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## **POLISH FEST on Labor Day Weekend Largest Polish Festival in the Country!**

(Chicago, IL)... A weekend of incredible music, food, and fun for all ages at the **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Polonia Festival** (August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. (corner of Lawrence and Milwaukee Avenues.)

Kielbasa, pierogi, and potato pancakes are just a few of the Polish favorites served up by 10 restaurants. Cold imported Polish beers wash everything down. Visit one of **four stages** for a unique selection of non-stop music for every taste – from popular local bands to international musicians playing everything from classic and alternative rock to folk, world, pop, dance and, of course, polka!

Stages offer **rock & pop music** played by local bands Tributosaurus, Wedding Banned, Gentleman of Leisure, Reely Dan, American English and Ear Candy. Other stages offer World Music, polka bands, kid's shows, folk dancing and more. After 7 p.m. nightly, our DJs turn one stage area into an outside nightclub.

Inside the air conditioned Copernicus Center, roll the dice at Nick's Casino, play Bingo in Annex, or taste some of our unique Polish delights at the inside bar. Outside, test your luck at carnival and arcade games, or take a stroll around the Festival Marketplace with over 60 vendors.

**Family activities include:** live children's theater, dance and music workshops, karaoke, balloon twisting, face painting, food contests, plus talent and game shows – complete with prizes and giveaways!  
Returning this year is the very popular Inflatable Park and a climbing wall.

### **Taste of Polonia**

Labor Day Weekend: August 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

### **Festival Hours**

Friday: 5-10:30 pm  
Sat. & Sun.: 12-10:30 pm  
Monday: 12-10 pm

### **Admission**

Regular: \$7  
*Children 12 and under are free!*

### **Travel/Parking**

Taste of Polonia at the Copernicus Center is conveniently located just one block from the Jefferson Park CTA and Metra lines. Free parking available at Irish American Center just 1 mile ( 4 mins. ) away with a free shuttle buses every 20 min.

For more info, a media kit, and growing details, visit: [www.TOPChicago.org](http://www.TOPChicago.org)

### **About the Copernicus Foundation and Center – [www.CopernicusCenter.org](http://www.CopernicusCenter.org)**

Founded in 1971, The Copernicus Foundation is a 501c3, not-for-profit organization chartered to serve the metropolitan Chicago area as a major civic, cultural and educational resource. The Copernicus Cultural and Civic Center is a monument to the Polish American community and its desire to retain its rich heritage, while serving the community at large, **especially the Northwest side of Chicago.**

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*Photos and/or interviews with festival organizers and performers available by contacting Erick Bryla at: 773-777-8898 ext 103 / [Office@copernicuscenter.org](mailto:Office@copernicuscenter.org)*