

# RAMA

Many activities have taken place since our last RAMA edition.

## VIII International Drawing Biennale

October was very busy from the start, as on the 9th day of the month we hosted the 8th International Drawing Biennale Opening Night.

This year's exhibition took place at the Victorian Artists Society Gallery instead of Steps Gallery as was usual. This gallery location gives us more prominent exposure, and roomier space where more of our patrons can be accommodated.

We must say, that it was a great success. Our international participants did not disappoint, and the 49 exhibited works were great and of high artistic value. We had our catering provided once again, thanks to Wisla Continental Small Goods, it was tasty as usual and our drinks complemented the food and the artistic atmosphere.



PAF board with guests at the Biennale opening

## PolArt 2015

Our next big project involved organising two exhibitions as part of the PolArt Festival in Melbourne.

Over 140 works arrived from all over Australia and abroad, which will be allocated to two galleries, the Victorian Artists Society and Steps.

Our collaboration with PolArt's Management Committee has been intense over these past few months, but we are working hard and smart, and we hope that our end result exhibitions will be indeed special and memorable.

On the 18th of December we will call for all hands on deck, as all art works must find their way onto gallery walls on that day, as both exhibitions commence on December 20.

As part of the festival we also have an extra attraction, a visiting caricaturist from Warsaw, Szczepan Sadurski who will honour us by paying us a visit and showing his caricature creation in the process. All are invited as models, as each patron can walk away with a unique souvenir for a modest price.

## VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

{Beyond Reality}  
{Flight in Light and Time - Point of View Within}  
{Compressed Space}

With three exhibitions and 40 artists on show – you won't be disappointed.

### Victorian Artists Society Gallery

430 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
Sun, 20 Dec 2015 - Sun, 3 Jan 2016  
Closed Christmas Day

Exhibition Hours:  
Mon - Fri: 11am - 5pm  
Weekends: 12pm - 4pm  
1 January: 12pm - 6pm

**Official Opening**  
**Visual Arts Program**  
Victorian Artists Society Gallery  
**Mon, 28 Dec 2015 7:00pm**

{Light and Space}

Examines Polish heritage and brings together artworks relating to Polish motives regardless of style or media.

### Steps Gallery

62 Lygon Street, Carlton  
Sun, 20 Dec 2015 - Sun, 3 Jan 2016  
Closed Christmas Day

Join us for a unique opportunity to meet the artists on **30 December 2015 at 7pm!**

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Meet one of Poland's most popular satirists and fastest caricature artist in the world Szczepan Sadurski at the following venues.

#### Victorian Artists Society Gallery

430 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
28 December 2015 7pm

#### No Vacancy Project Space

The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne  
28 December 12:00pm  
{A unique opportunity to meet the artist and have a chat}

#### Steps Gallery

62 Lygon Street, Carlton  
30 December 7pm

#### Swanson Hall

Melbourne Town Hall  
90-120 Swanson Street, Melbourne  
2 January 2016, 2pm - 4pm  
{On the occasion of a book launch - to mark the 100th birthday of Andrzej Gawronski, illustrated by Szczepan Sadurski}



## Annual General Meeting 2015

During this extremely busy time we have also managed to have an AGM in order to fulfil our legal obligations towards the Victorian government.

Here are the results from the vote on the evening:

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| • President          | A. MACIEJEWSKA               |
| • Vice President     | E. GLAC                      |
| • Secretary          | B. STEINBERG / A. FRIEDHUBER |
| • Treasurer          | A. STAINWALD                 |
| • Artistic Director  | J. KOSOWSKI                  |
| • PR Officer         | I. GLAC / A. FRIEDHUBER      |
| • Data Base Officer  | R. FRIEDHUBER                |
| • Collection Curator | M. KOSTECKI                  |
| • Graphic Designer   | G. KURBAN                    |
| • PR Poland          | J. WOLSKA                    |

## FUNDRAISING

As all of our readers know by now, our organisation constantly struggles for cash. We get grants, although not too many, we get assistance from the Polish government through our Consulate in Sydney, from time to time, we also have private donations, but all up, this is not enough, to ensure that we do not source funds from our main bequest fund. As we all know, interest rates are low, and our capital is low. So all up, little growth, and constant costs.

In these hard times Gabriela Rovski, our member and artist, gave us a helping hand, organising a special fundraising event, which gave rise to the Capusta Club.

Thanks to her initiative a few hundred dollars have been raised and put into our 'reserve casket'.

Gabriela, we are grateful, this was really helpful, and this is not just a standard thank you, we really appreciate your efforts and those who contributed alongside of you.



## Our Christmas Message to Artists, Patrons and our Sponsors

Despite all those demanding tasks mentioned above, Christmas is fast approaching, and each of us needs time to prepare for the celebration of the biggest event in human history, an event which affected the entire human race in a very profound way.

The birth of the baby Jesus Christ prompted the beginning of the Gregorian calendar in the 16th century initiated by Pope Gregory XIII, universally used by all countries in the world today, this also gave rise to the concept of an ERA.

On this note we would like to wish all our artist members, donors, supporters and enthusiasts a very Merry Christmas, and a good, health filled and prosperous New Year 2016.  
God bless you all.

From the Board of the Polish Art Foundation



Emma Kurban age10, *Surfing Santa*

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP and NEW MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS:  
ENSURE WE CAN SUPPORT OUR ARTISTS**

We appeal to all our members to go to the PAF website, print out the Annual Membership Renewal Form, fill it in, and send it to us with a cheque, or money order.

For new members we have a New Member Form, anyone wishing to join us, and support the work we do, please do so by filling in this form and sending in your payment.

We have to stress again, and remind members to fulfil your duty by paying your membership on an annual basis.

Your contribution is vital for our organisation, for our functioning and our mission of helping artists, and promoting art with a capital A.

We will be grateful if anyone who shares our spirit, considers making a donation as we are continually seeking new funds, we can assure you that every dollar is well spent, and supports our artists.

**OUR ARTISTS NEED YOU, AND SO DO WE**

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