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**Centre for European Studies (CES)
Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA),
Office of Student Life & Cultural Engagement
and
Polish Institute, New Delhi**
cordially invite you to
A Polish Folk Dance Performance

by

Song and Dance Ensemble Ziemia Bydgoska
The Polish Folk Dance Group
Affiliated to ***Association of Folk Song and Dance, Poland***

Date: Tuesday, 12th February 2019, Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Venue: Front porch of JGU Academic Block (immediately outside ADDA)

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Programme

Welcoming Remarks & Introduction to the Programme

6:00 PM – 6:10 PM

Dr. Rohee Dasgupta, Associate Professor and Executive Director, CES, JSIA, O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)

Remarks by the Chief Guest

6:10 PM – 6:25 PM

His Excellency Adam Burakowski, Ambassador of Poland to India

6:25 PM – 7:25 PM

The Polish Folk Dance Performance by Song and Dance Ensemble Ziemia Bydgoska

Vote of Thanks

7:25 PM – 7:30 PM

The Office of Student Life & Cultural Engagement (SLCE), JGU

About the Dance Group

Association of Folk Song and Dance Ensemble 'Ziemia Bydgoska'

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Folk Song and Dance Ensemble 'Ziemia Bydgoska' is one of the largest and oldest folk groups in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship. The Ensemble is an association, a public benefit organization.



From 1958, we represent the City of Bydgoszcz and the voivodeship during many artistic events, concerts and festivals in the country and abroad. We are often called a leader among the Cultural Ambassadors of the Region in terms of the promotion of Polish art and folk culture. The aim of the Association of Folk Song and Dance Ensemble 'Ziemia Bydgoska' is to maintain the national tradition, nurture Polishness and develop national, civic and cultural consciousness.

The Ensemble consists of a group of nearly 150 people: children, adolescents and adults. The core of the Ensemble constitutes a group of 50 adult dancers, singers and musicians. The vast majority of them are people who participate in the group as a hobby, developing their interests and vocal or dance skills. Professional musicians also work with the group, who, although educated in the musical art, take up playing in a folk band, contributing to maintaining a high artistic level of the Ensemble.

The Ensemble's repertoire includes vocal and dance suites from many regions of Poland: from Kujawy, Kaszuby, Łowicz, Kurpie Zielone, Małopolska, Lublin, Beskid Śląski and Żywiecki, Sieradz and Łemkowie. The Ensemble also has in its repertoire, city dances and a historical part with Polish national dances, and military as well as patriotic songs.

The most important artistic events of the group include

- 2010 – Tournée to China, presentations in front of the Polish Pavilion and on the main stage of the EXPO Exhibition in Shanghai,
- 2013 – concert at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw; a form of representation of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship on the National Independence Day,
- two-time stay in the United States of America with concerts for the Polish American community; including receiving the funding under the program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of the program of Poland's Cooperation with the Polish community and Poles Abroad, as well as organization of a return visit of the Polish Community Folk Song and Dance Ensemble "Polanie" from Bridgeport (CT) to Bydgoszcz and the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship in Poland,
- 2016 – concert tournée in the state of Parana in Brazil, implemented as part of the project of the Senate of the Republic of Poland 'Cooperation with Polish Community and Poles Abroad',
- 2017 – organizing a return visit of the Polish community of Folk Song and Dance Ensemble 'Wisła' from Curitiba in the State of Parana, Brazil to the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship in Poland,
- 2017 – participiom in „X Encuerto Mundial de Folklore Grand Prix Mi Peru 2017” in Lima – Peru, the biggest folklore festival in South America,

The Ensemble conducts very rich concert activities in Poland and abroad. We participated in International Folklore Festivals in Turkey, Romania, Serbia, Georgia, Germany, Lichtenstein, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, the Czech Republic and many others in Europe; some countries such as Turkey and Italy we visited several times.

For sixty years, the Ensemble has represented the city of Bydgoszcz and the region during many events, concerts and festivals in Poland and abroad. The Ensemble was often called the Cultural Ambassador of the Region in the promotion of Polish folk art and culture.

This is proved by numerous awards, among them the most valuable, such as: Medal of the Governor of Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship (2008,2018) Medal of the Mayor of the City of Bydgoszcz (2013), Award of the Marshal of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship in the Region Promotion category (2017) and Medal Marshal of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship "Unitas Durat Palatinatus Cuiaviano-Pomeraniensis" on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining of Independence (2018) and the Kazimierz Wielki's Medal for the services for the city of Bydgoszcz (2018).