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Blanka Rosenstiel Lecture Series on Poland

Polish Film Series “The Pianist” Film Screening

Thursday, November 19, 2015 | 1 PM - 3 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 150



The true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman, who was one of Poland's and Europe's most accomplished classical pianist in the 1930s. At the outbreak of WWII, Szpilman became subject to anti-Semitic laws imposed by Nazi Germany, and by the start of the 1940s, he saw his world go from the great concert halls to the Jewish ghetto in occupied Poland. His family suffered deportation to a German concentration camp and he was sent to a German labor camp. At last, managing to escape, Szpilman went into hiding as a Jewish refugee and witnessed the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising (April 19 - May 16, 1943) and the Warsaw Uprising (August 1 - October 2, 1944). Directed by the great Polish director, Roman Polanski, "The Pianist" was awarded several prestigious awards, including an Oscar for Best Actor.

Co-Sponsored by the **European Student Association, CSO**, the **Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence**, the **American Institute of Polish Culture**, and the **Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Miami**.

This event is free and open to all FIU students. To RSVP please e-mail ttorb001@fiu.edu by Nov. 13.