

# Fintiaanit

August 17–October 14, 2018

The joint project of three women—reporter Maria Seppälä, writer Katja Kettu, and photographer Meeri Koutaniemi—*Fintiaanit* chronicles an intense three-year journey of exploration in North America, documenting the descendants of Finnish immigrants and Native Americans in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Arriving at the turn of the 20th century, Finnish immigrants settled in this region to work in the mines and forests of the Upper Midwest, where they gradually forged bonds with the members of the Ojibwe tribe. The two groups shared an intimacy with nature and a similar view of the world.



# Run Like A Viking 5K

July 14 | 9am

Join us on July 14 for our 3rd Annual Run Like A Viking 5K, sponsored by Scan|Design! Runners are encouraged to don their Norse attire for the first-ever race at the new Nordic Museum. Start time is 9am; runners will be chip-timed. Four-legged friends welcome! Prizes will be awarded for best costume, overall winners (male and female), and top male and female participants in each age group. Register online at [nordicmuseum.org/vikingdays](http://nordicmuseum.org/vikingdays).

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# Northern Exposure

through September 16, 2018

Recommended as “an art show you shouldn’t miss” by *The Stranger*, *Northern Exposure* brings together works by more than 35 contemporary artists from the Nordic region. Conceived as an aesthetic study of how the Nordic character continues to redefine itself within an evolving global context, this exhibition challenges perceptions of form, gender, identity, nature, and technology. Organized by the Nordic Museum in cooperation with The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.



# Fridtjof Nansen

through August 5, 2018

A biographical narrative, *Fridtjof Nansen* studies a purposeful life of science and exploration, political travails, and humanitarian devotion. Famous for many accomplishments, Nansen is principally known for his efforts in aiding refugees during the 1920s, using what has come to be known as “The Nansen Passport.”



# Viking Days

July 14–15 | 10am–5pm

The Vikings are invading Ballard! Join us in celebrating the 35th year of this fantastic community event. Fun for all ages, Viking Days offers Nordic food, lively entertainment, a Viking encampment, and much more. Visitors can enjoy Swedish pancakes, interact with Vikings, listen to traditional music, shop in true Nordic style, and quench their thirst in the Valhalla beer garden.



**Nordic Museum**

Nordic Heritage Museum Foundation  
2655 NW Market St  
Seattle, WA 98107

JULY 14–15

**Viking Days**

JULY 26

**Aallotar**  
Folk Music Workshop  
and Concert

AUGUST 9

**Pearl Jam:**  
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# Fintiaanit

Finnish-Native Americans  
in the Upper Midwest

Opening August 17



Now that the new Museum has been open for almost two months, we are starting to get a feel for the new normal. We had a fantastic time celebrating our Grand Opening and Nordic Seattle programming in May; now, the galleries and café are bustling all day long. And, of course, life next door to a working waterfront is nothing short of spectacular.

What's up next for the Museum? For starters, this year marks our 35th Annual Viking Days festival—and now that the Museum has moved nearer to downtown Ballard, we're teaming up with the Ballard Alliance so our Vikings can join in all the SeafoodFest fun! To celebrate, we're bringing back our Run Like A Viking 5K, which will kick off the Viking Days festival at 9am on July 14.

Throughout July and August, our folk school is in session with **Ornamental Woodcarving**; in July, we have Finnish chamber-music group **Aallotar** playing a concert and giving a workshop; and in August, get ready to meet the author of the Pearl Jam biography every Seattleite has been waiting for.

**Fintiaanit**, opening in August, chronicles the little-known story of the Fintiaanit: the descendants of Finnish immigrants and members of the Ojibwe tribe in the Upper Midwest. The Finns and the Ojibwe people bonded over their shared connection to the forest—a connection many of us in the Pacific Northwest know well. Reporter Maria Seppälä, writer Katja Kettu, and photographer Meeri Koutaniemi spent three years documenting the lives of the Fintiaanit; their important work will be on view beginning August 17.



If you haven't made it to the new Museum yet, I'd like to encourage you to come take a look! Browse the calendar to learn about this summer's events. And as always, you can find out more about our programs and exhibitions at [nordicmuseum.org](http://nordicmuseum.org).

Eric Nelson  
CEO

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## July

### FOLK SCHOOL

SUNDAYS, JULY 1, 8, 22, 29 | 10:30am–5pm

#### Nordic Woodcarving with Erik Holt

Learn Baroque Acanthus, Rococo, and Viking/ Dragon woodcarving styles in this class. Woodcarvers at all levels are welcome. Tool sharpening and basic carving techniques will be covered for beginners. Continuing students will develop their own projects. No tools or experience necessary.

Cost: \$45/1 class; \$85/2; \$125/3; \$160/4 for Members, \$48/1 class; \$92/2; \$132/3; \$170/4 general admission.

Note: Classes are paid by the month. Visit [nordicdragon.com](http://nordicdragon.com) for more information.

### COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JULY 1 | 1pm–4pm

#### Nordic Knit Café

On the first Sunday of each month, join us for our monthly informal knitting sessions. Bring your knitting projects and meet kindred spirits who will guide you into the realm of Nordic knitting techniques. Remember—you don't have to be Nordic to knit Nordic!

Cost: Free.

### KIDS

THURSDAY, JULY 5 | 10am

#### Nordic Stories

**Finland: Daisy Darling, Let's Go to the Beach** by Markus Majaluoma

Held the first Thursday of each month, Nordic Stories features children's stories from the Nordic countries, along with fun craft projects.

Cost: Free. (Note: No reservations necessary. Not intended for large groups.)

### SPECIAL

SATURDAY, JULY 14 | 9am

#### Run Like A Viking 5K

Don your Norse seafaring attire and help us kick off our 35th Annual Viking Days celebration—by running in our 3rd Annual Run Like A Viking 5K! Serious runners, joggers, walkers, children, strollers, and four-legged friends are welcome. Register online at [nordicmuseum.org](http://nordicmuseum.org).

Cost: \$35 per runner in advance; Race Day registration is available for \$40.

### FESTIVAL

SATURDAY–SUNDAY, JULY 14–15 | 10am–5pm

#### 35th Annual Viking Days

The Vikings are invading Ballard! Fun for all ages, this annual outdoor festival offers Nordic food, lively entertainment, a Viking encampment, vendors, and more.

Cost: All festival activities, the Museum Store, and Freya are open to the public (no admission necessary); galleries require paid admission. (Note: Member admission is always free!)



### MUSIC

THURSDAY, JULY 26 | 4–6pm

#### Aallotar Folk Music Workshop

Join Finnish folk music group Aallotar for a workshop before their concert at the Museum. Accordionist Teija Niku and violinist Sara Pajunen will teach easy-to-learn Finnish folk tunes while talking about their musical backgrounds and how they work as an ensemble. All instruments welcome!

Cost: \$25 for Members, \$30 general admission.

Workshop and concert combined: \$38 for Members, \$45 general admission.

### CONCERT

THURSDAY, JULY 26 | 7pm

#### Aallotar

Finnish musical group Aallotar will perform their unique blend of traditional and contemporary folk melodies. Their music is a transatlantic collaboration that uses Finnish and Finnish-American music as the starting point for an original chamber-folk style.

Cost: \$18 for Members, \$20 general admission.

Concert and workshop combined: \$38 for Members, \$45 general admission.

### Genealogy Assistance

Beginning in July, we'll be offering a free, monthly Nordic Genealogy program from 10am to 2pm in the Cultural Resource Center. Genealogy consultant Jill Morelli will help visitors learn more about their lineage and history. Stay tuned for details!

## August

### KIDS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 | 10am

#### Nordic Stories

**Iceland: Night Light** by Roslyn McMurray

Cost: Free. (Note: No reservations necessary. Not intended for large groups.)

### ARTIST TALK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 | 7pm

#### Karen Bit Vejle

Danish artist Karen Bit Vejle introduced Seattle to her incredible world of paper cutting in 2013 with the blockbuster exhibition *Scissors for a Brush*. Bit returns for a special presentation on her work, process, and the recent acquisition of two papercuts now on display at the Museum.

Cost: \$10 suggested donation

### FOLK SCHOOL

SUNDAYS, AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:30am–5pm

#### Nordic Woodcarving with Erik Holt

### COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 | 1pm–4pm

#### Nordic Knit Café

First Sunday of each month.

### BOOK TALK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 | 7pm



#### Pearl Jam: The More You Need—The Less You Get

Join us for a book talk with Danish author and rock journalist Henrik Tuxen on his recent book, *Pearl Jam: The More You Need—The Less You Get*, an alternative Pearl Jam biography. Although

the band never wanted to publish an official biography, they approved the release of Tuxen's in-depth and very personal account of their history.

Cost: Free with book purchase (\$25), or \$10 for Members and \$15 general admission.

### EXHIBITION OPENS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 | 10am

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## Plaques



The new Nordic Museum is officially open, and the first round of plaques has been installed in the East Garden. We

are still accepting orders through the end of the year. If you would like to purchase a plaque to commemorate your Nordic roots (or simply support the new Museum), please visit the Admissions Desk or call Development at 206.789.5707 x7033.

## President's Club

Members of the President's Club unlock access to incredible Museum perks—such as our President's Club Summer Party, an exclusive event held in August for our dedicated donors, sponsors, and stakeholders. To join the club today, call Membership at 206.789.5707 x7039.

### President's Club Summer Party

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 | 6–8pm

President's Club members will hear an exclusive talk and see the official unveiling of Karen Bit Vejle's *Twittering in the Royal Copenhagen Tree*! This intricate, large-scale papercut will have a permanent home outside the Osberg Great Hall.



Thank you, Starbucks, for hosting Nordic tech and innovation leaders at the Roastery and providing coffee to the thousands of people who attended our Grand Opening!

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## Freya

Freya café: now featuring cocktails!

Pair your delicious smørrebrød with a lively Nordic-inspired cocktail like the Dill Dall. Not just for seasoning fish, dill can be a refreshing and daring way to infuse your favorite libation. The café's recipe combines dill-infused vodka, fresh lime juice, club soda, simple syrup, and a sprig of dill for garnish. Try it and other adult beverages at Freya—open Tuesday through Sunday 10am–5pm, and Thursdays 10am–8pm.

Save the Date  
**The Vikings Begin**

October 19, 2018

