

Swedish/Norwegian Folk Music Concert

Two of the foremost folk musicians of this generation will be performing in Jamestown. Erik Rydvall from Västerbotten, Sweden will perform on the nyckelharpa and Olav Mjelva from Røros, Norway will play the Hardanger fiddle. The concert will be Wednesday December 7 at 7:00 PM at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 825 Forest Avenue. This event is sponsored by the Scandinavian Studies program and is free and open to the public.

Erik Rydvall has studied at the Eric Sahlstroms Institute in Toby, Sweden and the Royal College of Music in Stockholm. He has been highlighted as one of the premier young nyckelharpa players and known for his energy and virtuosity.

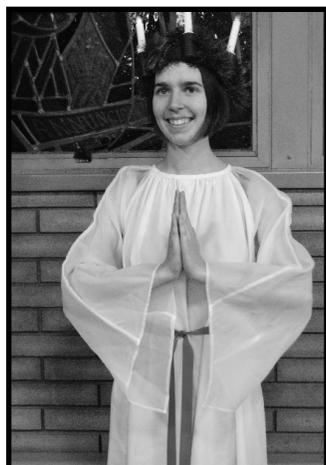
Olav Mjelva is a very active fiddle player involved in many groups. He widely plays as a studio musician and has been involved in well over 30 releases. He is also widely used as an instructor and dance musician both in Norway and abroad. He has received several awards for his talent as a fiddle player.

Erik and Olav to date have released two albums. Their debut album as a duo, "Isbrytaren" (Heilo), was released in 2013 to glowing reviews, and that same year Olav Mjelva was named folk musician of the year at the Folkelarm festival. "Isbrytaren" also won an award at Folkelarm, and was nominated for a Spellemanspris (Norwegian Grammy) in the category "Folk Music and Traditional Music".

Rydvall and Mjelva are inquisitive musicians, with strong roots in the traditions of their places of origin. A duo collaboration featuring Hardanger fiddle and keyed fiddle has rarely been presented before. The repertoire and playing styles of the two instruments are basically very different, but the two musicians manage to make the combination sound natural and intriguing.



Lucia Pageant



Haley Morgenstern has been selected as Lucia for 2016 by the American Scandinavian Heritage Foundation and the Thule Lodge Children's Club. The Lucia pageant will be held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 825 Forest Avenue, Jamestown, NY on December 11th at 2 PM. The Lucia is a favorite Swedish Christmas tradition that is celebrated all over Sweden. The candles and warmth of the pageant bring light into the dark days of winter.

Haley Morgenstern is the daughter of Rodney and Heidi Morgenstern of Bemus Point. She started Swedish dancing around the age of four and has participated in Lucia programs since then. Haley graduated from Maple Grove High School in 2015 as Salutatorian of her class. She then spent a year in Finland as a Rotary exchange student. While on her exchange she visited Stockholm, Estonia, Lapland, St. Petersburg, and many other cities and countries throughout her Euro tour.

Haley is currently attending JCC and she will graduate in December with an Associate in Math and Science. She will be transferring to SUNY Cortland in January to pursue a degree in Archeology. She would like to further her education from there with an interest in Underwater Archeology and Linguistics. She is hoping she can go back to Finland or an European country to do some of her postgraduate work.

Internship Program

The Scandinavian Studies Program continues to sponsor an internship program with two local manufacturers, TitanX and SKF Aeroengine. This program is a joint effort with Jamestown Community College, and the new coordinator is Annie Chandrand. More information will be available in the next newsletter, which will be out around next February.

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Jaerv - Swedish Band



Above, Jaerv, a Swedish-band, performs at Shawbuck's. They were in town in September, and Gwen Axelson offered her camper for the evening so the group could enjoy a nice country evening at Homestead Park in Frewsburg. Here she is with the band, standing from left or right are Tobias Hedlund, Anders Bergsten, and Harald Nilsson. Seated are Markus Gustavsson and Joel Hagen.

Swedish Just for Fun - Intro Level 1

Have you always wanted to study Swedish culture and customs, and how to speak Swedish? Take this class where you'll combine exploring Swedish culture with learning the basics of this language giving you the recipe for a great class! This is an intro to Swedish language course that will incorporate many aspects of Sweden such as its history, culture, customs, and contemporary society.

The class will be held on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from February 27 to April 3, 2017; at the JCC Carnahan Building in Jamestown, NY. Cost is \$60. To register, call the Continuing Education Office at 716.338.1005.

Camp ONYAHSA



A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for next June for the stuga at Camp ONYAHSA, which was restored with funds donated by the Scandinavian Studies Program.

Swedish Christmas Cookie Workshops

If you want to learn how to make spritz and pepparkakor cookies, you may be interested in two workshops. These are traditional Swedish Christmas cookies. At each workshop the group will be taught and involved hands on in making the cookies and be able to take home at least two dozen when the event is over. On Monday, November 28, Sandra Sandy will lead in making pepparkakor and on Monday, December 5, John Johnson will lead in making spritz. This will be a small group event with reservations required by calling 716-665-0883. The workshop will begin at 10 AM and go until the cooking is completed. The location is being arranged and will be confirmed with the reservation. There will be a small charge of \$4 for the materials involved. This event is sponsored by the Thule Lodge.