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Slovenia Participates at La Grande Fête de la Francophonie

On Friday, March 27, 2015, the Embassy of France in Washington hosted perhaps the most eagerly anticipated event during "le mois de la francophonie", La Grande Fête de la Francophonie. The traditional a cultural and promotional event, which attracted around 2000 visitors, was the highlight of the annual Francophonie Cultural Festival, which takes place in

Washington, this year from March 5 until April 1.

Slovenia traditionally participates in the event due to its status as an observer at the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF - Organisation internationale de la Francophonie). Although Slovenia is not a French-speaking country, our embassy recorded a large number of visitors at the presentation of our



tourist attractions and cultural characteristics. The visitors were invited to sample Slovenian traditional foods, and a lot of their attention and admiration was also devoted to the Slovenian national costume. Next to Slovenia, more than 30 embassies of member and observer states joined in presenting their culture and cuisine.





Slovenian booth.



Guest could taste Carniolian sausages and potica.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Virginia, MN, High School Students visit the Embassy

A group of twelve high school senior students from Virginia, MN, and their chaperones, stopped by at the embassy of Slovenia on Thursday, March 26, during their trip to the nation's capital. The purpose of the visit was to learn about Slovenia, its touristic, geographical, historical, economic and cultural features and to hear about the activities

of a diplomatic mission. In addition to Ms. Nuška Zakrajšek, the cultural officer, the 17- and 18-year-olds were also welcomed by the Ambassador, Dr. Božo Cerar, who talked with them about his role as the ambassador to the United States, presented current topics in international relations and answered their question.

While visiting Washington,

the group also visited the White House, the Library of Congress, the Pentagon, and the U.S. Supreme Court, along with memorials, museums and many other significant places. Students also had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Senators from Minnesota, Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar, who is of Slovenian ancestry and comes from the Iron Range area.



Law Students from Ljubljana at the Embassy

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, a group of 35 senior law students of the University of Ljubljana School of Law (Pravna fakulteta Univerze v Ljubljani), accompanied by Professor Franjo Štiblar, PhD, visited the Slovenian Embassy.

Students were first acquainted with some facts about the mission of the embassy and its range of activities. After the welcoming remarks by cultural and public diplomacy officer, Ms. Nuška Zakrajšek, economic counselor Mr. Gorazd Renčelj presented the main features of the economic and trade cooperation between Slovenia and the U.S. Ms. Tjaša Tanko explained to the students what kind of assistance the consular department can offer to Slovenian citizens, whereas Ms. Petra Langerholc described her work as the political counselor. The discussion was also joined by Ambassador Dr. Božo Cerar, who outlined basic features of work in the field of diplomacy, and answered questions about



the Slovenian and American foreign policy priorities and bilateral relations between the two countries. Her work in the field of the competition law presented Urška Petrovčič, who works at the local consulting firm and also joined the debate.

During their stay in the nation's capital, in addition to visiting the Slovenian Embassy, the group also visited the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Global Legal Research Center at the Library of Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S.

Department of State as well as U.S. Congress.

Prior to its visit to Washington, the group visited New York City, including the Slovenian mission to the U.N., the New York City Criminal Court, the New York State Supreme Court's Appellate Division and its Civil Branch, the law firm Seward & Kissel, LLP, and the U.S. Eastern District court of New York. They also met with New York State Judge and Surrogate Frank J. LaBuda, who explained to the students the American legal system.



Jacqueline Widmar Stewart Presents Finding Slovenia

As part of the Embassy Adoption Program, this year, the Embassy of Slovenia is bonded with the fifth graders of the Hearst Elementary School in Northwest Washington, who have been since the beginning of the school year learning about their adoptive country, Slovenia.

In order to expand the students' knowledge about Slovenia, the embassy arranged a lecture by American Slovenian writer Jacqueline Widmar Stewart. The purpose of her visit to the class on March 25 was to introduce her work as a writer and to present her guidebook *Finding Slovenia*, the second book she wrote.

The students were enchanted by her storytelling as she shared with them her own experiences which she drew upon while working on the guide. She gave them a broader insight into the country's history, culture and landscape, and at the end also presented a signed copy of the book to the class as a gift.



ENHANCING HUMAN SECURITY

ITF Director Visits the U.S.

Director of International Trust Fund ITF Enhancing Human Security, Ambassador Damjan Bergant, visited Washington, D.C., last week. He had a number of meetings with the representatives of the U.S. State Department, U. S. House of Representatives, and several international institutions (Organization of American States, World Bank, USAID). The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen cooperation and promote ITF activities in reducing threats to human security from mines and

explosive remnants of war, as well as in facilitating safe and long-term development in the conflict-affected communities.

The talks have been very constructive. There has been great interest and a positive perspective expressed on continued support of ITF activities from all relevant stakeholders, especially as far as disruptive conflict and post-conflict issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine, and Colombia are concerned.

ITF is a humanitarian, non-

profit organization devoted to the elimination of threat from post-conflict and disruptive challenges, including landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and the illicit ownership and use of small arms and light weapons (SALW), in Southeast Europe and other affected regions in the world.

Established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in March 1998 (as a public entity of private law), the ITF had as its initial purpose helping Bosnia and Herzegovina



ITF Director Bergant with Congressman Mike Turner (OH).



Dir. Bergant with Amb. Adam Blackwell, Secretary for Multidimensional Security at OAS.

in the implementation of the peace agreement and to provide assistance and support in relation to post-conflict rehabilitation.

Since its inception, ITF has expanded its activities to include the elimination of landmine

problems and helping landmine survivors with comprehensive rehabilitation across the region of Southeast Europe. As the European Commission acknowledged ITF as the reference model of regional organization in mine action, ITF

was asked by mine-affected countries and donors to expand operation to other mine-affected regions and countries. More information on ITF projects and activities: <http://www.itf-fund.si/>, where one can also get involved as a donor.

CONSULAR AFFAIRS

Two Legislative Initiatives by the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry

Proposed by the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry are two initiatives to start a legislative process to adopt the

- Law on the changes of and additions to the Law on the changes of and additions to the Act on Farmland and Forest Fund of the Republic of Slovenia (Predlog zakona o spremembah in dopolnitvah Zakona o skladu kmetijskih zemljišč in gozdov Republike Slovenije) and

- Law on the changes of and additions to the Income tax law (Predlog zakona o spremembah in

dopolnitvah Zakona o dohodnini)

If you are a Slovenian citizen residing in the U.S. and would like to support one or both initiatives, either of which needs the support of 5,000 verified signatures within 60 days (collected from **March 27 to May 25, 2015**), please, contact the embassy's consular office for an appointment.

Authentication of a signature on the support sheet available on the link bellow needs to be done in person at the embassy. Please, request an appointment by electronic mail at vwa@gov.si. Suggest

a day and hour within official hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Wednesday 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.). You can also address any questions through the same e-mail contact.

More information and the support sheet form are available at: http://washington.embassy.si/index.php?id=814&tx_ttnews%5Bttnews%5D=24165&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=813&cHash=50dbaedd014390d2cfafcb66e6f02c18.

Please note that the information is in Slovene.

Destrnik



The municipality of Destrnik stretches over the sunny Slovenian Hills (Slovenske gorice) north of Ptuj and the shallow valleys carved out by the tributaries of two rivers: Pesnica on one side and Rogoznica on the other. It is enriched by pristine natural surroundings and other natural and cultural heritage sites. Its distinctive panorama is adorned by a school, the Volkmerjev home of culture, and the church of St. Urban. The municipality encompasses 17 villages: Desenci, Destrnik, Dolič, Drstelja, Gomila, Gomilci, Janežovci, Janežovski Vrh, Jiršovci, Ločki Vrh, Levanjci, Placar, Strmec pri Destrniku, Svetinci, Vintarovci, Zasadi, and Zgornji Velovlek. The Destrnik municipality covers an area of 34.4 km² (13.4 sq. mi.) and has 2650 inhabitants.

Some sites in Destrnik date back to the Iron Age. Archaeological sites, such as the tombs and burial mounds at Janežovci, Gomila, Drstelja, Placar, Gomilci and Zg. Velovlek, bear witness of Celtic settlements.

Some time around 1100, the Counts of Szekeli erected a



Distinctive panorama of Destrnik.

chapel of St. Urban, patron saint of viticulture, on a hill with an elevation of 350 m (1145 ft.). In the early 16th century (1508-1518), the chapel was replaced by a church. This, late Gothic church was renovated in 1768 in the Baroque style and restored in 1888. The main aisle of the church has an star-shaped ceiling supported by fluted pillars. The main altar is the work of J. Holzinger and was created before the year 1770. The parish of St. Urban's, which brings together Christians of all 17 villages, was founded in 1670.

During the Ottoman Empire, this area was frequently passed by Turkish armies en route to Vienna. Destrnik was also often affected by the plague, especially in the years 1623-1625 and in 1646. As a testament to such historical events, the landscape is still today dotted by roadside memorial chapels and shrines.

In 1776, a primary school was founded in Destrnik. In 1784, a very active priest, excellent teacher and poet, Leopold Volkmer, moved to Destrnik. He founded a seminary, in which many students were raised and educated, some of which were important to Slovene culture. In 1924, a new school was built and, by 1952 renovated several times. In the school year 1997/98, it was re-built into an energy-efficient school.

The municipality has a modern infrastructure. As only a few small craftsmen and entrepreneurs work in Destrnik, there is no industrial pollution. Due to its attractive natural landscape, recreational activities such as cycling and hiking have fostered local tourism industry. A great deal of attention has been paid mainly to the preservation of natural and cultural heritage, thanks especially to individual associations operating in the municipality.



The church of St. Urban.

Destrnik has been for some time seeking investors for a project called Terme Gaja. A few years ago, in an area of abandoned clay pits, thermal water was discovered. At that time, the idea of a large tourist project was conceived, but did not progress due to inability to obtaining financing. The main proponents of the development of tourism are still looking for investors to build the tourist complex.

Along a local road leading from the center of Destrnik to the cemetery and located in the village of Vintarovci, stands an approximately 300 year old homestead, which the locals call "Toplečkina hiša" or Toplečka's house. It measures 9.10 × 4.30 m (30 by 14 ft.) and is oriented in the north-to-south direction. The basement is built of brick, while the upper part is made of wood. Wooden beams are plastered with mud mixed with chopped straw, what the locals call "cimper". The attic is made of sideboards of wood, which have decorative holes which

also serve for ventilation. Each beam bears carvings. The roof was originally thatched, but later covered with tiles. On the west side are three blind, originally real, windows. Also, on the north side, next to the real window, there is blind one. The entrance, which is on the east side, can be reached by stone steps and through the wooden "gank", which is supported by

wooden pillars. In the Viničarija (winegrower's cottage) there is a room in which the way of life of the former winegrowers and many old objects are on display. There is also shown a documentary movie, which portrays the way in which winegrowing families used to live.

These are just a few facts -- but there is so much more to touch, see and taste. An enchanting landscape, kind people and great culinary experiences await the visitor in all the 17 villages of Destrnik.

Contact and information:
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Vintarovci 50, 2253 Destrnik,
Slovenia; e-mail: [obcina.
destnik@destrnik.si](mailto:obcina.destnik@destrnik.si)
and

TOURISM SOCIETY OF
DESTNIK, Destrnik 9, 2253
Destrnik, Slovenia; e-mail:
tddestrnik@gmail.com



Viničarija – winegrower's cottage.

Consular Hours in New York City

The consular officer from the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington will hold consular hours and provide consular services (authentications, certifications, passport applications, etc.) in New York City **on Friday, April 17**, at the premises of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations, located at 630 Third Avenue (20th floor), New York, NY. 10017 (Please note the new address!).

To schedule an appointment, please, fill out the form available on the embassy's website and send it to the Embassy of Slovenia at vwa@gov.si by April 13, 2015, to allow the embassy enough time to verify your data. The embassy will suggest the time of your appointment and give you further information on the documentation you need to bring along.

You may also visit the embassy website:

<http://washington.embassy.si/> (Consular Affairs, Visas) for documents required for most consular services. Please, note that the consular fee must be paid with a money order made out to "Embassy of Slovenia". Cash, personal checks or credit cards will not be accepted. Due to security reasons, prior appointment is needed to enter the premises of the Mission.

E.U. Open House -- Volunteers Needed

On **May 9, 2015**, diplomatic representations of Member States of the E.U. and the E.U. Delegation to the United States in Washington will celebrate Europe Day by organizing the eight annual E.U. Open House day. The embassies of all 28 member countries and the E.U. Delegation will open their doors **from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** showcasing their

art, culture, and food, and introducing the European Union to the public.

Last year, over 4000 people visited the Slovenian embassy, and this year even more visitors are expected. Since the event has gained extreme popularity and success, we are looking for volunteers to help us welcome the guests and to direct visitors to the

embassy at the nearby bus stop. To register and for more information, please, contact nuska.zakrajsek@gov.si. **Please sign up by April 24, 2014.** Orientation and training session for first-time volunteers will be held at the Embassy of Slovenia on Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. (before the evening event with the International Club of DC).

EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD IN WASHINGTON

The traditional Slovenian Easter blessing of food will take place on Holy **Saturday, April 4, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Slovenian Chapel of Our Lady of Brezje, located on the lower level of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**, 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, Northeast, in Washington. The event is sponsored jointly by the Bishop Baraga Society -- Lodge No. 257 of the KSKJ (Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliška Jednota - American Slovenian Catholic Union) and the local lodge of the Slovenian Union of America (formerly the Slovenian Women's Union of America). The blessing is open to members, friends and the public.

The following day, Easter Sunday, April 5, Father Raymond Wadas will celebrate Mass in the Slovenian language at 11:00 a.m., also in the Chapel of Our Lady of Brezje as he usually does on the first Sunday of the month.

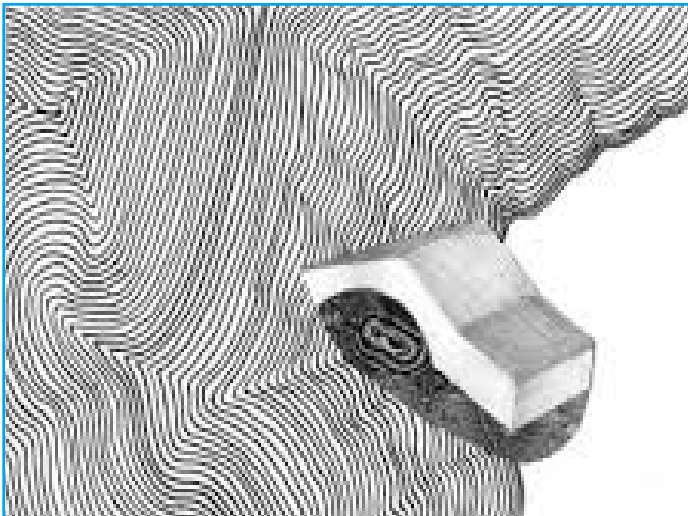
A TASTE OF SLOVENIA: Embassy of Slovenia Dinner Reception and Opening of Contemporary Illustration Exhibition

The evening begins with a short presentation of Slovenia and Slovenian culture, geography, trade, and tourism, followed by the opening of an exhibition of modern Slovenian illustration. The exhibits are a selection from the Biennale of Independent Illustration, one of the highlighted cultural events in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. In cooperation with International Club of DC.

When: [Thursday, May 7, 2015](#) at 7:00 p.m.

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

More information: <https://www.internationalclubdc.com/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=D153D8EF-EA7B-4B85-84C1-ECF6957111C9>



Biennale of Independent Illustration.



Marko Hatlak.

A CONCERT BY MARKO HATLAK, ACCORDION

Slovenian accordionist Marko Hatlak explores the versatility of the accordion in a solo concert featuring baroque, contemporary and folk music. Hatlak's unique, original interpretation of each individual piece, regardless of the style, evokes an emotionally thorough and authentic experience in the audience. At one moment we witness energetic melodies in the rhythm of tango, at the next we travel with him to the hidden corners of Slovenia. His performance of baroque and contemporary music opens up the immeasurable depths of harmonies of the composing genius J. S. Bach and innovative composition of the present time. Hatlak uses a comical tone to tell stories about the pieces he heard and spices up some of them by singing. He attracts the entire audience to the musical interaction and makes the scene pulsate in lively rhythms.

When: [Saturday, May 23, 2015](#) at 6:00 p.m.

Where: [Kennedy Center Millennium Stage | 2700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20566](#)

More information: www.kennedy-center.org

VTIS EVENT IN BOSTON: SLOVENE EXPERTISE AROUND THE WORLD

Društvo v tujini izobraženih Slovencev - VTIS (Association of Slovenes Educated Abroad) is organizing an event called "VTIS Boston: Slovene Expertise Around the World". The event will feature short presentations of the work of Slovenes who are active at universities, research institutes and in business in and around Boston, MA. The goals of the event are to showcase the talent and promote the work of Slovene experts in various fields, to facilitate cooperation and networking among Slovene students, researchers, academics, businesspeople and other members of the Slovene community in Boston, as well as to encourage the strengthening of the links between Slovenia and the U.S.

Five Slovene researchers, academics and businesspeople will be presenting their work in 15-minute long "lightning talks" and answer questions from the audience. They are:

- Dr. Andrej Barbič, Counsel, WilmerHale
- Nina Beguš, PhD student in the field of Comparative Literature, Harvard University
- Prof. Anton Mavretič, Professor and Researcher in the field of Physics, Boston University
- Matej Markota, Dr. med., Researcher in the field of Psychiatry, Harvard University
- Prof. Lidija Polutnik, Professor of Economics, Babson College

The speakers will present their work in English, since non-Slovene participants are also expected. The presentations will be followed by a reception.

When: [Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [Harvard Medical School, Modell Center Room 100A, 210 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.](#)

To [RSVP](#), please visit the following page: <http://goo.gl/hwuLWw> (in Slovene) or <http://goo.gl/1cLju0> (in English). To get more information about the event or the Association in general, please visit the website at <http://www.drustvovtis.si> (in Slovene) or contact it on info@drustvovtis.si.

WILD CHILD IN THE CITY by TJAŠA FERME

As part of the inaugural season of FLYING SOLO Festival, writer and award-winning performer TJAŠA FERME will present her brand-new one-woman show WILD CHILD IN THE CITY, an absurdist comedy chronicling her quest to find a livable apartment in New York City. Directed by the immersive theater expert Ana Margineanu (NYITA-winner The Window: 4 ALICE; LES: Broken City), the show is structured to invite interaction with the audience and transform viewers into active participants. The piece will be shown at the main stage of The Secret Theater in Long Island City as part of the Flying Solo Festival.

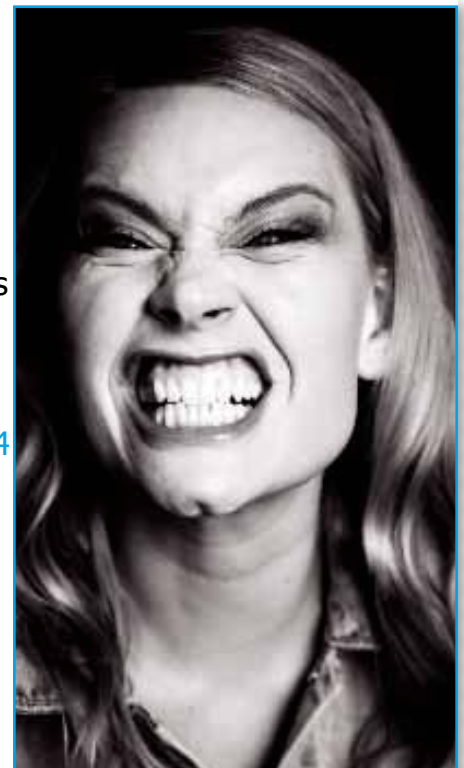
When: [Thursday, April 2 at 8pm; Friday, April 3 at 8pm; Saturday, Apr 4 at 8pm; Sunday, Apr 5 at 3 pm](#)

Where: [The Secret Theatre](#), 4402 23rd St, Long Island City, NY 11101, between 44th Rd and 44th Ave. (Subways: E,M,G,7,N,R,F)

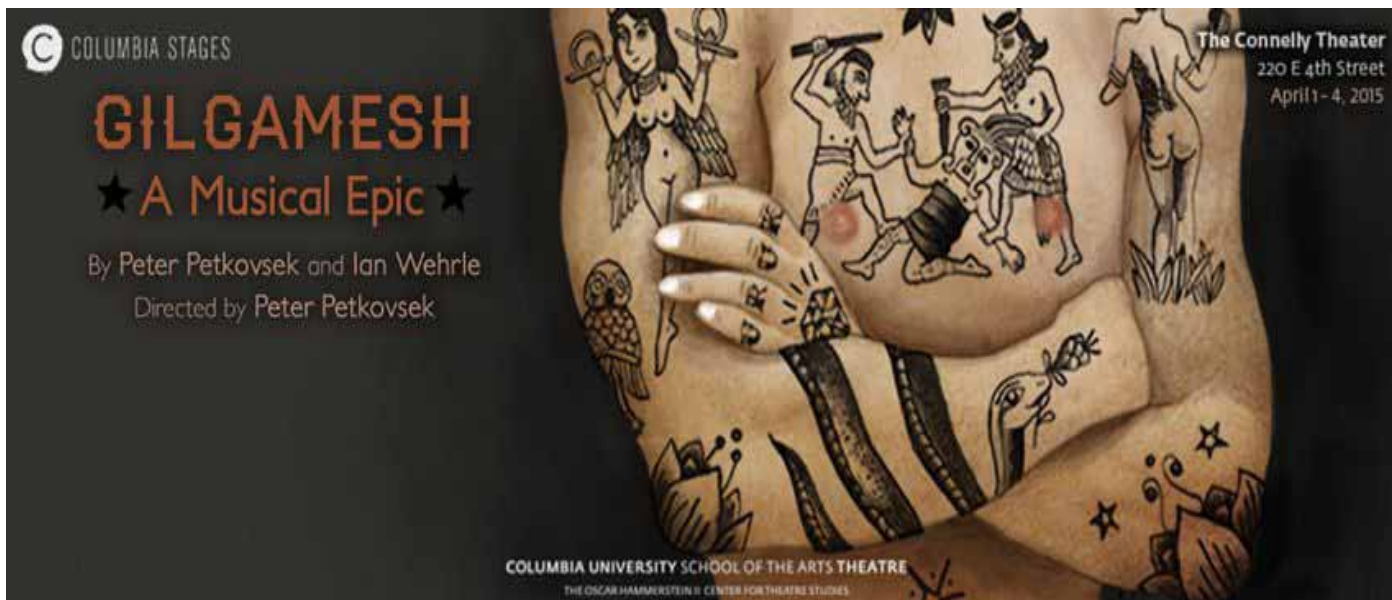
More information: <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/cal/1681>
www.tjasaferme.com

Running time: approx. 60 minutes, no intermission

Advance tickets : \$18, available at: <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/cal/1681/1427860800000>



Tjaša Ferme.



GILGAMESH: A MUSICAL EPIC by PETER PETKOVŠEK

Slovenian director Peter Petkovšek will bring the story of Gilgamesh to life as a musical. The production will be presented at the [Connelly Theater in East Village](#), 220 E. 4th St, New York, NY 10009 from [April 1 – 4](#).

If you want to find out more or support the project check:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gilgamesh-A-Musical-Epic/770386023039817>

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/gilgamesh-a-musical-epic>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9zTii5jPJA>

EVA PETRIČ EXHIBITS in NY - DISPLAY OF THE CENTURIES: FREDERICK KIESLER AND CONTEMPORARY ART

Frederick Kiesler and Contemporary Art at the Austrian Cultural Forum New York is dedicated to the work and ideas of the Austrian- American architect, designer, artist, and theoretician Frederick Kiesler. One of the participating exhibitors is, Eva Petrič, poet, writer and multimedia artist from Slovenia.

When: [Tuesday, April 1, 2015 – July 27, 2015](#) Opened Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: [Austrian Cultural Forum New York](#), 11 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022

More information: <http://www.acfny.org/media/press-images-texts/kiesler/>

UPCOMING EVENTS - MO

NAVIHANKE SHOW IN BRANSON, MO

Navihanke, an all-girl polka band, will perform in Branson, MO, from [April 9 through May 3](#).

For more information contact: rex@navihankeusa2014.com or see: <http://www.silverdollarcity.com/theme-park/attractions/shows-entertainment/Ansambel-Navihanke.aspx>

RECEPTION FEATURING SLOVENIA AMBASSADOR & THE WOODS ARE STILL GREEN SCREENING

Dr. Božo Cerar, Slovenia Ambassador to the U.S., will visit the National World War I Museum in conjunction with a free public reception at 6 p.m. in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium Lobby. The reception precedes a screening of the internationally acclaimed Slovenian-Austrian film *The Woods Are Still Green* at 7 p.m. in J.C. Nichols Auditorium. The film, which premiered in 2014 and was written and directed by Marko Nabersnik, tells an enthralling story about a group of Austria-Hungarian artillery soldiers located in the mountains on the southern front opposing Italy during World War I and their experiences coping with the nightmares of war. Co-sponsored by the National World War I Museum, Kansas City FilmFest and Barbara Koval Nelson, Honorary Consul for Slovenia in the Midwest.

Where: [The National World War I Museum, 100 W. 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108](#)
When: [Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM \(CDT\)](#)

RSVP: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/reception-featuring-slovenia-ambassador-the-woods-are-still-green-screening-tickets-16043277876>

UPCOMING EVENTS - WA, NY

SLOVENIAN 8MM EXPERIMENTS: KARPO GODINA AND DAVORIN MARC

Program:

Karpo Godina & Jure Pervanje *GAME / DIVJAD* (1965, 6 min, 8mm-to-35mm, b&w)

Karpo Godina & Mario Uršič *DOG / PES* (1965, 8 min, 8mm-to-35mm, b&w)

Karpo Godina A.P. (*ANNO PASSATO*) (1966, 5 min, 8mm-to-35mm, b&w)

Karpo Godina *THE GRATINATED BRAINS OF PUPILIJA FERKEVERK / GRATINIRANI MOZAK PUPILIJE FERKEVERK* (1970, 15 min, 35mm)

Davorin Marc *BITE ME. ONCE ALREADY. / UGRIZNI ME. ŽE ENKRAT.* (1978/80, 1.5 min, Super 8mm, silent)

Davorin Marc *SLAUGHTER AHOY / EJ KLANJE* (1981, 16 min, Super 8mm)

Davorin Marc *FEAR IN THE CITY (1181 DAYS LATER OR SMELL OF RATS) / PAURA IN CITTA (1181 DNI POZNEJE ALI VONJ PO PODGANAH)* (1984, 21 min, Super 8mm-to-35mm)

Davorin Marc *PIKNIK (25 SECONDS PER FRAME)* (2013/14, 11 min, Super 8mm-to-digital, silent)

When: [Monday, March 30, 2015](#)

Where: [Hoyt Auditorium at University of Rochester, Rochester, NY](#)

More information: <http://humanities.lib.rochester.edu/onfilm/godina-marc-spring-2015>

When: [Wednesday, May 20, 2015](#)

Where: [Northwest Film Forum, Seattle, WA](#)

More information: <http://www.nwfilmforum.org/live/page/calendar/3518>



DYNGUS DAY WITH CLEVELAND-STYLE POLKA MUSIC

Join the Polka Hall of Fame in a new Cleveland-Style Polka tradition: Dyngus Day on Easter Monday, April 6, 2015. Local legend DJ Kishka, the city's only polka disc jockey, once again brings the Polka Hall of Fame to Detroit Avenue and West 58th in Cleveland, Ohio, for a day-long celebration of nationality music and dining. The Polka Hall of Fame and DJ Kishka celebrate the 100th birthday anniversary of Frankie Yankovic, America's Polka King, with an all-star polka jam featuring Fred Ziwich and his orchestra at 4:00 p.m. Don't miss the crowning of Miss Dyngus 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The Accordion Parade commences at 6:00 p.m.

When: Easter **Monday, April 6, 2015**

Where: **Detroit Avenue and West 58th in Cleveland, Ohio**

For a polka band schedule and more information, check the official website at ClevelandDyngus.com or contact dyngusdaycleveland@gmail.com or the Polka Hall of Fame at www.polkafame.com, polkashop@aol.com

33RD SUPER BUTTON-BOX BASH

Enjoy a grand reunion of the best button-accordion players in North America at the largest festival of its kind. Bring your own box and play along. Indulge in nationality treats, such as smoked Slovenian sausage, savory roast beef and strudel. Pick up a polka-music CD or souvenir tee-shirt or sweatshirt at the Polka Hall of Fame pop-up shop.

When: **Sunday, April 12, 2015** from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: **The Slovenian Society Home in Euclid**, 20713 Recher Ave, Cleveland, OH 44119

More information: www.polkafame.com, polkashop@aol.com

OTO PESTNER in CLEVELAND, OH

The legendary singer from Slovenia, OTO PESTNER, had to cancel his March 13 engagement due to unexpected health problems, but will be in Cleveland on Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m. with a concert in the hall at Slovenska Pristava. The doors will open at 3:00 p.m. with the concert commencing at 4:00 p.m. Since this is past the Lenten season, there will be a dance afterwards with the Alpine sextet, who will accompany Oto in a few selections during the concert. This will also be an opportunity to meet Oto personally. Food and refreshments will be available. The proceeds will benefit the renovation of the chapel on Pristava; suggested donation is \$20.

When: **Sunday, April 19** at 4:00 p.m

Where: **Slovenska Pristava**, 1024 Brandt Rd, Geneva, OH 44041

For more information call M. Zalar at 1-440-943-3844 after 7:00 p.m. or on weekends, or check: <http://www.slovenskapristava.org/>



Oto Pestner.