



Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce

*Excellence Awards
Gala*

Recognizing the Members
of Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce and
Individual Businesses and Professionals from
Polish Community in Canada and among
Chamber Members for Their
Outstanding Contribution to the Canadian Economy



CLUBHOUSE EVENTSPACE
195 GALAXY BLVD., ETOBICOKE, ON M9W 6R7
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

Excellence Awards Gala 2024

7:30 PM Welcome by the Masters of the Ceremony
Anna Krosinska and **Jack Smagala**

Remarks by **Michael Miasek**, President
and **Alexandra Cole**, Board Member,
Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce

7:40 PM Greetings and Welcoming Remarks

Hon. **Ahmed Hussien**, Minister of International Development
on behalf of the Prime Minister

Hon. **Doug Ford**, Premier of Ontario

Witold Dzielski, Ambassador, Republic of Poland

Damien Kurek, Member of Parliament, Conservative Party of
Canada on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition

Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto

7:55 PM Keynote Address: **Marek Rząsa**, Member of Parliament,
Republic of Poland

8:05 PM Presentation of the Awards - Part 1
1st Course Served

8:35 PM Presentation of the Awards - Part 2

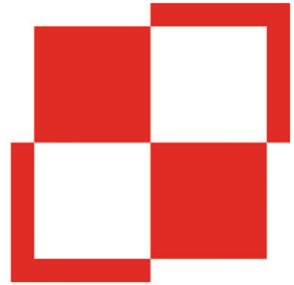
8:50 PM Main Course Served

9:30 PM Presentation of the Awards - Part 3

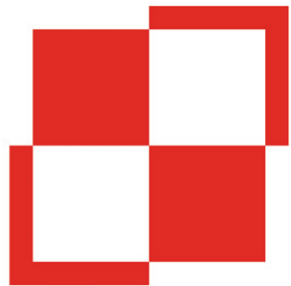
9:45 PM End of the Formal Part and Closing Remarks
Dessert Course Served
Dancing and Entertainment



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Recipients of Excellence Award

Lifetime Achievement - 2024
- Andrzej Sochaj

Executive of the Year 2024
- Marcin Lesniak

Excellence in Innovation and Composites Technology
- 2024 - HEXJA Composites - Piotr Czuba

Excellence in Transportation and Logistics - 2024
- Caravan Group of Companies

Excellence in Custom Millwork Services - 2024
- Millworx - Arthur Kisicki

Excellence in Manufacturing - 2024 - The Doors Ltd.
- Marta Wilczynska and Marcin Siudem

Excellence in International Trade Relations - 2024
- Romi Jaszczynski

Excellence in Health and Long-Term Care 2024
- Copernicus Lodge

Excellence in Arts 2024 - Celebrity Symphony Orchestra
- Dr. Andrzej Rozbicki



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I send my warmest greetings for the 30th Anniversary of the Canada Poland Chamber of Commerce.

Canada and Poland enjoy strong people-to-people ties between our two countries and through the ongoing contributions of Polish Canadians to Canada's national fabric. During my April 20th meeting with President Duda of Poland, we discussed the ongoing further deepening our bilateral relations, and the great economic opportunities that exist between our country's. Opportunities for enhanced trade and collaboration in the areas of science, technology, and innovation, are among many others that exist between us.



As the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 30th anniversary, I would like to congratulate them for the incredible work that they have done over the years to promote economic exchange between Canada and Poland. I know that they will continue to have many more great successes with this as they look ahead to the next 30 years.

Please accept my very best wishes.

Ottawa
2024

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



CHEF DE L'OPPOSITION

May 3, 2024

Dear friends,

On behalf of Canada's Common Sense Conservatives, it is a great pleasure to offer my best wishes to the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce and everyone attending the Annual Excellence Awards Gala.

After decades under socialism, Poland emerged as a beacon of free enterprise in Europe. For generations, Canadians of Polish heritage have used that same entrepreneurial spirit to bring home a better future for their families and communities.

Today, Poles around the world are also celebrating the May 3 Constitution of 1791. This holiday reflects the Polish people's deep pride in their history and love of freedom – unconquerable, even through generations of oppression.

We also celebrate today as the 30th anniversary of the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce's founding. Your work to promote more economic exchange between Canada and Poland has driven greater prosperity in both countries.

As we mark the first Federal Polish Heritage Month, we reflect on that spirit of hope and dignity that has animated your community throughout the centuries. Now more than ever, our country needs positive, uplifting spirit of celebrations like this one.

By working with organizations like yours, we will bring home the country we know and love. A place where people from all backgrounds and walks of life can build a life and thrive here in the greatest country on earth.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.

Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Canada's Common Sense Conservatives





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**CANADA-POLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA
30TH ANNIVERSARY**

May 3, 2024

Warm greetings to the dignitaries and members of the business community attending the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce annual Excellence Awards Gala, 30th anniversary.

Businesses are a vital part of every community. They help bolster local economies, generate jobs and provide much-needed products and services. Many thanks to the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce for hosting this gala and for its commitment to promoting a vibrant Polish business community in this great province.

My congratulations to tonight's awardees. Your achievements have helped diversify our economy and make Ontario a great place to establish a business.

Have a wonderful gala.

Doug Ford
Premier



Poles are resilient, determined, hardworking, community-focused people who I am honoured to call my neighbours and my friends. And I am incredibly proud of my own Polish heritage.

Canada and Poland share robust economic ties, rooted in trade and investment, and I want to thank the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce for leading our efforts, for 30 years, to ensure this relationship thrives and flourishes — now and into the future.

Today, on May 3, 2024, I want to welcome everyone to the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce's Excellence Awards Gala.

I also want to congratulate all the award winners, and the Polish businesses that operate here in Canada and contribute towards strengthening our economy.

As Leader of Ontario's Liberals, my ambition is to build an abundant Ontario where you and your family — and your business — can thrive, where your kids can reach their potential, where our seniors can age with dignity, and where our economy continues to grow.

Because without a strong economy, we can't provide the public services — the scaffolding of society — that allow all of us to work together to build a better, stronger Canada.

And it all begins with you, and the excellent work you do, each and every day, to serve Canadians, to serve Poles, and to strengthen our economic ties.

I wish you the very best for a wonderful evening and a very successful gala.

Sincerely yours,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie".

Bonnie Crombie
Leader of Ontario's Liberals

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Andrzej Sochaj

From his humble beginnings, he became one of the most prominent Polish-born businessman in Canada. He is the former CEO of Cyclone Manufacturing operating in the aerospace industry.



Alicja Zukowska-Wojewnik

Alicja Zukowska-Wojewnik is a Canadian entrepreneur, businesswoman, investor, advocate for the arts, loving nature, and farming.



Chuck Konkel

Chuck Konkel served as an officer cadet in the Canadian Armed Forces and has been a police professional on three continents for more than 40 years. He put in place the Hate Crime programme adopted across Canada for which he received the Senate Award of Merit.



Eugene J.A. Gierczak

Eugene Gierczak a national leader in intellectual property law at Gardiner Roberts with an additional focus on information technology.



Vitek Manitius

Vitek is the founder of Polimex Group which is a number of corporations that have been involved in different aspects of the transportation industry.



Wladyslaw Lizon

Wladyslaw Lizon is a community leader and volunteer. In 2011 he was elected a Conservative member of the House of Commons of Canada, where he served from 2011 to 2015 representing riding of Mississauga East—Cooksville.



Wojciech Sniegowski

Wojciech Sniegowski has unique and very wide skills based on experience gained in the private sector, voluntary based organization and government. Wojciech excels at public relations, advocacy, and interpretation of public policy, public speaking, leadership and development of concepts from their inception to the final product.



Romi Jaszczynski

Romi Jaszczynski is the Head of Office at the Polish Investment and Trade Agency in Toronto. He is an experienced international trade professional managing high-level global business missions, maintaining high level contacts, and facilitating trade and investment opportunities between Canada, US and Poland.

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce (CPCC) was incorporated on June 21, 1994. The CPCC is dedicated to the promotion, development and expansion of business, trade and investment opportunities between Canada and Poland as well as the development of relationship and networking opportunities within the Canadian-Polish Business Community and with others.

On October 27, 1999, the Chamber entered into an agreement with the Business Centre Club and Association of Polish Artisans (Związek Rzemiosła Polskiego). The organizations agreed to co-operate to further their individual missions and increase membership privileges.

On March 3, 2005, Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce became a member of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in Toronto. Since 2005, members of the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce also receive EUCOCIT/EUCCAN membership. Our Executive Vice President is also the President of EUCCAN and acts as our official liaison.

We are primarily a networking organization and the majority of our hosted events take place in the Greater Toronto Area. We strive to raise the profile of our members and Canadian Polish businesses. To reinforce the significance of their contributions we host an Excellence Awards Gala.

Although we are based out of Toronto we help organize, promote and participate in Trade Missions to Poland, Forums, Conferences, and we traveled with Prime Minister Harper in 2015 on his Delegation to Poland.

The members of the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce do not have any obligation to the organization other than to attend the networking events of their choosing. The benefits of the membership are numerous and listed under the Membership Types page on our website. The most important factor is to be a part of the organization that offers excellent networking opportunities leading to expansion and development of members businesses and contacts. With our growth in new members the Chamber is in a position to advocate with different levels of government in Canada on our member's behalf. Joining does not translate to a responsibility unless one is interested in becoming an active member, joining a committee or running for a board of director position. All members regardless of their level of involvement gain the opportunity to grow and support their own business.

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EXPERTS AND BUSINESSES IN
THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES**

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- Aviation Market and Aerospace
- Manufacturing
- Automotive Industry
- Academia
- Information and Technology
- Entrepreneurs
- Food Industry
- Marketing and Publishing
- Search Engine Optimization
- Engineering and Technology
- Nuclear Power and Engineering
- Health Industry
- Hospitality and Linens
- Financial Services
- Investment and Banking
- Real Estate
- Lawyers, Barristers and Solicitors
- Regulatory and Scientific Solutions
- Architecture and Design
- Government Relations
- Domestic and International Trade
- Public Relations Agencies
- Construction
- Photography and Videography
- Travel Industry
- Sharing Economy Companies
- Polish Foundations
- Non-Profit Organizations

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ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce do not have any obligation to the organization other than to attend the networking events of their choosing.

Benefits of each level of membership and sponsorship can be viewed on our Membership and Sponsorship Opportunities pages at www.canada-poland.com

MEMBERSHIP TYPES -

- STUDENT \$50 per annum
- INDIVIDUAL \$150 per annum
- SMALL/MEDIUM BUSINESS \$350 per annum
- INSTITUTION \$600 per annum
- CORPORATION \$1,000 per annum

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES -

- CHAMBER PARTNER \$2,000 per annum
- CORPORATE PARTNER \$2,500 per annum
- STRATEGIC PARTNER \$3,000 per annum

EVENT SPONSORSHIP -

- EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA
- ANNUAL WINTER & SUMMER NETWORKING EVENTS
- SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRADE MISSIONS, ETC.

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FACTS ABOUT CANADA-POLAND RELATIONS

- Canada and Poland enjoy excellent political, social and commercial relations with expanding military cooperation and growing academic cultural ties.
- Canada was the first country to ratify the Accession Protocols for Polish accession to the North Atlantic Organization (NATO).
- Poland is Canada's largest market in Central and Eastern Europe, with bilateral merchandise trade reaching over \$4.1 billion in 2023 - \$2.1 billion in Canadian exports and \$2.9 billion in Canadian imports.
- Business on both sides of the Atlantic benefit from provisions in the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), which came into effect provisionally in 2017.
- CETA has helped eliminate tariffs on most goods and services, and has streamlined regulatory issues, making business operations smoother for exporters and importers in both countries.

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Excellence Awards by Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce

Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce Excellence Awards has an aim to recognize business people outstanding in their field by their peers for their commitment to organizational excellence. By awarding those organizations and most committed to economic progress, both for themselves and for the Canadian market as a whole, we all take a more prominent position and gain greater influence in trade between Canada and Poland or strengthening the image of the Polish Business community in Canada.

Nomination Process:

Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce accepts self-nominations and nominations by members or non-members. This year, the Excellence Awards Nominating Committee was made up of the Board of Directors of Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce. Prior to the final nomination each nominee is contacted to obtain the nominee's interest in receiving the award and participating in our annual Excellence Awards Gala.

Submission Rules

1. Judging for this award is based solely on the information provided by the nominee.
2. The nominee of Polish descent doesn't have to be a Chamber member.
3. To be considered for an award the nominee not of Polish descent has to be a Chamber member.
4. Businesses and Individuals cannot be nominated in multiple categories.
MUST only select 1 category to put forth for a submission.
5. Past recipients are eligible to be re-nominated the next year in a different category.
6. One can be re-nominated for the same category only after at least 3 years have passed from the initial nomination.

Evaluation Process

1. Board members will receive summaries of the nominations prior to their determinations.
2. The judging panel will take into consideration additional factors:
 - a/ Leadership
 - b/ Professionalism
 - c/ Social Involvement
 - d/ Innovation
 - e/ Activity in Chamber Initiatives
3. If there are two individuals/companies that stand out equally and a decision cannot be reached by the Judges, the President of Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce will make a final decision.
4. The Judges' decisions are final. Details of the Judges' panel meetings will not be disclosed, and all entries will be treated as strictly confidential. Only details of the award winners in each category will be published.

Andrzej Sochaj

Lifetime Achievement - 2024



Andrzej Sochaj and his wife embarked on a new life journey to Canada in the late 1970s, where Andrzej began his career at Cyclone Manufacturing. Starting from humble beginnings, he quickly garnered a reputation as an exemplary employee. His early work laid the foundation for what would become a pivotal role in the company, as he spearheaded numerous projects and established a solid operational base.

With a blend of hard work and dedication, Andrzej acquired all shares of Cyclone Manufacturing Inc. in 1990. Over the subsequent years, he transformed the company from operations in 24,000 square feet facility into one sprawling over 360,000 square feet and fostering a workforce of over 575 employees spread across Canada and Poland. Under his leadership, the company developed enduring partnerships with top-tier Aerospace OEMs worldwide.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Andrzej continually propelled the company forward through innovative strategies and visionary leadership. His tenure culminated in 2024 when he successfully negotiated the sale of his company, marking the end of a remarkable chapter in his professional life.

A proud alumnus of the University of Lublin in Poland, Andrzej holds a Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) degree. Beyond his corporate achievements, he is deeply committed to his community as a leader and a patron of the arts, dedicating time to community service. He is driven by a strong belief in the power of mentorship and serves on the Advisory Board of the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce.

Andrzej is a devoted family man, proudly parenting two children and cherishing his role as a grandfather to five. His life's work extends beyond business success, encompassing a significant impact on both his community and family.



Marcin Lesniak

Executive of the Year 2024



Marcin Lesniak is the President of BTR Systems Metal Roofing – a North American arm of Blachotrapez, a prominent Polish manufacturing company in the roofing segment. At BTR Systems, they manufacture long-lasting, aesthetically pleasing and affordable steel roofing products for Canada and United States.

Marcin possesses a wealth of experience in the export industry, spanning over two decades across European and North American markets. His extensive tenure in this field has equipped him with invaluable insights, strategic prowess, and a deep understanding of international trade dynamics.

Since 2009, Marcin has been an integral part of the construction industry, bringing his expertise to various projects and initiatives. His dedication, professionalism, and innovative approach have consistently driven success and growth within the sector.

In 2019, Marcin embarked on a new chapter in Canada, where he assumed his current role of the President of BTR Systems. Under his leadership, the company has flourished, demonstrating remarkable progress and profitability.

Beyond his professional achievements, Marcin is a devoted husband to Dagmara, a respected lawyer, with whom he co-manages a successful business venture. Additionally, he is a loving father to two wonderful children, Nadia and Aleksander, embodying integrity, responsibility, and compassion in all aspects of his life.

Marcin Lesniak is not only an exceptional leader and businessman but also a person of outstanding character and integrity. His commitment to excellence, coupled with his unwavering work ethic, make him an invaluable asset to any team or organization.



HEXJA Composites - Piotr Czuba

Excellence in Innovation and Composites Technology - 2024



Ladies and gentlemen, let us turn the spotlight on a figure whose career reads like an odyssey through the pinnacle of automotive and aerospace innovation - **Piotr Czuba**. Born in Poland and raised in the innovative hubs of North America, Piotr began his illustrious career at DANA Cooperation, RAND Worldwide working as a consultant for giants like, Bombardier Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, Gulfstream, Northrop Grumman and General Electric, among others. His work took him through the engineering corridors of Pratt and Whitney Canada, Honda, Ford and Harley Davidson, where he perfected his skills in cutting-edge designs.

Piotr's journey took a thrilling turn when he joined the Ferrari F1 Team in Maranello, Italy, diving deep into the fast-paced world of Formula 1 aerodynamics and composite part design. His quest for innovation continued at Toyota Motorsport in Cologne, Germany, where he significantly impacted various departments—from concept and composite design to mechanical engineering and final product testing.

With a wealth of global experience, Piotr returned to Poland and, alongside his wife, founded **HEXJA Composites**. Under his leadership, HEXJA has become synonymous with revolutionary composite technology. At HEXJA, innovation isn't just a buzzword—it's the cornerstone of everything they do. This company has not only mastered cutting-edge techniques that push the boundaries of what composites can achieve but has also developed its own patented fireproof composite technology that sets new industry standards. HEXJA Composites has also been recognized within Poland, receiving numerous awards for business success, innovation, and for promoting the Malopolska region on the global stage.

Piotr Czuba and HEXJA Composites are pioneers reshaping the future of composites and bringing Polish ingenuity onto the world stage.



Caravan Group of Companies

Excellence in Transportation and Logistics - 2024



Caravan Group of Companies, founded in 1997 by three visionary entrepreneurs: John Iwaniura, Bob Workun, and Steve Merena - has emerged as a leader in Canada's transportation industry.

With a diverse range of services including Truckload, Less Than Truckload (LTL), logistics, and warehousing, Caravan has built a strong reputation for providing reliable transportation solutions. Their unwavering commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction has established them as a trusted partner for businesses across various sectors.

Drawing on over five decades of collective experience, Caravan continues to uphold its founding principles of reliability, excellence, and customer focus, making significant strides in the transportation industry since its inception in 1997.

In recognition of its exceptional management practices, strategic vision, and dedication to excellence, Caravan Group of Companies was honored as a recipient of the Best Managed Companies award in 2023.



Millworx - Arthur Kisicki

Excellence in Custom Millwork Services - 2024



Millworx is renowned for its expertise in custom cabinetry and millwork, offering tailored solutions for both residential and commercial spaces. Established in 2005, the company has completed over 2,000 projects, utilizing a team of 50 skilled professionals.

Millworx excels in creating high-quality, custom kitchens, wall units, and vanities, designed to meet the unique needs and styles of each client. Their services encompass design, manufacturing, and installation, ensuring a comprehensive approach from concept to completion.

Millworx's commitment to precision, attention to detail, and quality craftsmanship ensures that every project not only meets but exceeds client expectations. Whether it's a new kitchen that serves as the heart of a home or specialized commercial millwork, Millworx's dedicated team works closely with clients to bring their visions to life, making them a leader in the industry.

Arthur Kisicki co-founded Millworx. He comes from a cabinetmaking background allowing him to understand the product offering of Millworx. Arthur is happily married with two kids. In his personal time he enjoys playing golf and travelling.



The Doors Ltd. - Marta Wilczynska and Marcin Siudem

Excellence in Manufacturing - 2024



Marta Wilczyńska and **Marcin Siudem** are the visionary co-founders of **The Doors Ltd.**, a leading front door manufacturing company based in the vibrant city of Mississauga. Born, raised and educated in Poland, Marta and Marcin immigrated to Canada and found their niche in the construction sector. With 18 years of leadership, they have guided their enterprise to prominence in the industry.

Each of them spearheads different aspects of the business.

Marta heads the custom front door manufacturing division and brings her expertise in craftsmanship and design to create bespoke custom door solutions for clients. Her keen eye for detail and dedication to quality ensure that every door leaving the production meets the highest standards of excellence.

Marcin, on the other hand, oversees sourcing and importing premium European windows, entry doors, and garage doors, adding a touch of continental elegance to The Doors Ltd.'s offerings. His extensive network and knowledge of the European market enable him to curate a diverse selection of top-quality products for customers seeking sophistication and style.

Together, Marta and Marcin complement each other's strengths, driving The Doors Ltd. to success as a one-stop destination for exceptional door and window solutions. Their collaborative efforts ensure that customers receive unparalleled service.

Marta Wilczyńska and Marcin Siudem are not only business partners at The Doors Ltd. but also a devoted married couple raising two wonderful children together. Balancing the demands of entrepreneurship with family life, they embody resilience, teamwork, and mutual support. Their shared commitment to both their family and their business endeavors strengthens their bond and drives them towards success in all aspects of their lives.



Romi Jaszczynski

Excellence in International Trade Relations - 2024



Romi Jaszczynski is currently the Head of Office at the Polish Investment and Trade Agency in Toronto. Prior to this role, Romi was a Senior Trade Advisor with the Ontario Ministry of International Trade, and a Trade Specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, and U.S. Consulate in Toronto. Romi also has experience working in trade compliance roles within the aerospace and defense sector for US, French and Canadian companies. Romi also currently serves as an Advisor to the Board at the Canada-Poland Chamber of Commerce.

As a Certified Customs Specialist and International Trade Professional, he has extensive knowledge and experience in commercial diplomacy, bringing with him a proven track record of managing high-level global business missions, maintaining high level contacts, and facilitating trade and investment opportunities between Canada, USA and Poland.

Under Romi's leadership, the Polish Investment and Trade Agency has made significant strides in facilitating international business development for over 1000 Polish and Canadian companies, organizing more than 300 events and trade missions, and facilitating over 3000 B2B meetings. These efforts have led to export contracts and investment projects totalling over 100 million CAD. Notably, 2023 was a record year for the Canadian office, and projections indicate even higher numbers in 2024.

Additionally, Romi has worked on various high-level projects such as head of state visits in Canada, USA and Poland, assisting companies with major investment projects in Poland and North America, opening the Canadian poultry market by facilitating the first ever shipment of Polish poultry products to Canada, organizing shipments of aid to Ukraine, and facilitating Memoranda of Understanding between Poland and Canada in key sectors such as aerospace, energy and IT.

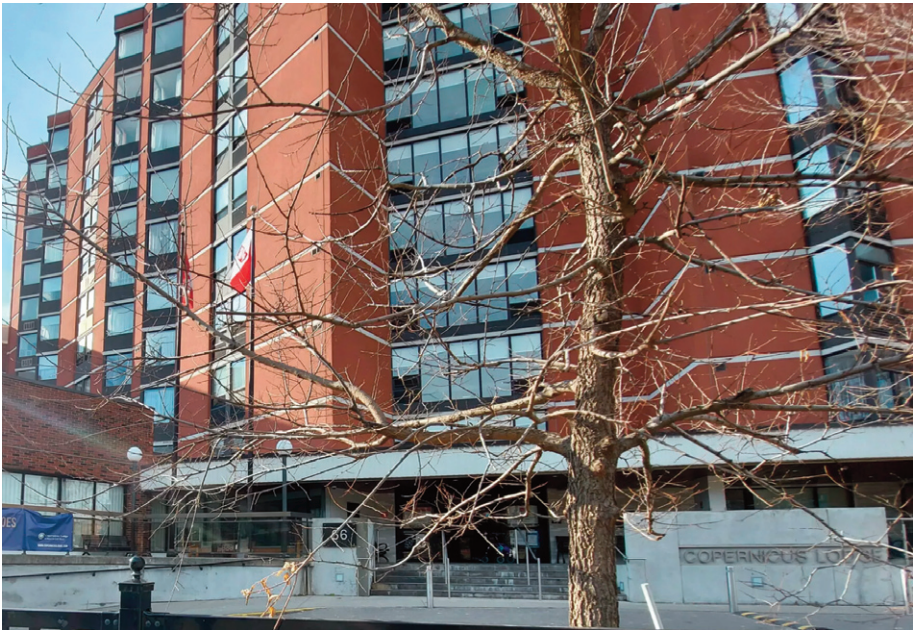
Romi's commitment to excellence has also garnered recognition through prestigious awards, including the U.S. Department of State Meritorious Honor Award, U.S. Department of Commerce Eagle Award, U.S. Department of State Franklin Award, U.S. Embassy Extra Mile Award, and the Badge of Honor from the Polish Government for significant contributions to advancing Poland's economy through international trade and investment initiatives.



**Polish Investment
& Trade Agency**
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Copernicus Lodge

Excellence in Health and Long-Term Care 2024



Since 1979, **Copernicus Lodge** has been “a place to call home” for Polish seniors in its independent living apartments and long-term care home. Located in the heart of Roncesvalles Village in Toronto, founded by Father Michael Smith, OMI, and a board of 30 directors, the mission was to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Polish elders in an environment true to their culture and traditions.

Initially built to serve the aging Polish diaspora, a number of whom served in the Second World War or survived Siberian exile, Copernicus Lodge has grown over the past 45 years into an organization whose dedicated staff and volunteers provide compassionate care and services to more than 400 seniors and remains true to its Roman Catholic roots and Polish heritage.

As a not-for-profit organization, in addition to government funding Copernicus Lodge receives, it is fortunate to enjoy the generous support of the Polish-Canadian community through fundraising events and activities.



Copernicus

A place to call home

Celebrity Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Andrzej Rozbicki

Excellence in Arts 2024



Dr. Andrzej Rozbicki is an award-winning symphonic conductor, who has been proud to call Canada his home since 1985. He is the founder of the Brampton Symphony Orchestra (1991) and founder and musical director **Celebrity Symphony Orchestra** for the last 30 years.

Doctor of Musical Arts from Krakow Music Academy, graduated from the Frederic Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, where he earned two Masters of Arts degrees.

Dr. Rozbicki and his CSO orchestra have introduced the best European musical superstars to Canadian audiences, representing all genres from classical opera, piano, musical theatre, and pop. In over 200 concerts orchestra presented over 500 soloists from Poland, Ukraine, Germany, USA, and Canada.

He's an exceptional promotor Polish music to Canada and Canadian music promotor in Poland. Recently Dr. Rozbicki has been performing Canadian music in Poland, with six symphony orchestras concerts under the patronage of the Canadian Ambassador to Poland. Music is Dr. Andrzej Rozbicki's passion, and he shares this passion with music professionals, amateurs, youth, and the Canadian public. For his long-term work, in the field of music and culture in 2015, A. Rozbicki was awarded by President Republic of Poland "Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta". He recently published his autobiography book "Maestro z Toronto".

Year 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of his Artistic Career and 30 Anniversary of the Celebrity Symphony Orchestra Excellence.

Anniversary CSO Gala Concert - November 9, 2024 at Mississauga LAC.

Info: www.rozbicki.com



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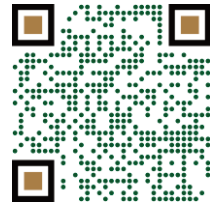
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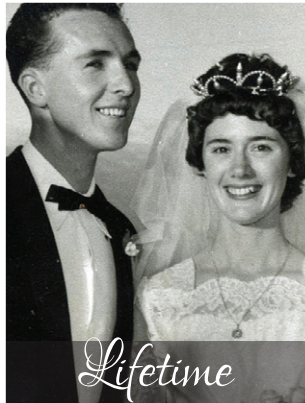
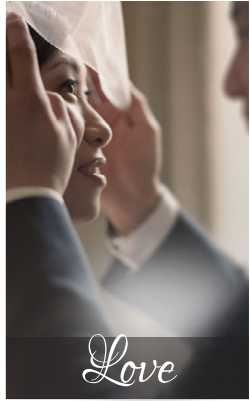


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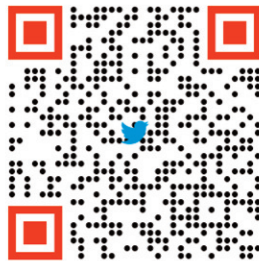
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On October 27, 1999, the Chamber entered into an agreement with the Business Centre Club and Association of Polish Artisans (Związek Rzemiosła Polskiego). The organizations agreed to co-operate to further their individual missions and increase membership privileges.

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