.

The European Division of the Library of Congress, in partnership with the Embassy of Slovenia, organized on November 5 a literary event with the Slovenian poet, writer, editor and literary critic Aleš Šteger. At the book talk, Šteger read prose and poetry from his recently published books and talked about his work as a publisher, editor, author and program director of various literature festivals, including the Days of Wine and Poetry, which will next year celebrate

20 years since its launching. He also discussed his performative writing project, *Written on Site*, he has been working on since 2012.

The next day, Aleš Šteger introduced his latest book translated into English, titled *Berlin*, at the Washington Goethe Institute. The reading in German, English and Slovene and a discussion addressed the *flâneur* concept in German literature and his experiences when he lived and wrote in and about Berlin,

the new/old European poetic capital.

From Washington, Šteger traveled to New York to appear together with poet Tone Škrjanec at the Bowery Poetry Club at the launch of *Trafika Europe 5* – a Slovenian Interlude event. *Trafika Europe* is a NYC festival as well as an online platform, which features the new literature from all over Europe. The latest edition included Slovenian literature by Maja Haderlap, Goran Vojnović, Tone Škrjanec, Barbara Pogačnik



Šteger is also the program director of Beletrina Academic Press. Reading at the Goethe Institute.

and Aleš Šteger. Next week, on Friday November 13, Aleš Šteger also will present his book, Berlin (by Counterpathpress) in Boston at the Brookline Booksmith, jointly with its translator Brian Henry.

The most translated Slovenian author of his generation (his books have been translated

into 16 languages), Šteger has published poetry, novels, and essays. His texts have appeared in The New Yorker and many other international magazines. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the 2007 Rožanc Award for the best book of Slovenian essays (for Berlin). Among other prizes and honors,

his English translation of Knjiga reči (The Book of Things, BOA Editions, 2010) won two mayor U.S. translation awards (BTBA award and AATSEL). He was accorded the title of Chevalier des Artes et Lettres from the French government, and is a member of the Berlin Academy of Arts.

CULTURE

Film Night in San Francisco

On Friday October 30 evening, Honorary Consul Tom Brandi, Slovenian American Educational Foundation and Club Slovenia jointly organized the Annual Slovenian Film Night. This year's event featured the

war drama No Man's Land, a co-production of companies in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Italy, France, Belgium and the U.K. The film won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 2001. The screening was

attended by members of the Slovenian community in the San Francisco Bay Area and took place in the historic Slovenian Hall in San Francisco. Wine was provided for the occasion by the Blue Danube Wine Company.



Slovenian Students Receive Gold at U.S. Science Competition

A team of eight secondary school students received the gold medal at the 2015 International Genetically Engineered Machine competition in Boston, Mass. The students found a method for obtaining biofuel from organic waste. The team, under the mentorship of the National Institute of Chemistry and the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, competed in the secondary-school category against 35 teams from all over the world.

They presented a system of bioreactors which converts organic acid into biobutanol, a compound very similar to conventional fuels. The students impressed the iGEM jury with the scope and quality of their research, which surpassed the efforts of their competitors in many ways, said Albin Pintar, the students' mentor and Head of the Laboratory for Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the Institute of Chemistry.

According to Pintar, the project has much potential for further research in the coming decades. "The students' research can be easily scaled to the industrial level," he says. The competition is organized every year by the International Genetically Engineered Machine Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). This year, it took place between September 24 and 28 and was attended by 280 teams from all over the world.



PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Slovenia Presented at Cultural Festival in Mount Vernon

On October 10, 2015, Slovenia and its rich heritage were introduced at the Cultural Festival in Mount Vernon, VA, hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. Slovenia was among some 40 countries, which presented their culture, traditions, language, and food. The festival was themed "Love One Another", emphasizing tolerance, unity, and mutual

understanding of our differences as well as commonalities. Slovenia's booth was hosted by Tanja Uzar, who appropriately headed the presentation by saying that one cannot say SLOVEnia without saying LOVE. The booth featured the Slovenian flag, a large banner, pamphlets, fun facts, and, of course, potica, all donated by the Embassy of Slovenia in Washington.

The visitors were impressed by information on the economic development of Slovenia and its --despite its small size -- rich cultural and natural heritage. Many visitors were interested in the spa resorts, opportunities for hiking, and especially the central geographical location of Slovenia, which makes it a convenient stop on the way to many destinations

in Europe. Children loved learning about the Lipizzaner horses and the beautiful underground caves, such as the Postojna. Some visitors remarked they were surprised that they had not heard of Slovenia earlier or had not been aware of its natural and cultural beauty. Tasting potica (walnut-roll cake), baked by Sophie's Catering and Baking,

was the greatest success and a true testament to the rich culinary heritage of Slovenia. Four large trays served throughout the evening disappeared very quickly.

One of the visitors attended the festival particularly to see and hear the presentation of Slovenia, the home of her ancestors. She reminisced about

her grandmother preparing potica for the holidays, when she visited her in Slovenia as a child. The presentation ended with a short introduction to the Slovenian language, such as learning to say "I love You" in Slovenian ("rada te imam", "ljubim te"), and the invitation to visit and vacation in Slovenia. (Article and photos by Tanja Uzar)



ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Call for Filing Requests for Verification of Unpaid Old Foreign-Currency Savings

Pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Act Regulating the Enforcement of the European Court of Human Rights Judgement in Case No. 60642/08 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 48/15; hereinafter: Act), the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia hereby issues a

public call

for filing the requests for verification of unpaid old foreign-currency savings.

Subject and purpose of public call

All holders of unpaid old foreign-currency savings with claims against Ljubljanska banka d.d. Ljubljana, Glavna filijala Sarajevo (hereinafter: Sarajevo Main Branch) and Ljubljanska banka d.d. Ljubljana, Glavna filijala Zagreb (hereinafter: Zagreb Main Branch) are hereby called to file requests for verification of unpaid old foreign-currency savings.

Pursuant to Article 21, Paragraph 1 of the Act, the decision concerning the matters related to the verification of unpaid old foreign-currency savings at Sarajevo Main Branch will be postponed until the data under Article 9, Paragraph 4 of

the Act has been obtained. The date of this data having been obtained will be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia and on the website of the Succession Fund of the Republic of Slovenia.

Beneficiaries

Pursuant to the Act, the beneficiaries are natural persons who have a claim arising from unpaid old foreign-currency savings. The beneficiaries are also civil legal persons, who were holders of unpaid old foreign-currency savings according to the SFRY's regulations on foreign-currency transactions.

In the event that a natural person has acquired a claim arising from unpaid old foreign-currency savings on the basis of a valid legal transaction, he/she shall be entitled to pursue his/her request for verification only if the acquisition of the claim has been recorded at Sarajevo Main Branch or Zagreb Main Branch by December 1, 2015.

Method and deadline for submission and content of requests for verification

Request for verification should be filed in person or by mail with Sklad Republike Slovenije za nasledstvo, javni sklad, Glinška 3, SI-1000 Ljubljana (hereinafter: the Fund). For requests filed by beneficiaries in person, the Fund will be available for providing any assistance and clarifications. Requests for verification must be filed **from December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017**. In order to speed up the processing of requests, we recommend that they be filed by means of the form attached to the Rules on Filing the Request for Verification of Unpaid Old Foreign-Currency Savings (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 81/2015), which has also been published on the Fund's website at www.srsn.si. The form is to be filled out in accordance with the instructions published on the Fund's website at www.srsn.si.

A request for verification must include:

- beneficiary's name, date and place of birth, permanent address, or name and address of legal seat, as well as the tax

number or other identification number of the beneficiary;

- name and permanent address of the beneficiary's legal or statutory representative, if any;
- data on the unpaid old foreign-currency savings;
- in case of having obtained the claim through inheritance, indication of the legal predecessor and the basis for inheritance;
- mailing address if different from that of the beneficiary's permanent address;
- beneficiary's signature (in the event of filing by mail, the signature of the beneficiary on the request must be duly certified).

The following must be enclosed with the request:

- supporting documents concerning the old foreign-currency savings (an original or copy of the foreign-currency savings book or savings contract, or other documents proving the existence and the amount of the claim);
- a copy of the beneficiary's personal identification document;
- authorization or other individual document providing the basis for representation if a beneficiary submits a request through a legal or statutory representative (if the beneficiary is represented by a legal representative who is not an attorney-at-law, the authorization must be duly certified);
- a legal document providing the basis for legal succession;
- evidence identifying

the holder and number of the transaction or personal account to which the funds from the unpaid old foreign-currency savings are to be transferred;

- a written statement of the beneficiary assuming material and criminal liability, stating that the unpaid old foreign-currency savings has not been transferred to another person.

The Fund shall have competence for decision-making in the verification procedure. In the verification procedure, the beneficiaries, the existence and the amount of each specific unpaid old foreign-currency savings will be determined and the interest calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Act. In the event that the Fund finds that the request for verification is substantiated, the Fund shall prepare an indicative calculation, which will be delivered to the beneficiary's permanent address or mailing address. In the event that the beneficiary does not contest the calculation, the Fund will pay him the amount on the 30th day after the finality of the calculation.

Further information

Beneficiaries can obtain any further information on submission of the requests for verification from the Fund by e-mail: MF.Info-SRSN@mf-rs.si, or by phone: +(386) (1) 369-6969, and also on the Fund's website at www.srsn.si. Clarifications and answers to any questions regarding the verification procedures will also be published on the Fund's website.

Government Office For Slovenians Abroad -- Public Invitations For Tenders For Financial Support In The Year 2016

Based on the Act on Relations between the Republic of Slovenia and Slovenians abroad (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 43/06, 76/10) and the Government Decree on financial support for maintenance and development of the Slovene identity outside the Republic of Slovenia (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 139/2006), the Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Slovenians Abroad on October 16, 2015, published a Public Tender for Applications for the Financial support in 2016 for Slovenians living abroad.

The Public Tender for Applications aims to stimulate activities among Slovenians living abroad, who:

- consolidate and maintain their national, linguistic and cultural identity
- pave the way for

their interaction and mutual connection

- enable them to maintain their links with the Republic of Slovenia
- enable the maintenance of the structures and activities of Slovenian autochthonous national community in neighboring countries, as well as those of other Slovenians living abroad.

Public Invitations for Applications grant eligibility for applying for financial support to applicants who are individuals or legal entities located outside of the Republic of Slovenia, as well as those located in the Republic of Slovenia whose activities in the Republic of Slovenia aim to connect with and care for Slovenians abroad.

The documentation for the above mentioned Public Invitations for Applications is available on the website

of the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad, which can be found at <http://www.uszs.gov.si/>. Interested parties can also obtain the documentation in person at the Office's headquarters at Erjavčeva 15, 1000 Ljubljana on weekdays between 9:00 and 14:00 hours CET, and at any of the Republic of Slovenia's embassies or consulates general during their office hours.

The deadline for filing the applications is **December 1, 2015**.

For any additional clarifications and information, please contact the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad via email: urad.slovenci@gov.si, or call +386 (1) 230-8000 on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. CET.



Postal and Telecommunications Museum



The Postal and Telecommunications Museum is housed in the Polhov Gradec Castle. All photos are courtesy of Blaž Zupančič.

What better way to learn about Slovenia's history, art and heritage than by visiting various museums spread throughout the country? When making a list of things to do in Slovenia, do not forget about interesting galleries and museum collections. We will do our best to introduce as many as possible in our newsletter.

The Postal and Telecommunications Museum is a detached unit of the

Technical Museum of Slovenia. Formerly (1985-2008) housed in the Stara Loka castle in Škofja Loka, the museum is now located in the Polhov Gradec castle. Earliest written records indicate that the castle was built in 1315.

Originally constructed of wood, it was replaced in the 14th and 15th centuries by a masonry building. Still extant from the early construction stages are an interior wooden ceiling and stone Gothic portals. In 1999, the castle,

together with the park and Neptune's fountain, were declared a cultural monument of national significance, and in 2008 the Ministry of Culture passed it over to the management of the Technical Museum of Slovenia.

The Postal and Communications Museum contains exhibitions on Postal History, History of Telecommunications, and Živa's Corner, which is intended for the youngest visitors. The Postal History exhibit



provides an introduction to the development of postal services from prehistoric times until the present.

Four rooms contain models of postal carriages, reconstructions of post offices, uniforms of postal workers from different periods as well as a variety of postal transportation (e.g., horse-drawn carriage, bicycle, motorbike). Special attention is given to Lovrenc Košir, who is considered father of the postage stamp. Visitors can watch short films about the postal service, an animated film entitled *Whose is the Letter?* and listen to the tunes of the postal horn, an indispensable part of postilion's equipment. The History of Telecommunications exhibition takes visitors through the history of telecommunications, from the first electrical telegraph, telephones, teleprinters and telephoto equipment through Yugoslavia's first automatic telephone exchange in 1927. The exhibition pays special

attention to women telephone and telegraph operators. The development of telephony and telegraphy significantly contributed to the provision of new jobs, which were predominantly taken by women. The displays include a wide collection of equipment for sending messages over large distances. Visitors can listen 'over the phone' to how people used the telephone in the past and try out a telephone and a teleprinter exchange. A new exhibition, *(Tele)communications in the Past, Present, and the Future!*, was opened in 2015, offering a view of the development of mobile telephony in Slovenia and the world.

Živa's Corner aims at familiarizing the youngest museum visitors with the history of postal services and telecommunications with the help of games (*Find the Pair, Postal Services Through Time*) and various workshops (making a postilion's horn, postal worker's cap, rubber stamps etc.).



Postal and Telecommunications Museum

Polhov Gradec 61, 1355 Polhov Gradec, Slovenia

Opening hours: Tuesday through Friday, Sundays and holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last entry at 4:00 p.m.)

E-mail: muzejp@tms.si

Website: www.tms.si

T: +386 (1) 364-0083

The project is the result of many years of collaboration between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, Postal Service of Slovenia, Telekom of Slovenia and the Technical Museum of Slovenia.



Photos by Blaž Zupančič.

PIANIST ANA ŠINKOVEC BURSTIN PERFORMS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

Pianist Ana Šinkovec Burstin will perform Žiga Stanič's Toccata (world premiere), Beethoven's Sonata in A major, Chopin's Barcarole, and Scriabin's Sonatas No. 4 and No. 10. She is a graduate of conservatories in Ljubljana, Brussels, Bergamo, and Paris and has studied with prominent teachers, including Eugen Indjic, Dmitri Bashkirov, Vladimir Ogarkov, and Karl-Heinz Kammerling. She was a first prize winner at the Nikolai Rubinstein International Competition in Paris.

When: [Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, 2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20566](#)

More information: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/artist/B241124>

ADMISSION FREE.



Gary Bukovnik: Daffodils.



Ana Šinkovec Burstin.

GARY BUKOVNIK'S EXHIBITION: FOREVER SPRING

Cleveland born and educated, Gary Bukovnik has lived in San Francisco for over thirty years. His work is represented in diverse public and private collections around the world. Working in watercolor, monotype, lithograph and metal sculpture, Bukovnik in his work fuses sensual vitality with fluid colorations, creating floral images of tremendous depth and intensity.

Bukovnik's work is well known throughout galleries across America, and his work has been shown internationally in Italy, Spain, Luxembourg, Japan and, most recently, in China. His work is represented in various public and private collections, including The Brooklyn Museum, NYC; Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC; The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC; and The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH. Gary is also represented in The List Collection, NYC; Fine Arts Museums, San Francisco; Bank of America; AT&T; Clorox; Neiman Marcus; and the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles.

When: [Ongoing through December 18](#); Monday through Friday during business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: [Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008](#)

Admission free.

For more information see: <http://garybukovnik.com/> and <http://www.bonfoey.com/>

DINNER RECEPTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF DC AND WINE TASTING WITH DISTINGUISHED SOMMELIER FROM SLOVENIA

The International Club of DC and the Embassy of Slovenia request the pleasure of your company at an exclusive soirée to discover luxurious Slovenia with a dinner reception of traditional Slovenian delicacies and a tasting of the finest wines of Slovenia, presented to you by a distinguished sommelier from Slovenia. The evening will also feature a delightful presentation of Slovenia and an overview of our upcoming luxurious trip to Slovenia, our third such group trip to Slovenia.

This is a wonderful opportunity to feel Slovenia through all your senses!

When: [Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California Street, Washington DC 20008](#)

More information and tickets:

<https://www.internationalclubdc.com/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=CE7AA39F-FE74-4135-BCCF-51FAAD9A709E>

MIKLAVŽEVANJE IN WASHINGTON, DC

As he has the world over for more than seven centuries, St. Nicholas soon will come again to children of all ages in the Washington area. The Bishop Baraga Society, Lodge #257 of the KSKJ (American Slovenian Catholic Union), invites you, your family, and friends to join us at the 51st annual Slovensko Miklavževanje - Slovenian Saint Nicholas' Celebration.

Where: [North Chevy Chase Christian Church](#), 8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. Enter hall basement from rear parking lot.

When: [Saturday, December 5, 2015. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Program begins at 5:30 p.m.](#)

Admission: Free to children under age 14, members of the Bishop Baraga Society and other KSKJ lodges. A donation of \$3.00 is requested from others to help defray costs.

Contact: Chris Bohince, President at chrisbohince@hotmail.com or call (301) 451-7845 or (301) 622-2934

UPCOMING EVENTS - TENNESSEE

RIBNICA WOODWORKER'S CRAFT EXHIBIT IN KNOXVILLE, TN

The Arts & Culture Alliance of Knoxville, TN, will open a new exhibition of traditional woodenware from Slovenia, presented by the Ribnica Handicraft Centre with support by the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, DC and the Slovenian Consulate in Knoxville. The exhibition of wooden bowls, buckets, spoons, sieves, and other objects will be displayed in the Balcony gallery of the Emporium Center in downtown Knoxville.

When: [November 6 to 25, 2015, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [The Emporium Center, 100 S. Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902](#)

For [more information](#), please contact the Arts & Culture Alliance at (865) 523-7543, or visit www.theemporiumcenter.com

<http://www.knoxmercury.com/event/ribnica-handicraft-centre-traditional-woodenware-from-slovenia/all/>

UPCOMING EVENTS - NEW YORK

TRANSMISSIONS - AN EXHIBITION FEATURING WORKS BY THE OHO GROUP AT MOMA IN NEW YORK

Transmissions: Art in Eastern Europe and Latin America, 1960–1980 focuses on parallels and connections among artists active in Latin America and Eastern Europe in the 1960s and 1970s. During these decades, which flanked the widespread student protests of 1968, artists working in distinct political and economic contexts, from Prague and Ljubljana to Buenos Aires, developed cross-cultural networks to circulate their artworks and ideas.

When: [September 5, 2015 to January 3, 2016](#)

Where: [The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, NY 10019-5497; The Joan and Preston Robert Tisch Exhibition Gallery, sixth floor](#)

More information: <https://www.moma.org/visit/calendar/exhibitions/1588>

UPCOMING EVENTS - OHIO

GLASBENA MATICA CONCERT AND DANCE IN CLEVELAND

The Glasbena Matica Slovenian Singing Society invites you to an evening of "Remembering Musical Friends" on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Cleveland's legendary Slovenian chorus appears in a concert tribute to the people who inspire singers, musicians and music-lovers.

Listem to songs made popular by Frank Yankovic, Johnny Pecon, and Mary Udovich and Josephine Lausche, among others There are also salutes to personalities who recently departed, including Slavko Avsenik, Paul Yanchar, Frank Ivancic, and Bishop A. Edward Pevec. You'll enjoy favorite Slovenian and American tunes. Angela Perrine directs the chorus and Michael Cercek accompanies it on the piano. After the concert, dance with Patty C and the Guys, the Button Box Band of the Year.

When: [Saturday, November 21, 2015](#). Doors open at 4:00 with refreshments, sandwiches and dinner specials available. The concert begins at 5:45. Patty strikes up the band after the show at 7:00.

Where: [Slovenian National Home, at 6417 St. Clair Avenue, in Cleveland, OH.](#)

Admission to the concert is \$17; under 12 free. Tickets are available from chorus members and the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 East 222nd Street in Euclid, OH (216) 261-3263.

THANKSGIVING POLKA WEEKEND IN CLEVELAND

Treat yourself to a spectacular festival of music and dancing at the 52nd annual Thanksgiving Polka Party Weekend, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 26, 27 and 28, 2015. The Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel becomes America's polka headquarters with the finest Cleveland-Style entertainers, plus Denis Novato, the world button accordion champion in a rare U.S. appearance. The high point is the 2015 Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday, November 28. Twenty-three Cleveland-Style and Slovenian-Style orchestras and entertainers play for three days of dancing. This year's theme, "A Century of Polka," celebrates the 100th birthdays of Frank Yankovic and Johnny Pecon and remembers the music of Slovenia's Slavko Avsenik.

When: [November 26, 27 and 28, 2015](#)

Where: [Downtown Cleveland Marriott, 127 Public Square in Cleveland, OH](#)

For dance and show tickets, call the [Polka Hall of Fame](#), (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or polkashop@aol.com .