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Poland Under Glass at Mitchell Park Domes Jan. 23 *A Festival of Polish Culture*

Milwaukee, WI (Jan. 13, 2016) – Poland Under Glass, a festival of song, dance, folk arts, and food, is returning to The Mitchell Park Domes, Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. This is the fourth year Polanki, the Polish Women’s Cultural Club of Milwaukee, will present the event. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

“Poland Under Glass brings together people of *all* ethnic backgrounds to experience the many facets of Polish culture,” said Camille Shaw, president of Polanki. “It is such a joy interacting with guests—some of whom are experiencing Polish culture for the first time.”

Visitors will take in traditional music and dance. Performing songs in Polish will be the children’s choir from the Polish Saturday School at 10:30 a.m. and the new adult choir, Milwaukee Circle Choir, at 11:30 a.m. The children’s dance group, Syrenka, and the adult group, Syrena Polish Dancers, will alternate performances from 2-4 p.m. For people in the crowd eager to dance, the groups will give instruction on a step or two. Throughout the day, accordionist Ron Rutkowski will perform traditional pieces.

Demonstrating folk arts will be numerous volunteers and vendors. Visitors will learn about Pisanki (Polish Easter eggs), wycinanki (paper cutting), wianki (maiden wreaths), wyrob ze slomy (straw weaving), jezyki (paper star ornaments), and prsedzenie (spinning fibers into yarn).

Imported, handcrafted Boleslawiec pottery, amber, and items with an ethnic flare will be for sale.

Culinary arts will be displayed, demonstrated, and consumed! Instruction on the use of herbs will be displayed. Cooking demonstrations scheduled are making gluten-free breakfast pierogi at 9:30 a.m. and making chicken soup with kluski (dumplings) at 1 p.m. Fare available for purchase will include authentic Polish sausage sandwiches, stew, breads, and desserts, such as the traditional paczkis. Beverages of choice will be Polish beer and vodka. Polish deli items and jarred goods will also be available for purchase.

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Especially for children, and kids at heart, will be learning Polish versions of their names, listening to folk tales, and making free crafts.

Admission to “Poland Under Glass” is included with regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

Polanki offers aspects of Polish culture to the community as an opportunity for all to appreciate the Polish culture. For more information on the group or the event, visit www.polanki.org/

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