

Los Angeles, April 17, 2021

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Strutynski,

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on dedication of the Polish Hall stage in your honor. I wish to express my appreciation for your unparalleled commitment to the promotion of Polish culture and traditions, and your unwavering efforts to build the Polish identity among the local community.

For over fifty years, the Polish community in Seattle has drawn inspiration from your work and witnessed your dedication. You organized and directed a multigenerational dance ensemble *Młodzi Polanie*, *Biedronka* Theater troupe, and cabaret *To i Owo*, and thanks to your active engagement, hundreds of performances and exhibitions by Polish and foreign artists took place at the Polish Home. The Polish Home, where Marian served as president for nine years, was and still is the heartbeat of Polish life in Seattle.

Your dedication to teaching the Polish language at the Polish School in Seattle as well as strengthening Polish identity among the younger generation gain special recognition. Your undeniable impact in shaping successive generations and encouragement to cultivating Polish culture abroad, deserves a distinct appreciation.

May today's ceremony be a reminder of your contributions to Poland, for which you were awarded with the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. This award is bestowed by the President of the Republic of Poland to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the cooperation between Poland and other nations. We should also recognize Mrs. Barbara's Siberian Exile Cross, among many other awards and recognitions that you received for your work.

Thank you for your commitment and sacrifice. I wish you all the best and much joy from the performances and events that will be hosted on the stage dedicated to you.

Signed:

Jaroslav Łasiński

Consul General

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