

# TEKLA KLEBETNICA

## ABOUT OUR ENSEMBLE

“Tekla Klebetnica” means “country gossip” (name taken from the local Silesian Cieszyn dialect).

We are TEKLA KLEBETNICA and we are a folk band performing native folk music mostly from the Carpathian mountain range with an addition of a few Balkan melodies. That fusion of traditional folklore with elements of gypsy, classical and jazz music is called FOLK-CROSSOVER. During concerts, we bring our audience into our musical adventure!

Folklore is of great importance for each of us and this is why we continue to reach to its roots by adding something new and unusual. Our tracks are arranged in an interesting way full of color, joy, sadness and happiness with a huge dose of energy and virtuosity. We perform the music with style and variety so that everyone will find something in our music for them.

Our group came together completely at random through our love of music. However, this may not have been such a random circumstance because we believe our fate was to meet and create music together. Each member of our ensemble represents a different folklore region. We complement each other as we create a one of a kind musical sound combining the violin, accordion and very unique instrument, the Hungarian cimbalom. We cooperate with many others talented musicians and very often we put to our music the sounds of double bass and guitar.

## MEMBERS:

Anna Adamowska – violin  
Żywiec, Beskid Żywiecki

She is a graduate of the School of Music in Żywiec and Bielsko-Biała, participant of many chamber music and orchestral workshops and courses, in Poland and abroad. In 2014 she graduated - with excellent grade – her Master studies at the Academy of Music in Katowice in the violin class of professor Roland Orlik.

Zygmunt Czupryn – accordion  
Ustroń, Beskid Śląski

He is a graduate of the School of Music in Jastrzębie-Zdrój, in the saxophone class. His passion for the accordion he discovered much later and learn how to play by himself. Love for this instrument allows him to continuously develop his skills and 8 years ago became the reason to found the ensemble. He is also the exclusive distributor of the Scandalli Accordions in Poland.

Jenő Lisztes – dulcimer (cimbalom)  
Budapest, Hungary

He attended the Toth Aladar Music School. In 2010 he graduated the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest. He is a cimbalom player with gypsy origin, who also plays in the ensemble of the world fabled gypsy violinist - Roby Lakatos. He has been playing in the most famous concert halls, including Carnegie Hall in New York, Musikverein in Vienna and Sydney Opera House.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Thanks to our recent musical performances, we have performed many concerts for private organizations and many amazing festivals domestically and abroad. We have been most fortunate to have had repeated support from the City of Ustroń, several Polish Embassies and the many Polish Communities abroad in different countries on several continents. Our achievements:

- USA, Texas (IX/X 2016) – concert tour with 22 performances, i.a.: „Polish Harvest Festival Dożynki”, „Slavik Festival” and concert at „Polonia Restaurant” in Houston, concerts for Polish communities in Dallas, Panna Maria, Chappell Hill, Bandera, Anderson, Plantersville, concert at council meeting in City of Bryan – Government, Commerce – TAMU College of Agriculture
- Tekla Klebetnica & Roby LAKATOS – concert at the Days of Polish-Hungarian Friendship (VII 2016)
- Warsaw, Poland (2016) - Television interview and performance during TV program for channel TVN - "Good morning TVN"
- **FIRST PROFESSIONAL CD ALBUM (2016) – Tekla Klebetnica “folk-crossover”**, we released CD album by winning our kickstarter project on polish crowdfunding website Polakpotrafi.pl and thanks to subsidy from the City of Ustroń
- GERMANY, Neuenkirchen (2015) - performances organized through a partnership with the City of Ustroń
- Concert during the Tydzień Kultury Beskidzkiej, This is the biggest folk festival in Europe, Żywiec (2015)
- JORDAN, Amman (2015) - The invitation was extended through the Polish Embassy in Amman with the cooperation of the European Delegation. Concerts were performed in the Cultural Center named after King Hussein and on Hashemite Plaza.
- MOLDOVA, Chisinau, Soroca, Styrca, Comrat (2015) - The invitation was extended through the Polish Embassy in Chisinau to perform concerts in Moldova.
- USA, Texas (2013, 2014) - The invitation was extended by the Texas Polish Community with over 25 concerts performed. The most significant: 1. In the rotunda of the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas for the celebration of Polish Day sponsored by the Governor of Texas; 2. in the Stafford Center in Houston; 3. the largest Polish festival in Texas "Dozynki" in Houston; 4. for the oldest Polish community in Texas "Panna Maria"; 5. for "Live Music Friday" on KBTX-TV in Bryan, Texas;
- USA, New York City (Performed in the largest Pulaski Parade in the USA with the dance group "Wawel" from Houston), Newark, New Jersey and Washington D.C. (2014)
- SCOTLAND, Edinburgh (2014)- Invited by the Polish Embassy to perform "concert of carols" in Lauriston Hall

- FRANCE, Vichy (2014) - with Polish representation during championships of Gordon Bennett Cup
- Krakow, Poland (2013) - New Years Eve "Sylvester" performance for TVN channel
- Warsaw, Poland (2013) - Television performance during TV program for channel TVN - "Everyday Hero"
- Warsaw, Poland (2013) - II prize overall in 6th edition of Polish "GOT TALENT"
- Roby Lakatos & Tekla Klebetnica - Concerts in the POSM Concert Hall in Bielsko-Biała and in Krakow Philharmonic Concert Hall
- GEORGIA, Tbilisi (2012) - Concert at the Art Gene Festival with the support of Adam Mickiewicz Institute
- Warsaw, Poland (2011, 2012) - Concert for Uzbekistan Embassy celebrating Independence Day of Uzbekistan
- UZBEKISTAN, Samarkand (2011) - Performances at the festival UNESCO: Sharq Taronalari and a concert at the Polish Embassy in Tashkent
- ITALY (2011, 2012, 2013) - Participated in a concert tour and performed in festivals at Musicastrada and Tacadancer
- IRELAND (2008, 2009) - Performed concerts on two occasions in many venues
- POLAND, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA and CZECH REPUBLIC - Performed hundreds of concerts in many locations at the request of event coordinators and organizers

