

# The Vikings Begin

October 20, 2018–April 14, 2019

*The Vikings Begin* tells the story of the Vikings of early Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway, and Sweden)—an intensely maritime society with a close and important relationship to the sea. Viking themes of trade, warfare, customs, religions, and relationships with other cultures are explored through new research conducted on both historic and more recent discoveries of Viking Age artifacts by Uppsala University in Sweden. Uppsala's museum, Gustavianum, has produced this exhibition of original artifacts, reconstructions, and archaeological discoveries from early Viking Age society, based on a ten-year research project undertaken by professor Neil Price. This is the first time these artifacts have been on display on the West Coast, so don't miss out!



## Fintiaanit

**EXTENDED!**  
Now on view through November 25.

At the turn of the 20th century, thousands of emigrants left Finland hoping to find a better life in North America. The Finns found work in the mines and the forests of the northern Midwest, where they gradually forged bonds and families with members of the Ojibwe tribe. This exhibition, the result of a project conducted by three women—reporter Maria Seppälä, writer Katja Kettu, and photographer Meeri Koutaniemi—explores the lives of their descendants, now colloquially known as “Finndians.”

## EyeSound

Augnhljóð / Øjenlyd

November 29 through January 2019

### Celebrating 100 years of Icelandic sovereignty

*EyeSound* is the result of a correspondence in images and words between two Danish artists and four Icelandic authors. Images breed words, words breed images, which breed new words, which breed new images.... Where the two means of expression meet, a thought-stream forms, a poetic flow and room for conversation that builds its own logic and opens up new narratives and associations.



Photo by Erik Olsson



## Magnus Nilsson

November 10

Swedish chef Magnus Nilsson is a leading authority on Nordic culinary culture. For his latest project, *The Nordic Baking Book* (Phaidon), the follow-up to his bestselling *The Nordic Cookbook*, Nilsson traveled throughout his native region collecting more than 450 recipes from food experts, professional bakers, historians, and local home cooks to compile the definitive guide to Nordic baking. We are pleased to welcome Nilsson to Seattle for an exclusive book talk. Join us on November 10 to learn about Magnus' journey creating this landmark volume—from researching modern and traditional dishes to photographing the landscapes, food, and people that he encountered along the way.

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## Julefest

November 17–18

Join us for our 41st annual Julefest celebration! Visitors from near and far are invited to gather at the Museum to enjoy Nordic treats, have a Juletide cocktail in the Valhalla Beer Hall, shop for gifts made by local artisans, listen to Nordic music, see the Norwegian sleigh we recently added to our collection, and, as always, meet Santa! This year's Julefest will be the first to be held in our gorgeous new home. Admission is free for Members and \$5 for the general public. *Entrance to Museum exhibits is not included.*

## Lecture Series: Scand30

**Short, snappy, entertaining.** *Scand30* is a two-year series of free, thirty-minute talks by UW Scandinavian Studies faculty held once each month at the Nordic Museum. The talks will tell you what you really need to know to understand Scandinavia.

All lectures will start at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month. Come early and have a bite at Freya, the Museum's café. Afterward, chat with the professors over a drink.



**Nordic Museum**

Nordic Heritage Museum Foundation  
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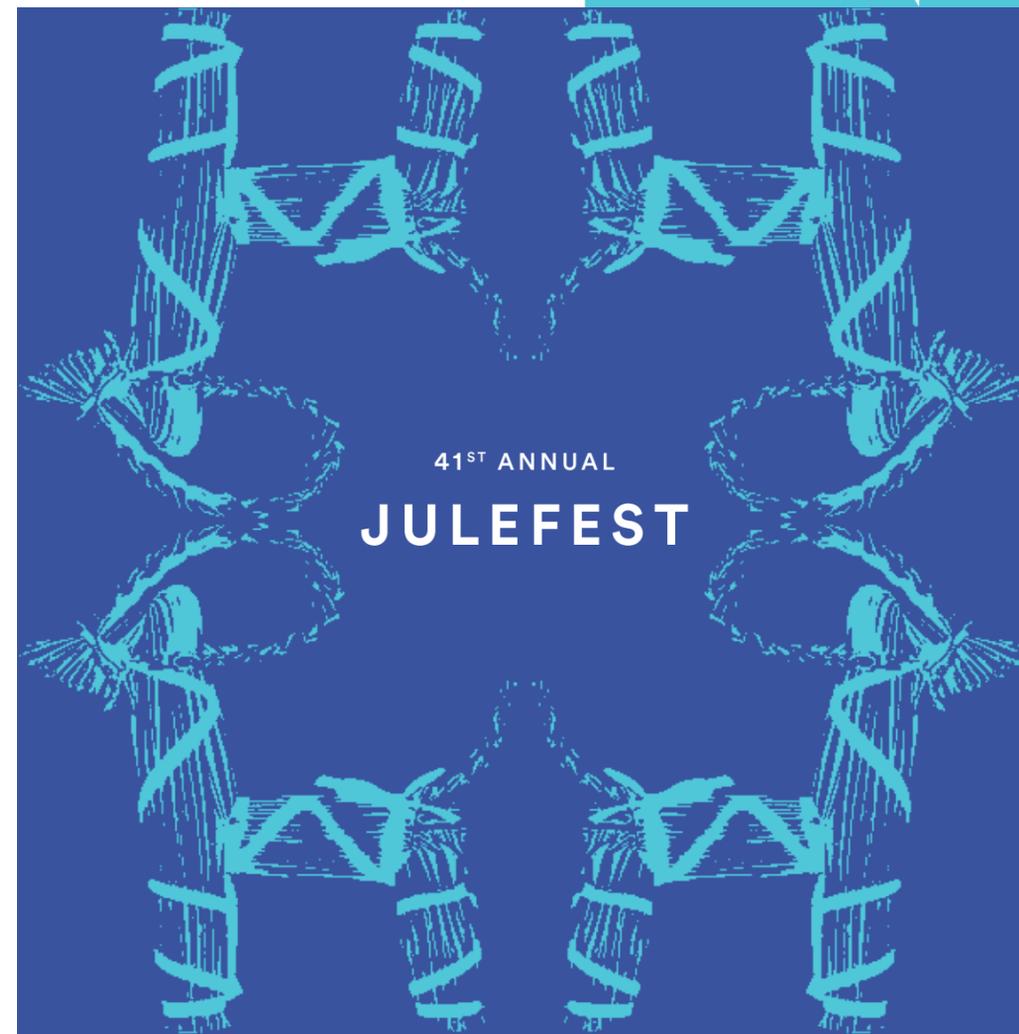
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# Julefest

A Nordic Christmas Celebration

November 17–18



## November

## KIDS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 10am

## Nordic Stories

Vikings: *The Littlest Viking* by Alexandra Penfold

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.)*

## MEMBERS ONLY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 6–8pm

## Private Shopping Party

Join us at the Museum Store's Members-only shopping party for a first look at this year's holiday gifts! Sip and snack on wine and treats while you shop.

*Cost: Free. Tickets limited, parking free!*

## FOLK SCHOOL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | 9am

## Mead Making w/ Erik Newquist

Join us for a discussion on the origins of mead, an overview of different styles, and a hands-on demonstration of the mead-making process. Erik Newquist, owner of Aesir Meadery, will teach participants how to make a gallon of their own mead! No experience necessary. 21+ only.

*This program is sold out!*

## FOLK SCHOOL

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 4, 11, 25 | 10:30am

## Ornamental Woodcarving w/ 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/day for Members, \$48/day general admission*

## COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 1pm

## Nordic Knit Café

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

*Cost: Free*

## Our first holiday season in the new Nordic is nearly upon us!

I couldn't be happier about how 2018 has unfolded for the Museum, and I'm looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season and the year's accomplishments in true Nordic style.

On November 17 and 18, we'll be holding our 41st annual **Julefest** celebration for the very first time in our new facility. As in past years, visitors will have the opportunity to shop Nordic and Nordic-inspired products, visit our beer hall, taste Nordic foods, listen to traditional music, and get their photos taken with Santa. Because the new Museum's layout and architecture is so different from the old one, our team has been busy reimagining what Julefest will look like, and they've done a wonderful job. I can't wait for you to see it.I'm also pleased to announce that this November, we're launching **Scandinavian 30**: a two-year series of entertaining lectures with the faculty of the University of Washington's Scandinavian studies department. On the second Thursday of each month, you can enjoy a free, thirty-minute talk on a unique aspect of Nordic history and culture. For the inaugural talk, Professor Terje Leiren will explore the human side of Viking culture—the perfect complement to our fascinating new exhibition, *The Vikings Begin!* If you've ever wondered what it was really like to grow up during the Viking Age, this is an event you won't want to miss.In December, we'll be hosting an in-depth class on **Scandinavian Genealogy Research** with genealogist Jill Morelli. Jill also gives short, one-on-one consultations one day each month as part of our **Nordic Genealogy Program**, but if you're just starting out on your genealogy journey, this class will be invaluable to you.As always, the Museum will hold a number of holiday children's events in December, including a **Gingerbread House Program** and the annual **Children's Christmas in Scandinavia**. I encourage you all to come out and celebrate the season—and the end to a truly momentous year—with us.

Eric Nelson, CEO

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Sign up for our e-newsletter by sending your name and email address to [news@nordicmuseum.org](mailto:news@nordicmuseum.org)

## Adult Group Tours

Join us for a group tour of *Nordic Journeys*, the new Nordic Museum's core exhibition. Our docent-led tours provide participants with an extraordinary opportunity to explore Nordic history, culture, and values. For more information or to make a request for registration, please contact Michael King, adult education coordinator, at [michaelk@nordicmuseum.org](mailto:michaelk@nordicmuseum.org) or 206.789.5707 x7037. Guided tours must be scheduled two weeks in advance and require a minimum of ten participants.*Cost: \$12 general audiences, \$10 seniors (65+), \$7 college/graduate students (with valid student ID)*

## LECTURE SERIES: SCAND30

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 7pm

## Scand30

Vikings Were People Too: *Growing Up in the Viking Age* w/ Professor Emeritus Terje Leiren

Perceived as violent raiders descending with a fury, the Vikings' human side has largely been neglected. But Vikings were people, too! Join Professor Leiren as he explores what it was like to grow up in the Viking Age. Following the lecture, guests can also attend a reception hosted by the board of the UW Scandinavian studies department.

*Cost: Free (Donations welcome)*

## BOOK TALK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 6pm

## The Nordic Baking Book w/ Magnus Nilsson

Swedish chef Magnus Nilsson has a new project: *The Nordic Baking Book* (Phaidon), the follow-up to his bestselling *The Nordic Cookbook*! For this book, Nilsson traveled throughout his native region, collecting more than 450 recipes from all manner of cooks, to compile the definitive guide to Nordic baking. Join us to hear the story of the journey in Nilsson's own words.*Cost: With The Nordic Baking Book, \$45. Without book, \$15 for Members, \$20 general admission.*

## FILMS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 12pm



## Soup &amp; Cinema

Movie: *We Are the Best!/Vi är bäst!* (Sweden)

We continue the Soup &amp; Cinema season with a drama by Swedish director Lukas Moodysson. Three girls in 1980s Stockholm decide to form a punk band—even though they have no instruments and have been told by everyone that punk is dead. Freya will serve hot soup, fresh bread, coffee, and cookies.

*Cost: \$15 for Members, \$20 general admission*

## FESTIVAL

SATURDAY–SUNDAY, NOV 17–18 | 10am–5pm

## 41st Annual Julefest

Kick off your holiday season at the Nordic Museum! This year's Julefest will be the first at our new facility, and it promises to be more fun than ever. Peruse and purchase Nordic-inspired wares, taste authentic Nordic treats, meet Santa, and enjoy contemporary and traditional Nordic music and dancing.

*Cost: Free for Members, \$5 general admission. Entrance to Museum exhibits not included. Parking will be limited.*

## EXHIBITION OPENS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | 10am

## EyeSound: Augnhljóð / Øjenlyd

This exhibition, celebrating Icelandic sovereignty, is a poetic and photographic collaboration between four Icelandic authors and two Danish artists.

## BOOK TALK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | 7pm

## Early Skiing on Snoqualmie Pass w/ John W. Lundin

In the early days of competitive skiing, Snoqualmie Pass was the epicenter of the sport. Author and local ski historian John W. Lundin follows the historic tracks through the genesis of American skiing, including the Norwegian influence on skiing in the PNW and the role Scandinavians played in making ski jumping the most popular event during the early years of the sport. Books will be available for purchase in the Museum Store.

*Cost: \$5 suggested donation. Books will be available for purchase.*

## December

## KIDS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 10am

## Gingerbread House Program

Families, join in the festivities and decorate a gingerbread house with candy and other goodies! One house per family, advance registration required.

*Cost: \$20 per family for Members, \$25 per family general admission. To register, contact Alison Church at [alisonc@nordicmuseum.org](mailto:alisonc@nordicmuseum.org).*

## FOLK SCHOOL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 1pm

## Scandinavian Genealogy Research w/ Jill Morelli

Intimidated by international genealogy research? Scandinavian records are some of the most approachable. Participants in this course will learn how to access and effectively use the “Big Three”—parish, census/clerical surveys, and emigration records for Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. This highly interactive class will ensure that each participant leaves the session with a research plan specific to their country of origin.

*Cost: \$20 for Members, \$25 general admission*

## FOLK SCHOOL

SUNDAYS, DEC 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:30am

## Ornamental Woodcarving w/ Erik Holt

*Cost: \$45/day for Members, \$48/day general admission*

## KIDS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 1pm

## Children's Christmas in Scandinavia

This afternoon of Nordic family fun includes the always popular Santa Lucia Pageant, put on by the children of the Swedish School, followed by music, dancing, and Christmas crafts for children. Appropriate for all ages, no reservations needed.

*Cost: Free (\$5 suggested donation). Entrance to Museum exhibits not included.*

## COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 1pm

## Nordic Knit Café

First Sunday of each month.

## KIDS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 10am

## Nordic Stories

Trolls: *Christmas Trolls* by Jan Brett

## FILM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 12pm



## Soup &amp; Cinema

Movie: *Road North/Tie pohjoiseen* (Finland)

This month's Soup &amp; Cinema features a comedy-drama by Finnish director Mika Kaurismäki. A father who has been absent for 30 years returns and wants to bond with his son on a road trip to the north. Freya will serve hot soup, fresh bread, coffee, and cookies.

*Cost: \$15 for Members, \$20 general admission*

## LECTURE SERIES: SCAND30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 7pm

## Scand30

Trolls in the Nordic Imagination: *Scary, Clumsy, and Lovable* w/ Professor Emeritus Lotta Gavel Adams

There have always been trolls in the Scandinavian forests. But wait! What is that coming out of the forests in recent Nordic films and novels?

*Cost: Free (Donations welcome)*

## Calling all Cub Scouts!

The Museum has a new activity segment available for all Boy Scouts of America councils. Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts who visit and complete a scavenger hunt will earn a Nordic Museum activity segment. The program includes discounted admission.

*Visits must be scheduled in advance by emailing [alisonc@nordicmuseum.org](mailto:alisonc@nordicmuseum.org).**Cost: \$4 Scouts, \$6 adults**\*To make sure you don't miss out on any of our events and programs, follow us on Facebook and check [nordicmuseum.org](http://nordicmuseum.org) regularly. We add new events all the time!*

## Time is running out!

You only have until December 28 to include your name on a plaque in the East Garden of the new Nordic Museum.

All orders placed before December 28 will be installed in January 2019. If you would like to purchase a plaque as a lasting legacy and/or to commemorate your Nordic roots, please visit the Admissions Desk or call Development at 206.789.5707 x7033. All proceeds support the new Museum. It's a great way to honor or remember someone who helped teach you how to *Share the Nordic Spirit!*

What designs are cool this Jul? Find out at the Museum Store.



## Save the Date:

Nordic Lights Film Festival: March 1–3, 2019

## Save the Date:

Mostly Nordic Concert Series: January 6–June 6, 2019

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