

# International Polonaise Ball

## "A Night To Remember"



*(L-R) Prince Karol Czartoryski, Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Prince Alexander and Lady Blanka*



*Lady Blanka with Prince Alexander leading the "Polonaise" procession*



*Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lennox*



*Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Burgess*

Each successive year it seems impossible to surpass the previous year's glamour and excitement of the AIPC's Annual International Polonaise Ball, and yet, each year the event somehow transcends the year before. The super-charged, exquisitely "Polish" spectacle of pomp, pageantry and tradition, definitely has a way of exhausting one's repertoire of superlatives.

One can scarcely imagine a finer way of displaying to the world (or at least a small part of it) what Polish culture is all about. And, how wonderfully it was done through Polish songs, dance, food, attire and ambiance, all stamped with the inimitable seal of approval of one Blanka Rosenstiel, the pageant's originator and impetus.

During the cocktail hour, collection of evening fashions was presented by Mr. Charles Goldstein of "24 Collection." Featured were the creations of the noted Polish designer Tomasz Starzewski of London.

As always, the festivities were presided over by Lady Blanka with assistance this year offered by His Excellency Ambassador and Mrs. Carlos Fernandez Shaw, Consul General of Spain. The theme of the evening was "Poland and Spain," featuring the two country's cultural ties and similarities.

The location of this year's Ball was, appropriately enough, 100 Chopin Plaza in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Inter-Continental. Within, guests were awed by the mood-setting decor of Constantine Malinovski. Balls of huge pink plumage and hundreds of yards of pink chiffon festoons were suspended from the ceiling along with thousands of delicate Italian white lights. The effect was festivity inspiring.

Honored guests of the evening

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*Roger Jakubowski and Jerzy Kosinski*



*L-R) Prince Karol Czartoryski, Prince Alexander and Princess Katherine, Lady Blanka, Princess Marianne and Prince Sigvard Bernadotte*

were their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince Alexander and the Crown Princess Katherine of Yugoslavia, Prince Sigvard and Princess Marianne Bernadotte of Sweden and Prince Karol Czartoryski, formerly of South America, presently residing in Florida.

As always, the ball opened with a presentation of "The Polonaise," the stately national Polish dance which originated in 1574 at the coronation of Prince Valois as King of Poland.

Lady Blanka, escorted by Prince Alexander, led her honored guests through the elegant motions, amid the backdrop of a huge white-plumed Polish eagle.

The Annual AIPC Gold medal for outstanding achievements was presented by Lady Blanka to famed Polish author Mr. Jerzy Kosinski (*Painted Bird, Being There, etc.*)

Additionally, Miami Beach Commissioner Ben Grenald presented Lady Blanka and other honored guests with keys to the city.

In keeping with the Polish-Spanish theme of the evening, El Grupo Fuego Flamenco dancers performed for the delighted assemblage, as well as the internationally famous Polish singer and composer Waldemar Kocon, who performed a medley of his delightful songs.

Lady Blanka performed her own personal tribute to Spain by rendering an assortment of Spanish love songs. Ambassador Carlos Fernandez-Shaw



*Spanish dance group presents the flamenco*



*Mr. & Mrs. Vincent de Angelo*



*Caroline Dessain and Benedict Markowski*



*Krystyna Gromadzka with Waldemar Kocon*

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complimented the tribute to Poland and Spain by reading a passage on Christopher Columbus.

Guests enjoyed the lilting strains of the Michael Longo Orchestra of New York until emcee Tadeusz Deleka closed the Polonaise Ball at almost 2 a.m. Next year's ball will be held on Saturday January 27th, 1990, so don't forget to mark your calendars now!



*Lady Blanka and Wanda Tomczykowska*



*"Would your Royal Highness like to dance with me?" - Count Eric asks Princess Katherina*



*Carl and Nancy Shipley*



*L-R) Amb. Carlos Fernandez -Shaw, Countess Eugenia and Count Eric de Lewenhaupt*



*(L-R) Kris Kringle, Harry and Carolyn Dessain*



*L-R) Amb. and Mrs. Joseph Jova, Ande Lippen and Betty Myerberg and Carl Shipley*



*L-R) Count and Countess Eric de Lewenhaupt, Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Ulla Naliwajko, Prince Karol Czartoryski, Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Iwan Naliwajko and Margareta de Gea*



*Ande Lippen, Lady Blanka and Harry Myerberg*



*Dr. Arnold Oper and Marlene Trakton*



*(L-R) Raphael and Bianca Ornaf, Jerzy Kosinski, Waldemar Dowiak*



*Carrie Mastronardi with Frank Totino*



*Mrs. Jean Green and Dr. Nelson Tippet*



*Sir Harry and Lady Lillian Hollywood*



*Dr. and Mrs. Januariusz Styperek*



*Sir and Lady Ronald Barnette*



*Ambassador Carlos Fernandez-Shaw with Tadeusz Delekta*



*Tomasz Starzewski, Lady Blanka*



*Ambassador Carlos Fernandez Shaw, Dr. Horacio Aguirre, Lady Blanka and Ambassador Joseph Jova*



*(L-R) Dr. Maxwell Dauer, Edna Gene Davidson, Reva Dauer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landrum and Peter Clayton*



*Lady Pauline Kostuik and friends from the Detroit area*



*Mesdames et Messieurs, voila - La Polonaise!*



*Sigrid Seidel, Karl Heinz Huth*

*(L-R) Tom Fesler, Ande Lippen, Mr. and Mrs. James Cromarty and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baugh*

