



The Spirit of Polonia

THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO

Poland's Greatest Military Defender & Patriot and Hero of the United States

Signed, dated and edition number

bronze bust from the life-size full figure monument in Kosciusko, Mississippi

23.5 x 23.5 in.



PROVENANCE

First Edition installed at the County Courthouse of Attalla County in Mississippi

Second Edition in the permanent archives of the United States Military Academy, installed on the fourth floor of the Jefferson Library

Third Edition in the private collection of Tracy H Sugg, Sculptor

DeLamar Mansion/Polish Embassy in New York City, NY Unveiled during a formal ceremony 2009

The Kosciuszko Foundation in New York City, NY Solo Exhibit 2009-2012

Sculpture that reflects a Touch of the Infinite
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NOTES

The Spirit of Polonia—A Legacy to Mankind was an exhibit created that covered the history of Poland through the heroes and heroines that are reflected in her faith, military, arts, science and statecraft. Each portrait bust is over life-size.

The purchase of any sculpture from *The Spirit of Polonia* includes a certificate of authenticity and an exhibit catalogue.

Excerpt from the Introduction:

But all of the Poles in the selection have influenced American life in some way in the various individual and collective legacies. Tracy H. Sugg, in her personal journey of discovery to breathe life into her sculpture of these champions of Polish, American and world liberty has done all of us a great service - she has captured in their spirit the love of liberty and nation that burns in the heart of every freedom loving soul. May her work serve as an inspiration to all freedom loving people everywhere to keep the flame of liberty so nobly kept burning by these Polish Patriots a bright beacon of hope that will never be extinguished.

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Excerpt from pg 20, Thaddeus Kosciuszko

Shortly before his death in 1817, Kościuszko penned the following advice – the words mirroring his own extraordinary life -- to a young Swiss man, Conrad Zeltner, with whose family Kościuszko spent his final years living in exile from his beloved Poland and lonely for his adopted homeland, the United States:

"Rising at four o'clock in summer and at six o'clock in winter, your first thought must be directed towards the Supreme Being, worshipping Him for a few minutes. Put yourself at once to work with reflection and intelligence.... Be always frank and loyal... and always speak the truth; never be idle, be sober and frugal and even hard on yourself but indulgent toward others. Avoid selfishness and egotism. Before speaking about something and answering, reflect well and reason.... ...in all your actions you must be upright, sincere, and open, no dissimulation in any of your talk, never argue, but seek truth serenely and modestly. Be polite and considerate to everyone, agreeable, and obliging in society, always humane, and succor the poor according to your means. Read instructive books to embellish your mind or better your heart. Never degrade yourself by making bad acquaintances, but be always with persons full of morals and of good reputation; and finally, your conduct must be such that everyone approves of it."

Kościuszko's entire life is one of a wholesome role model who forsook all personal comfort and security, forsook the joy of a loving marriage and a family, suffered the ravages of man and nature in the principled military service on behalf of American independence and in the subsequent leadership of Poland's armed forces against his nation's enemies, and who never complained about his fate --- all bespeak the point that the world has been and continues to be blessed for the ages with an American and Polish Hero and Patriot, Altruist, and Champion of Freedom, Independence, Democracy, and Equality.

Perhaps Kościuszko's life can best be characterized by an expression used by Poles the world over who fought for freedoms denied their own countrymen: "za wolność naszą i waszą," "For our Freedom and Yours."

Sculptor's Note –

Tadeusz Kosciuszko will always have special meaning to me. It was through my commission for a full figure monument of him for the small town of Kosciusko, (yes, without the 'z') Mississippi, that began my journey of becoming acquainted with this man. Studying his life's active pursuit to free Poland and his vital assistance in helping America win her independence was fascinating. .. This bronze bust is taken from the full figure monument. With the wind blowing his hair, the monument of Kosciuszko faces to the northeast, towards the fortress of West Point that he designed, built and held against enemy forces. His gaze is one of determination for the war at hand, with an underlying hint of the dream to see a similar war fought for his beloved Poland— one day.