



Kosciuszko: A Man Ahead of His Time

Documentary film screening

Written and directed by Alex Storozyński

Thursday, April 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monroe Hall 130

The screening will be followed by a talk by **Alex Storozyński** and a Q&A with the audience.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko fought for American independence and was decorated by George Washington with the Order of Cincinnati. Later, he led a Polish uprising against the Russian Empire. Thomas Jefferson called Kosciuszko "as pure a son of liberty, as I have ever known." Kosciuszko bequeathed his property for the emancipation and education of African-American slaves and named Jefferson the executor. After Kosciuszko's death, Jefferson walked away from this obligation. Kosciuszko's will was never enacted.

This film, based on the book by Alex Storozyński, *The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution* (St. Martin's Press, 2010), was originally featured on PBS in October 2015.

Alex Storozyński was president and executive director of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Also a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, he was an editorial board member at the New York *Daily News*, the founding editor of *amNewYork*, and a former city editor and contributing editor to the *The New York Sun*.

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