



**POLISH SECTION CIOFF®**


# **International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts**

**SAFEGUARDING, PROMOTION AND DIFFUSION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND FOLKLORE**



**POLAND**





Culture is the name for what people are  
interested in, their thoughts, their models,  
the books they read and the speeches they hear.

Traditional music, dances, handicraft, cooking,  
rituals, games, traditional instruments and  
others are an inspiring melody for  
people's heart and soul  
This is the voice of the Polish CIOFF®.





# PS CIOFF® HISTORY

## Basic information



Polish CIOFF® has organizational traditions starting from the very beginning of CIOFF® World.

**Mr. Michal Kosinski** from Poland was one of the founders of the organization and the country was in the team of 11 first founder countries.





## CURRENTLY THE PS CIOFF® ASSOCIATES

102 FOLKLORE GROUPS

150 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

55 EXPERTS

OF REGIONAL DANCES AND MUSIC, NATIONAL DANCES AND COSTUMES



## International FESTIVALS

Poland organizes 17 CIOFF® International Festivals which have good worldwide opinion. Every year around 5 100 artists from all over the world participate in the Festivals.



### Our roots

Perhaps more than any other country, Poland represents a high level of intangible cultural heritage. Many years of tradition and a lot of cultural experience between east and west Europe made Poland a culturally rich country with many traditions, traditional dances, music and songs.





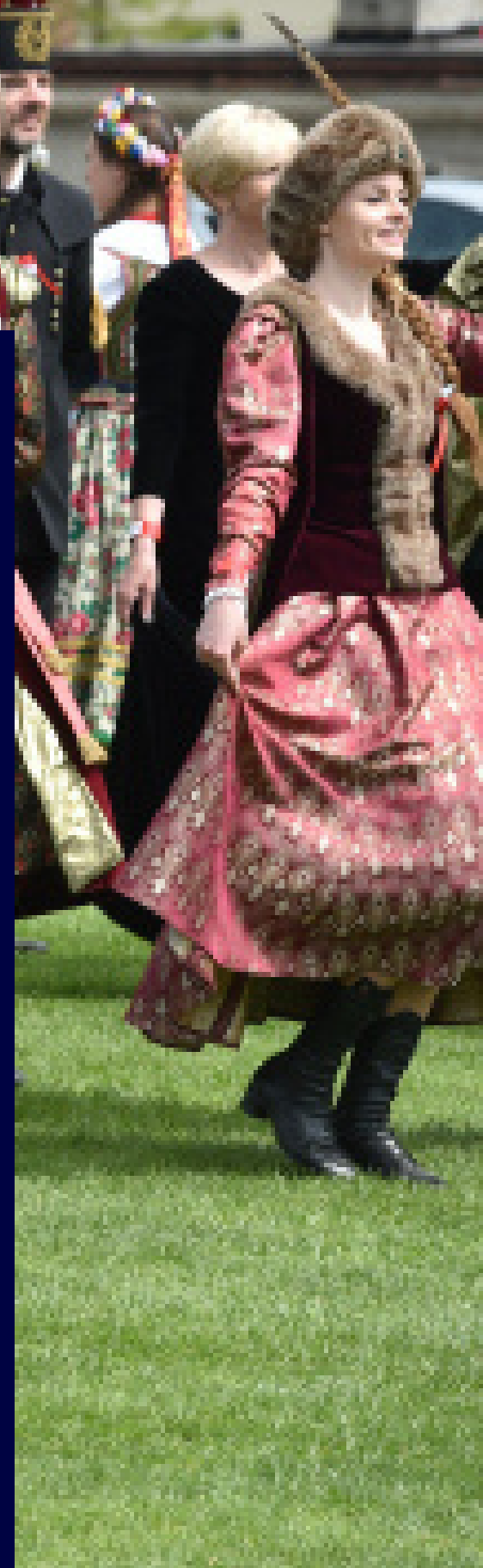
## Polonaise (Polonez) dance on the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage



Polonez is a Polish stately processional dance performed by couples who walk around the dance hall.

The music is in triple metre and is often danced at the "studniówka", the prom for students graduating high school.

Since 2019 Polonez has been on the International List of Intangible Cultural Heritage UNESCO.







# Tournaments of Polish National Dances



## NEW WAY

Polish National Dances in "*ballroom forms*" are a new way of understanding the spirit of the dance and a creation of a new school of the five national dances: Krakowiak, Polonez, Mazur, Oberek and Kujawiak. It is a renewal of the Polish dance tradition.

## NEW COMMUNITY

Many folklore dancers, under the patronage of Polish Dance Committee of CIOFF®, explore traditional dances as a interesting part of contemporary culture.

## UNDERSTANDING THE FUTURE

This is a new interpretation of traditional culture and an attempt to shows future goals.





### THE EXPRESSIONS

of the traditional culture – music, singing, dancing, costumes, customs, handicraft, tales, traditional cooking, rituals, games, traditional instruments and others.

### THE INTERVENING PARTIES

artists, choreographers, musical directors, craftsmen, ethnologists, teachers, children and youngsters, the public of the festival, families, elders, and others.

### THE PARTNERS

cultural and social associations; local and regional folk groups; local, regional and national artists; local, regional and national governments; town halls, townships, regions, unions, schools, teachers, conservatories, institutions, craftsmen guilds and, last but not least, volunteers.

### THE ACTIVITIES

performances, exhibitions, conferences, games, contests, meetings, visits, trainings, workshops, symposia, demonstrations, parades, shops, tastings and others.

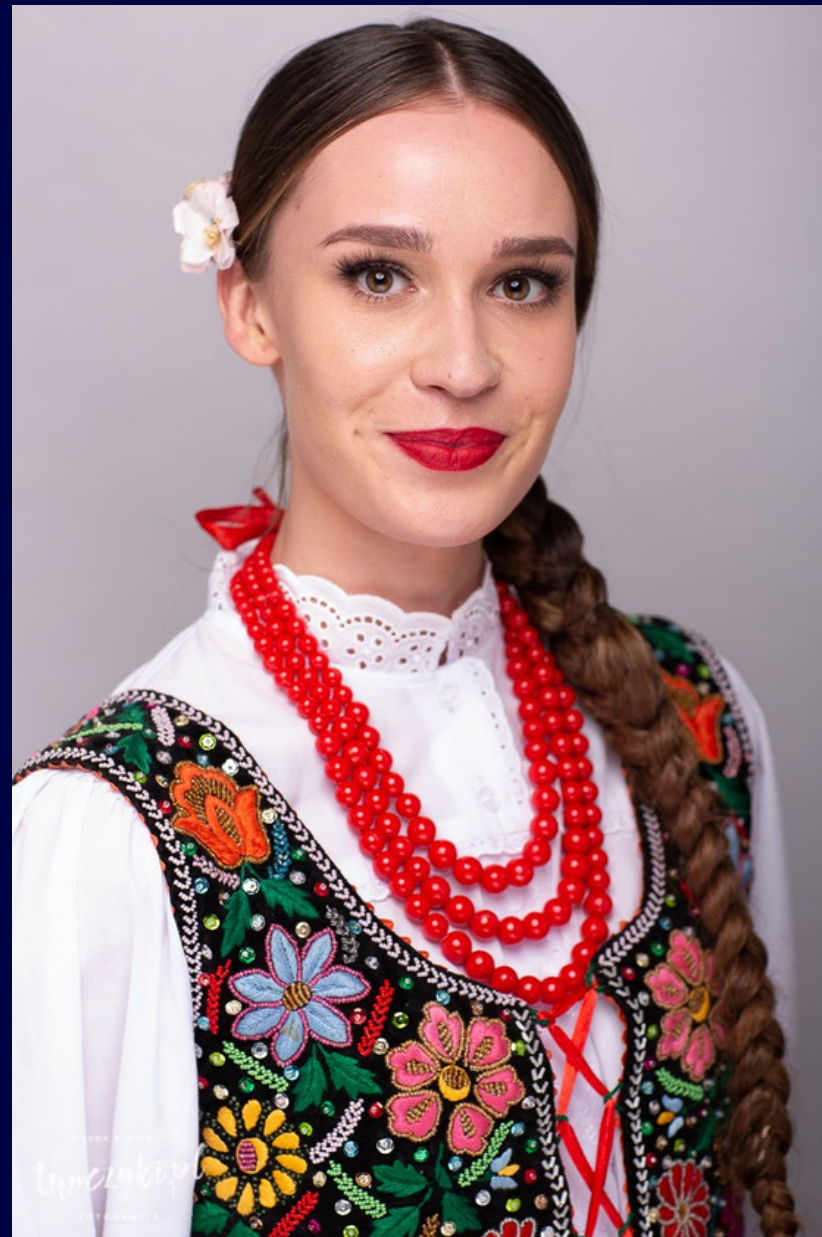


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# GOOD PRACTICES



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INDONEZJA



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