

The Janusz Prusinowski Trio "...actually a quintet playing Polish village dance music with a touch of avant-garde improvisation..." WILD MUSIC FROM THE HEART OF POLAND



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September 21st for the first time in the 10-year history of Madison World Music Festival, a folk band from Poland was part of the line-up. The Janusz Prusinowski Trio performed at the Willy Street Festival on the World Music Stage. Their first performance in Madison was September 30th, 2010 at the Mills Hall, a joint concert with the Kwadrofonik Quartet.

Their 2013 tour is sponsored and organized by Polish Cultural Institute, NYC. They start in Madison ... and wrap it up in Washington DC with a show at JFK Center for Performing Arts on October 16th.

The group, which has been around for about 8 years, has grown to five members and recorded three CDs, performs traditional music of central lowlands of Poland, especially the Mazovia region. They are especially fond of mazurkas, obereks, but of course they also include kujawiaks, polkas, podrozniaks. Over the years, they have been developing their style by listening and learning from the master musicians - frequently forgotten members of village wedding bands (kapela weselna). They showcase their musical creativity when with the help of the fiddle, three string bass, baraban, trumpet, dulcimer, accordion, flute, clarinet and hurdy-gurdy and even Persian shawm when they bring this traditional music to life for the 21-st century audience.

They even started their own international mazurka festival <http://www.festivalmazurki.pl/mazurkas-of-the-world> to help to realize their biggest passion - playing for dancing, teaching Polish traditional dances. They are always willing to start with a dance workshop.*Sept. 24 Memorial Union Great Hall 7pm* WORT 89.9 fm Archives Sept. 23 GLOBAL EVOLUTIONS SHOW

(The announced band Volosi did not come to the US.)

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