

# Pictorial Report

The 27th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner  
Friday, November 15th, 2024, at the Dom Polski Hall, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, Ontario

## PROGRAMME

### 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor

### 6:40 p.m. Greetings

Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP, Mississauga Centre  
Sabina Klimek, Vice Consul, Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Poland, Toronto.  
Drew Dikens, Mayor, City of Windsor

### 7:00 p.m. Dinner

### 8:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker

Brian Masse, MP, Windsor-West

### Guest Speakers

Romi Jaszczynski, Managing Director, Polish Investment and Trade Agency - Poland-Canada Trade Update 2024  
David Makarczyk, Vice President, Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor - Celebration of Copernicus Jubilee (550)  
Awards, Recognition and Closing Remarks  
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### 9:15 p.m. Artistic Programme and Group Photograph

Wladyslaw Szpilman, piano, Chopin, Nocturne No. 20 (YouTube)  
Lang Lang, piano, Chopin, Waltz - discovered in 2024 after 200 years (YouTube)  
"Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, Krakowiak - dance

### Group Photograph



In these challenging times, as we all work to uphold global peace and protect democratic values, our organization is committed to building a better future for the Polish-Canadian community and for Canada.

Our annual event gathered business, professional, political and youth representatives to share speakers' presentations and enjoy a taste of the delicious Polish cuisine, ending with some brief entertainment.

## Welcome and Introduction



From left: Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor (PCBPAW) and Ania Barycka, Master of Ceremonies.

## VIPs' Greetings



Presentation of greetings from left: Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP Mississauga Centre, Sabina Klimek, Vice Consul of Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Poland in Toronto, and Ed Sleiman, Councillor Ward 5, City of Windsor, representing Mayor Drew Dikens.

## Speakers



From left: Brian Masse, MP, Windsor-West, Keynote Speaker-Development of Our Region from the Federal Government's Prospective, Romi Jaszczynski, Managing Director of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency - Poland-Canada Trade Updated 2024, and David Makarczyk, Vice President, Polish Canadian Students' and Young Professionals' Association of Windsor - Celebration of Copernicus Jubilee (550), Guest Speakers.

## Awards and Recognition



Awards were introduced by Dr. Frank Simpson, Chair of the Awards Committee,



Special recognition: the Gold Award PCBPAAW was presented to Danuta Pogorzelska, Director of the Polish Vocal and Theatre Group, "Płomień", by Jerry Barycki, President.



Nicolaus Copernicus (550) Jubilee Medallions were presented to contributors to the Copernicus Project, from left: Zofia Duniec-Dmichowski, David Makarczyk, and Beata Slusarczyk, presented by Jerry Barycki and Suzie Sawicki.



Thank you to sponsors, from left: AskAniaMedia – Ania Barycka, CEO and President, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. – Victor Wolanski, Vice President., Global Maintenance Co. – Grzegorz Matjaszewski, General Manager, Polish Canadian Centre Association of Windsor - Marek Nec, President, WhatsUpWindsor, Polskie Radio – Malgorzata Holec, Host, and Walker Dental Clinic - Dr. Zbigniew Pona.

# Our Guests



The traditional presence of a large group of the younger generation was beneficial to all.

One of our proudest achievements in the past three years of our Association is the 2023 Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee (550) Exhibition in Canada. This celebration of our cultural heritage has travelled widely across Canada and Poland and beyond. A copy of Copernicus's groundbreaking work, *De Revolutionibus*, published in 1543, was presented. The Copernicus Jubilee Final Report, a 182-page publication, also was presented.



Artistic Programme and Group Photograph



Krakowiak Dance Performance by the "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble.

