

Polish community active in summer

TORONTO-- It's summer and the living is easy. The buzz of social activity that usually whirs throughout the city is eerily quiet, save for the local Polish community, which has bravely soldiered on with some terrific outdoor parties and fundraising initiatives.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland and the Canada Poland Chamber of Commerce of Toronto hosted a lovely garden party on the grounds of the consulate's grand lakeshore property on June 27. The view of the Toronto skyline is particularly impressive from the beachfront view at the edge of the massive estate garden. From left to right: Wojciech Sniegowski, President, Canada Poland Chamber of Commerce of Toronto; Wanda Samborska, Consul and Trade Commissioner, Head of the Economic Section, Consulate General of Poland; and Peter Jasniewski, Vice President, Canada Poland Chamber of Commerce of Toronto and President and CEO, Comandix Web Business Architects.



Albert Upeslakis



Marek Lazarski

Toronto Polish singing sensation Margaret Maye (right) and Marek Balata, Poland's top jazz vocalist, performed July 7 at *Come a Little Closer...for a jazz journey*, a fundraising concert to benefit the University of Toronto Epilepsy Research Program. The sold-out concert was held in the Isabel Bader Theatre. Award-winning jazz vocalists from Poland, Canada and other countries gave a superlative performance that was roundly applauded by the audience.



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The Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Piotr Konowrocki, greets the artists at the microphone on stage at the benefit concert for epilepsy research held at Isabel Bader Theatre on July 7. The Consul General is flanked by Marek Balata, far left, Margaret Maye, centre, and John Alcorn, right, with orchestra members in the background.

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