

“PAS” Slovak Folk Ensemble
Presents
DROTAR
“*THE TINKER*”
NEWS RELEASE

“PAS” Slovak Folk Ensemble is proud to present a two hour Slovak Folk Concert “DROTAR” “*THE TINKER*” on *Sunday* November 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Antonian Theatre of Carlow University in Oakland PA. The concert will consist of traditional songs, music and dances of Slovakia.

In colorful regional costumes of Slovakia “PAS” performs lively village dances from the Central Highlands, Det’va; to the explosive Gorale footwork of the mountainous Tatras; to the jumping and tossing dances of the West; as well as the graceful romantic movements of Eastern Slovakia. The spirit of this country comes alive through the singing of its songs.

The children’s ensemble will also be featured as they charm the audience with games, songs, and dances as only they can perform.

A special feature of the program will be the reenactment of a Tinkers life. Legend says to celebrate the birth of Joseph II, tinkers gave Empress Maria Theresa a wire cradle so artfully crafted that, given one push, the cradle would rock forever. In gratitude, the Empress granted tinkers the right to travel freely throughout the empire. One of the most intriguing parts of the presentation is to see how a little wire heart ends up in the castle. The audience will travel the country with the tinker to discover the beautiful traditions of Slovakia.

This year begins the thirty -fifth year celebrations of one of Pittsburgh’s premier ethnic groups, the Pittsburgh Area Slovaks (“PAS”) Folk Ensemble. They have been highlighted at festivals throughout the country including programs to various Slovak fraternals. PAS was the Slovak representative to the 1976 Eucharistic Congress; named an official Bicentennial representative in Philadelphia; the Pennsylvania state ethnic representative at the rededication of the Statue of Liberty July 4, 1986 and represented the Embassy of the Republic of Slovakia at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C. In the summer of 2009 “PAS” will represent Americans of Slovak descent at the Det’va Festival, *Podpolianske Slavnosti*.

For an evening of colorful costumes, spectacular dancing, appealing music and a treasure chest of memories join “PAS” in concert on Sunday November 23, 2008 for **“DROTAR” “THE TINKER”**. This concert promises to be great family entertainment as the Slovak heritage is showcased in its finest form. Tickets are \$10 each, or \$5 for senior citizens or children 10 and under. Group rates for 20 + are available. For information and tickets call 412-373-3873. Proceeds will help sponsor the ensemble’s trip to Slovakia.