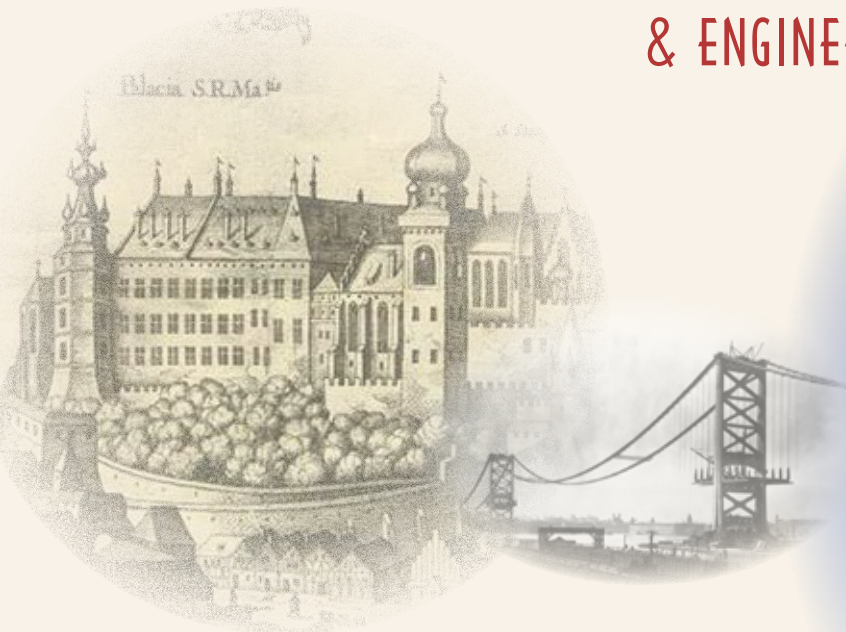


The 45<sup>th</sup> International Polonaise Ball

# DREAM DESIGNS BRIDGING TIMES

HONORING  
POLISH ARCHITECTS  
& ENGINEERS



Gala Dinner Dance  
Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Eden Roc Hotel  
Mona Lisa Ballroom - Cocktail Hour  
Pompeii Promenade Ballroom - Dinner  
4525 Collins Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33140

"Polonaise" by the Members of the Committees and special guests  
Entertainment by New Century Dance Company  
Music for Dancing

White or Black Tie  
Regalia

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# Architectural Wonders of Poland



Examples of Polish architecture are closely linked to the complex political fate of this part of Europe. Poland's borders shifted during hundreds of years of partitions and loss of independence, wartime destruction, and finally,

European funds now injecting new ideas into the market. All of these events have contributed to how architecture has evolved in Poland - it is versatile and astonishing, classical and elegant, traditional and quite modern.



Throughout the centuries, castles, palaces, cathedrals and churches have been the focal point of any ruler who hired the best architects to build these marvelous edifices.



Their beauty and intricate designs stood as symbols of a proud, educated and cultured people, and their majesty can still take one's breath away.



The architecture of several countries such as Italy, France and Germany had a profound influence on the Kings and Queens of Poland long ago. They truly appreciated the stunning beauty and skills evident in these grand wonders and commissioned, with no expense spared, dozens of artisans and architects, both local and from all over Europe, to create masterpieces on Polish soil.





# Bridging Times and Lands



Ralph Modjeski, 1914

Ralph Modjeski (born Rudolf Modrzejewski) is the undeniable grand master of bridges in North America. His elegant designs and marvelous, airy constructions are a feat of architectural vision and engineering skill.

He pioneered suspension bridges and built about 40 bridges spanning the great rivers of North America. Modjeski received numerous awards and honors - a doctorate in engineering from Illinois State University, the Franklin Medal, a doctorate honoris causa from the Lwów Polytechnic, and the prestigious John Fritz Medal.

Modjeski, son of the famous actress Helena Modrzejewska, was born on January 27, 1861 in Bochnia, near Krakow, Poland during a time when Poland was divided among the partitioning powers of Austria, Prussia, and Russia. He and his mother emigrated to America in the 1870's (where she altered their name to Modjeski)



Opening of the (Roosevelt) Mid-Hudson Bridge, 1930

l to r: Eleanor Roosevelt with Col. Frederick Stuart Green, Ralph Modjeski and David E. Moran, designers of the bridge.

and within a few years, Ralph was back in Europe attending l'Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées - the School of Bridges and Roads - in Paris, France, graduating at the top of his class in 1885. And though he became an American citizen, Modjeski always maintained contact with Poland, wrote mostly in Polish, and emphasized his Polish origins.

A newly released 2016 documentary, "Bridging Urban America," celebrates Modjeski's significant impact on urban development. The film's creators and producers, Basia and Leonard Myszynski, take an in-depth look at the scientific mind and artistic soul of a Polish-born Paris-trained immigrant who contributed to the building of a modern America.



Oakland Bridge, San Francisco



Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Philadelphia

# Dream Designs

The turbulent history of Poland had an enormous affect on its cities. Many of them were destroyed during WWII, but the spirit of Polish architects, engineers and the citizens was indestructible. Through their efforts, the cities were rebuilt according to historical plans and archival photographs and restored to their former glory.

Today Polish architects and engineers are making an unforgettable impact on the world's landscape. Some of the most eye-catching and awe-inspiring designs are created by them, and many of them are recognized as extraordinary visionaries and trend setters in what are considered quite competitive and exclusive fields. These first-class specialists are redefining urban and residential vistas that marry components of the past with contemporary and futuristic elements, building modern marvels of iron and glass.



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- 1 85% of Warsaw was destroyed, 1944
- 2 Warsaw now
- 3 Museum of Contemporary Art, Wroclaw, Poland

- 4 Terminal at Lublin Airport, Poland
- 5 Polish exhibit, Shanghai Expo 2010, by Warsaw architects
- 6 Miami Beach art deco district restored by Polish architects



# Honoring Polish Visionaries

There are many notable architects and engineers of Polish heritage whose inventions, innovations and imaginations have made a lasting mark in history, and a few are noted below.



Tadeusz Kosciuszko (1746-1817) Revered military engineer in both Poland and the US and his impressive design, Fortress West Point in NY State, still stands as West Point Military Academy.



Steve "Woz" Wozniak (1950) Electronics engineer and technology guru who invented and built the world's first useable computer and co-founded Apple with Steve Jobs.



Tadeusz Barucki (1922) Known for bold modernist designs, and dozens of architectural books, articles, lectures, encyclopedias, posters, and documentaries he has written and produced.



Henry Magnuski (1909-1978) Invented the first walkie-talkie at Motorola in Chicago and played a key role in the company's success in radio communications.



Henry Cobb (1926) Architect whose photographs taken in post-WWII Poland during a study of reconstruction are featured in the book, "1947, The Colors of Ruin, the Reconstruction of Warsaw, Poland."



Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk (1950) An originator of New Urbanism, an architectural movement that merges a new self-sustaining community with the existing style.



Joseph Tykociński-Tykociner, (1877-1969) Gifted sound engineer who worked with Nikola Tesla and became an a short-wave radio expert. Credited with making the first sound recording directly on film in 1918.



Frank Piasecki (1919-2008) Aviation pioneer, known for his advancements in tandem rotor helicopters. Designed and built his first helicopter at the age of 24. Received the National Medal of Technology from Pres. Reagan.



Zbigniew "Zeb" Jarosz Successful international architect based in Miami. Restored historical buildings in Poland.



Julian Kulski (1929) Architect who led urban planning programs at US universities, such as Notre Dame. Decorated WWII hero.



Jan Szupinski Chief architect and designer with MEIS America in LA of sports arenas, stadiums and parks throughout America.



Iwo Cyprian Pogonowski (1921-2016) Civil and industrial engineer who invented hexagonal platforms for oil rigging. Received AIPC's Gold Medal in 2014.



Mieczyslaw G. Bekker (1905-1989) A leader in the design of military vehicles who spent much of his career at General Motors, US with the MOLAB project. Invented the lunar rover.



Ernest Malinowski (1818-1899) Engineer and builder of the highest elevated railway in Peru (and the world at the time). Completed in 1908. He is a hero in Peru.

Under the gracious patronage of the Ambassador of  
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Honorable Piotr Wilczek

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