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# EASTER! SPRING! CELEBRATE!

On Thursday, April 20, 2017, the Institute and the Chopin Foundation of the United States hosted the annual Easter Springtime party. And what a lively party it was! Among the 50 or so guests were some new faces, which we are always happy to see and meet. Mrs. Maria Blacha, our flower arranging, canapes preparing, beverage pouring and all around irreplaceable party expert, laid out trays of delicious Polish open-faced sandwiches with nuts and tropical fruits, along with sparkling water and wines. We were also the fortunate recipients of a huge donation of Polish sweets by Lowell Foods Inc. in Chicago ([www.lowellfoods.com](http://www.lowellfoods.com)), including Poland's beloved Prince Polo. We are truly grateful to Ivona and Conrad Lowell for their generosity in sending us such mouth-watering treats.

The afternoon piano recital started with a charming piece, The Lunar Eclipse, by Nel Velez Paszyc, who has been playing at our parties for the last few years. Now 8 years old, Nel is getting better and better every year. Then 18 year old James Leng performed a Nocturne and an Etude by Chopin which had everyone in rapt attention.

One of our renewed party treats these past few years has been raffles, and they have been a hit for both the fun factor and in raising funds for both organizations. This year we raffled Lowell tote bags chock full with all the great candies and cookies. Guests were thrilled!

