

PÁS Membership

As a member of PÁS you will be part of the preservation and celebration of our Slovak heritage. Membership comes with great benefits and opportunities.

In this brochure we outline the key points about being a PÁS performer, volunteer, and/or parent.

About PÁS

For over 39

years, the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PÁS) has been one of the premiere promoters for preserving the heritage of 'The Old Country' here in the United States.

PÁS celebrates our Slovak heritage through the study of our common customs, stories, language, and most of all, the music, songs and dances of Slovakia. The acronym 'PÁS' is also a Slovak word which means 'belt'. This encompassing belt unites Slovak families from the greater Pittsburgh area.

Communications & Contact Information

Email

Weekly emails inform members of rehearsal times and requirements, event updates and more.

PAS Websites

Information about our upcoming shows, rehearsals and fundraisers can be found on the PÁS website Event and Calendar pages.

Photographs from performances are also posted on the PÁS Facebook page.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact PÁS director, Angie Lipchick with any questions. Contact information may be found below.

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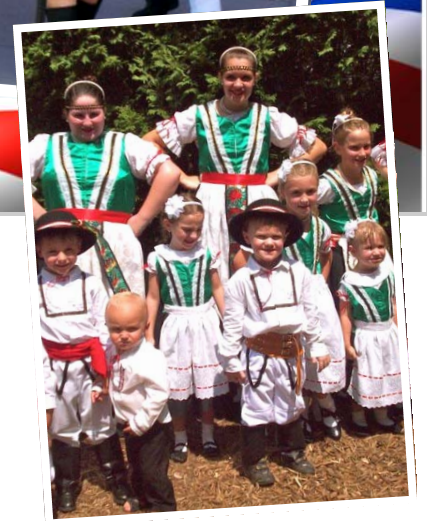
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Celebrating Slovak heritage for over 39 years



Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble

Members of PÁS have proudly presented Slovak music, songs, and dances to audiences around the world. They also enjoy learning about the rich Slovak history, traditions, crafts and culinary delights.



Malý and Junior PÁS pose after the Slovak Heritage Festival Show at the University of Pittsburgh

New and exciting opportunities to perform are the rewards for their hard work. This includes

local events as well as invitations to appear out of town. Some notable past performances were at the bicentennial in New York, the Statue of Liberty, the Slovak Embassy in Washington DC, the Slovak Winter Gardens in Orlando, FL, and the Magical Music Days in Downtown Disney, as well as several well-received performances at the Detva Folk Festival in Detva, Slovakia.

PÁS Groups

PÁS includes members of all ages and talents.

Performer groups include:

- Malý PÁS (age 2 to early grade school)
- Junior Group
- Adult Group
- Liturgical Dance
- Musicians
- A Support Staff of Volunteers



Member Benefits

- Education in Slovak culture, music, song and dance
- Opportunities to travel and meet people from different cultures
- Character development, including teamwork, leadership, time management, and organizational skills
- A fun and supportive environment
- Being a part of our Slovak ancestry

Member & Parent Responsibilities

- Attendance at rehearsals
- At least one responsible adult for children in the Malý and Junior groups should be present for the duration of all rehearsals and PÁS events.
- Payment of monthly dues to fund costuming and other group expenses:
 - * \$15/month for families (2 or more members)
 - * \$10/month for one Junior or Adult member
 - * \$5/month for one senior citizen member (age 62 and older); \$6.00/month for senior citizen family
 - * \$5/month for one child in Malý PÁS.
- Participation in fundraisers.
- Assistance may be available to fulfill these requirements.



PÁS Adult Group
Detva, Slovakia, 2009

- Performing for a wide range of audiences
- Working with a great group of people
- Hands on experience in Slovak culture
- Learning the Slovak language and folk music
- Discovering the Slovak costumes unique to each region of Slovakia



Rehearsal Schedule

PÁS rehearsals are at the following times and location, unless otherwise indicated on our website calendar or the weekly email.

Practice will be held in Fellowship Hall of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Monroeville.

Malý PÁS

1st Friday of each month, 7:30 PM—8:15 PM

Junior Group

Fridays, 7:30 PM—8:15 PM

Adult Group & Musicians

Fridays, 7:45 PM—10:30 PM

Liturgical Dance

Varies according to performance schedule.

Children's Summer Camp

The Junior and Malý groups participate in a Slovak camp each summer at which they learn traditions and make crafts for a presentation at Slovak Day in Kennywood Park.

PÁS Dance Camp

A requisite for all members of the Adult Group in order to learn the new choreography, music and dances that will be featured during the year's events.

New Membership

Anyone can join—all ages and talents. We need chef's, bakers, sewers, computer people, teachers, chaperones, and anyone with an open hand.