The American Swedish Institute is a museum, a cultural education center, a café, a destination store, an historic mansion, and so much more. ASI is one of the best resources around for exploring Nordic-inspired arts and culture through inclusive, transformative experiences centered around learning, reflection, and collaboration.

Unless otherwise noted, advance registration is required for all programs and events. Learn more about ASI’s programs and exhibitions at asimn.org.

Look ahead to the holidays! November–January programs and events go on sale Friday, September 29 (ASI members) and Monday, October 2 (general public). Schedule announced late September.

Become an ASI member! Make an impact, receive free museum admission, and save on ASI’s classes, workshops and events, with opportunities to register for many of these programs before they become publicly available. Join today at asimn.org.

Registration Opens

Friday, July 21
(ASI members)

Monday, July 24
(general public)

Register online at asimn.org

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In-Person | Workshop | Tuesdays, October 3–November 7, 6–8 pm
The paper birch is an icon of Northern forests in both the Upper Midwest and the Nordic region, and has provided creative craftspeople with endless projects from the bark and wood. Join Beth Homa Kraus for this six week tutorial in birch bark, starting with processing Minnesota-harvested bark and leading into more complicated projects such as knife sheaths and boxes. Suitable for ages 16+. $175 ($150 ASI member) + variable materials fee payable to instructor

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Basketry
Crafting the Knutkorg with Fred Livesay and Phil Moody
In-Person | Workshop | Saturday & Sunday, September 9–10, 9 am–5 pm, and Mondays, September 11–October 16, 6–9 pm
Carving, weaving, and woodworking are combined in this multi-week course devoted to unraveling the knot basket or knutkorg. These classic Scandinavian baskets use bent willow for frames, “knot” corners, and woven, splint sides, to create an attractive square basket. Students will make their own 8” x 8” x 6” square basket over eight sessions. This project is suitable for ages 18+ with good hand strength and dexterity, with some previous experience in green wood carving. $400 ($350 ASI member) + $80 materials fee payable to instructor

Nordic Handcraft
Inspired by Swedish handcraft traditions, these programs gather makers of all backgrounds to build community, practice folk art traditions, and share innovative and creative approaches to textiles, woodcarving, basketry, and more.
November, in this workshop students will decorate their own ceramic luminaries with carved designs. After firing, the luminaries will be returned to ASI for pick up. This class also includes a complimentary beverage from FIKA Café. Suitable for ages 21+. $60 ($55 ASI member) + $25 materials fee payable to instructor

Glass & Ceramics

Painted Mugs with Sue Flanders and Ingrid Sundstrom
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, September 14, 1–3pm
Decorate your own mugs with any pattern you like, using provided patterns or your own inspiration. Students will paint two bisqueware mugs prepared by potter Sue Flanders. Sue will fire the mugs after class and return them to ASI for pick up about a week later. Suitable for ages 14+. $55 ($45 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to instructor

Forage and Fuse with Emma Wood
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 16, 1–3pm
Create a unique glass object that holds the imprint of foraged plants. Students will bring their own plants, matter and seal it inside a fused glass piece, capturing both a design and moment in time. Suitable for ages 16+. $85 ($75 ASI member)

Metal & Jewelry

Pewter Thread Braid Exploration with Liz Bucheit
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 21–Sun, October 22, 10 am–5 pm
Dive into the exciting techniques of working with pewter thread! In this workshop, students of all levels will explore a variety of braiding techniques using pewter thread with the option to incorporate beads, silk cord, and leather. Leave ready to incorporate beautiful braids into bracelets and beyond! Suitable for ages 18+. $80 ($70 ASI member) + $30 materials fee payable to instructor

Natural Crafts & Wellness

Nordic Herbs for Winter with Gigi Stafne
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 28, 10 am–3 pm
Taking inspiration from Nordic herbal traditions, spend a day exploring medicinal herbs to carry your family through the long winter. Master herbalist Gigi will share both modern understandings of herbal medicine and the healing traditions from her Nordic heritage through hands-on projects and discussion. Students will create four or five herbal preparations to take home. Suitable for ages 18+. $180 ($160 ASI member) + $30 materials fee payable to instructor

Paper & Studio Arts

Watercolor Batik Fall Birches with Kim Gordon
In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 17, 1–4 pm
A fun and modern twist on the ancient batik technique. Students will use layers of melted wax and watercolor on rice paper to create an image of a golden grove of birch trees in their fall glory. This unusual art form is fun and approachable, and results in a beautiful piece of art that reflects our northern landscape. Suitable for ages 16+. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $10 materials fee payable to the instructor
Painting with Wool – Rosemaling with Laura Berlage

In-Person | Workshop | Sun, September 24, 1–3 pm
Make a sweet garland of colorful woolly leaves and acorns! Felter Jen will lead kids and their special adults through the process of shaping and decorating wool flowers using the magical technique of needle felting, before stringing them onto a garland. This project is especially suited for younger participants, welcoming children ages 5-10 alongside a registered adult. $50 adult/child pair ($45 ASI member adult/child pair) + $25 materials fee payable to the instructor

Textiles

Autumn Abundance in Watercolor with Tara Sweeney

In-Person | Workshop | Wed, November 1–3 pm
Celebrate the harvest and become immersed in fall colors, patterns, and shapes in this two-day watercolor workshop. By practicing drawing and painting from direct observation and working from creative prompts, students will create original artwork capturing autumn’s abundance. All levels of experience welcome. Students provide their own materials; see asimn.org for list. Suitable for ages 16+. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $10 materials fee payable to the instructor

Watercolor Batik Pattern Play with Kim Gordon

In-Person | Workshop | Fri, October 27, 1–4 pm
Use batik to make uniquely patterned rice paper. Students will practice carving wooden stamps, printing into the fabric, sewing the bag and then making a cord tie over the day. All skill levels are welcome as this day earns the fabric, sewing the bag and then making a cord tie over the day. All skill levels are welcome as this day.
Needle Felted Pumpkin House with Jen Newburg
In-Person | Workshop | Thu, October 26, 6:30–8:30 pm
Needle felt a pumpkin house just in time for fall displays! Felter Jen Newburg will provide prepared bases and a colorful array of wool batting, then guide students through the process of shaping and decorating their own wool pumpkin house using basic needle felting techniques. Grab a friend or family member for a relaxing evening of crafting and connecting! Suitable for ages 16+. $50 ($45 ASI member) + $20 materials fee payable to the instructor.

Weaving Swedish Rölakan Samples with Melba Granlund
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, November 3–Sun, November 5, 10 am–5 pm
Learn about weaving in the Swedish rölakan style in this three-day class inspired by historic samples in the ASI Collections. This simple flatweave tapestry technique creates durable, double-sided woven items where the weft fully covers the warp. Students will work on tabletop-sized tapestry looms to weave at least one sample pattern up to 10” square. Suitable for all experience levels, ages 18+. $300 ($270 ASI member) + $30 materials fee payable to instructor.

Wood
Advanced Scandinavian Spoon Carving with Paul Linden
In-Person | Workshop | Wednesdays, September 13–November 15, 7–9 pm
Build your spoon carving skills in this 10-week course! This class uses spoons and other small projects to explore intermediate and advanced techniques of woodworking in the spirit of slöjd, the Swedish handicraft tradition of creating beautiful and functional objects. Students should have previous experience in green wood working with hand tools and good hand strength/flexibility. Suitable for ages 16+. $250 ($225 ASI member) + $50 materials fee payable to instructor.

Scandinavian Wooden Figure Carving with Bill Jaeger
In-Person | Workshop | Tue, September 26–Wed, September 27, 9 am–5 pm
Join long-time woodcarving instructor Bill Jaeger for two days of flat plane style figure carving! This iconic folk art transforms a wooden blank into a character full of personality with just a knife and a little paint. Bill will bring several new designs for carvers of all levels. Woodcarving requires good hand strength and dexterity; students provide their own tools and pay $15/blank. Suitable for ages 16+. $200 ($180 ASI member) + $15 materials fee per blank payable to instructor.

Green Woodcarving 101 with Sam Gathje
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, October 6, 1–4 pm
Get a taste of woodcarving in this half-day, in-person class. This quick overview of the fundamentals of woodcarving will introduce the tools, terminology, and concepts of working with green wood. With a carving knife in hand, participants will practice simple knife grips and even finish a small butter spreader. Suitable for ages 16+, or ages 11–15 accompanied by a registered adult. $70 ($60 ASI member) + $15 materials fee payable to instructor.

Green Woodcarving 102 with Sam Gathje
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, October 7, 10 am–5 pm and Sun, October 8, 9 am–12 pm
Ready to dive into Scandinavian-style green wood carving? Join Sam Gathje for this weekend-long course designed to introduce students to the foundation tools and techniques to begin carving. Over two days, students will complete several small projects and find inspiration for many more. Ages 16+ welcome, or ages 14+ accompanied by a registered adult. $130 ($115 ASI member) + $25 Materials fee payable to instructor.
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Nordic Table

Celebrate and explore northern foodways through events that connect participants to food experts, guest chefs, and seasoned educators. Demos allow students to watch instructors prepare featured recipes while workshops are participatory experiences in which registrants cook alongside the instructor. Tickets to virtual Nordic Table classes include access to a recording of the class for one month.

Intergenerational Potato Pancakes with Anna Sharratt
In-person | Sun, September 17, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
It’s time for lunch! This class will get kids and adults together cooking as we prepare raggmunk, a Swedish lunch time classic of potato pancakes with bacon and lingonberries. Every adult-child pair will go home with recipes to keep cooking at home and a full belly! This class is designed for young cooks 6–12 accompanied by a registered adult. $90 adult/child pair ($80 ASI member adult/child pair)

Baking Norwegian Skoleboller with Kristi Bissell
Virtual | Demo | Thu, September 21, 1–2 pm CDT
Get ready for the new school year with a favorite Norwegian baked good, the skolebolle, or Norwegian School Bun! Of course, this vanilla custard flavored bun is a treat for all ages. Kristi will walk students through the cardamom flavored yeasted dough, the vanilla custard, and the rising and baking process. This lovely bake is sure to be a fall favorite for young and old alike! $25 ($20 ASI member)

Making Skyr at Home with Anna Sharratt
In-Person | Workshop | Fri, October 6, 6–8:30 pm & Sat, October 7, 1–3:30 pm
Learn the art of making skyr—a thick and tangy Icelandic yogurt—and explore Iceland’s unique culture through the lens of skyr in traditional and contemporary life. Students bring their own pot to start a batch of skyr, and head home with all the equipment needed and recipes to use their own skyr in. Open to ages 18+, or ages 14–17 alongside a registered adult. $95 ($85 ASI member) + $10 materials fee payable to instructor

Cooking with the Archives with Patrice Johnson
In-Person | Demo | Thu, September 14, 6–8 pm
Join Patrice Johnson, Nordic food enthusiast, to dig into treasured recipes from ASI’s Library and Archives, which houses a collection of historic cookbooks and food related publications. Patrice will share dishes adapted from archival recipes to show the changing landscape of Scandinavian food in the region over the past 150 years. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Thursday Nights at FIKA Café
Thursdays, 3–8 pm. Enjoy 50% off all bottles of wine and $1 off all cocktails, beer, and wine.
Fall City Foraging with Maria Wesserle
In-Person | Workshop | Sat, September 23, 1–3 pm
Learn the basics of urban foraging in this unique class led by Maria Wesserle of Four Season Foraging. Beginning on the American Swedish Institute’s campus in Minneapolis, participants will trek up to 10–12 city blocks in total and will discuss wild edibles found along the way while learning the cultural heritage of foraging throughout the Nordic region. Suitable for ages 18+, or ages 11–17 accompanied by a registered adult. $45 ($40 ASI member)

Savory Sweet Fall Flavors with Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen
In-Person | Demo | Thu, September 28, 6:30–8:30 pm
Nibble the night away with local cookbook authors Beth and Mette as they share inspiration from their book Savory Sweet: Simple Preserves from a Northern Kitchen. They will choose several of their favorite fall recipes to demonstrate, offering plenty of inspiration for capturing bold and fresh flavors for any Midwestern pantry. $65 ($55 ASI member)

Intro to the Nordic Table with Patrice Johnson
In-Person | Demo | Thu, October 12, 6–8 pm
Prepare and share a light meal while exploring the central tenets of New Nordic cuisine, including seasonality and locally sourced ingredients. Patrice will also touch upon how the environment, migration, and trade have affected foodways in both Swedish and Swedish American communities. Leave with a new understanding of how diverse, colorful, and nutritious the Nordic Table can be! $55 ($45 ASI member)

A Fall Lunch with Kristi Bissell
In-Person | Demo | Sat, October 21, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
For the first time, join True North Kitchen blogger Kristi Bissell for an in-person class at ASI! Join Kristi in the kitchen for a demo of several recipes that make a great weekend lunch or light fall supper: a savory galette with rye and butternut squash, a salad, and a simple dessert. As always, Kristi will share lots of kitchen tips and tricks—but this time, students will get to taste her work! $65 ($55 ASI member)

Beautiful Beets with Scott Graden
In-Person | Demo | Sun, October 29, 12–4 pm
Join Chef Scott Graden of the North Shore’s acclaimed New Scenic Café to find out what the fuss is about beets! Chef Scott will use beets to add color and flavor to an array of Scandinavian inspired dishes, leaning heavily on Nordic flavors to complement fresh and pickled beets. In this demonstration based class, students will enjoy insights into Chef Scott’s process, demos of a variety of recipes, and of course, many chances to taste. Suitable for ages 18+. $135 ($125 ASI member)

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The fall semester offers more than 30 fun and educational courses in Swedish, Finnish, and Sámi, ranging from beginning to advance levels. Both virtual and in-person opportunities are available. Most classes have required course materials, many of which can be found through the ASI Museum Store. 9-week language courses are $135 ($125 ASI member). Visit asimn.org for the complete schedule and to register for classes.

New Beginning Level Language Courses

Mon. New Beginning I Swedish: Kort Kurs 1 – Jean Hanslin
Virtual | Mondays, September 11–November 6, 4:30 pm–6 pm CDT
Specifically developed to meet adult language students with basic or limited experience in second-language learning. This class is for new beginners and uses a text called Kort Kurs 1, which can be purchased as a digital download exclusively in the ASI Museum Store. $135 ($125 ASI member)

Tues. New Beginning I Swedish – Kjerstin Moody
Virtual | Wednesdays, September 13–November 8, 4 pm–5:30 pm CDT
Starting in chapter 1 of Rivstart A1/A2. Required materials: Rivstart A1/A2 textbok and övningsbok (workbook) (new edition, 2023). This class meets virtually. Beginning I classes cover the first half of Rivstart A1/A2. $135 ($125 ASI member)
Language Expansion Classes

Boreal Plant Walk in English and Northern Sámi
In-Person | Sun, September 10, 2–4 pm
Many plants in the boreal region grow in the northernmost part of the Scandinavian peninsula of Europe and around the Great Lakes region of North America. Take a stroll through the woods on this Boreal Plant Walk, stopping to learn a little about each plant that grows in both regions, as well as the plant names in Northern Sámi. $18 Individual ($15 ASI member), $30 Family (2+ individuals)

Hjälp! Swedish Language Learning Hacks
Virtual | Tue, September 19, 4–6 pm CDT
In this workshop, taught by Jean Hanslin, participants will consider teaching approaches, learning styles, retention strategies, comparisons to English and receive numerous resources to enhance language learning success. This class is perfect for new beginners or current students looking for new language learning tips and strategies. $18 Individual ($15 ASI member)

Introductory

Intro to Swedish
Virtual | Thu, September 7, 6–8 pm CDT
This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Jean Hanslin is the perfect way to get a feel for Swedish, pick up a bit of grammar, and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversation. $18 ($15 ASI member)

Intro to Finnish
Virtual | Sun, September 10, 12:45–2:45 pm CDT
This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Joona Sundström is the perfect way to get a feel for Finnish, pick up a bit of grammar, and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic conversation. $18 ($15 ASI member)

Intro to Northern Sámi
Virtual | Sun, September 24, 2–4 pm CDT
This two-hour introductory workshop taught by Áila O’Loughlin is the perfect way to learn some history of the nine living dialects of Sápmi, get a feel for Northern Sámi, pick up a bit of grammar and learn how to pronounce some words as part of basic greetings. Families welcome! $18 ($15 ASI member), $30 Family (2+ Individuals)

Nordic Book Circle: Contemporary Nordic Literature in Translation
In-Person | Meets fourth Sunday of every month (3rd Sunday in December), 2–4 pm, (September 24 & and October 22)
This new monthly reading group, led by Kjerstin Moody, will feature a sampling of voices from across the Nordic region available in English translation with particular emphasis given to women, queer, and/or BIPOC writers. See what books will be covered at asimn.org. $10 ($5 ASI member)

Youth Language Learning

Lilla Skolan
In-Person | Sat, September 9–Sat, November 11, 9:30–11 am
A program for Swedish-speaking children ages 3–5, Lilla Skolan features story time, music, and a craft followed by free play. Provides an immersive Swedish environment, and at least one Swedish-speaking parent must be with the child during the lesson. $135 ($125 ASI members)

Svenska Skolan
In-Person | Sat, September 9–Sat, November 11, 9:30–11:30 am CDT
Saturday morning language and culture program for ages 6–12 that offers an opportunity for children to learn to practice Swedish in a fun and interactive environment. Instruction is tailored to meet the needs of children at all levels of Swedish. Häng med! $160 ($150 ASI members)

Svenska för tonåringar (Swedish for teens)
Svenska för tonåringar is a class for students age 15–18 who are serious about learning Swedish. In this course, you will speak, write and read in Swedish. Vi talar, skriver och läser på svenska. Kom och lär dig svenska hos oss! There are two sessions of Svenska för tonåringar based on language ability. This class meets virtually. $100 ($90 ASI members)

Group 1: Virtual | Tue, September 12– Tue, November 7, 4:30–5:30 pm
Group 2: Virtual | Tue, September 12– Tue, November 7, 6–7 pm
**Youth & Family**

From day camps to carrier tours, birthday parties to youth handcraft, there’s always something for children to explore together at ASI.

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**Babies at the Castle**

Leave your strollers at the door and carry your baby through a tour of *Leaving Your Mark: Stories in Wood* before ASI opens to the public. This unique tour is designed for babies up to 18 months and their caregivers. Tours are approximately 30 minutes followed by an additional 15 minutes of sensory play. $15 ($12 ASI member), $10 additional adult.

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**Babies at the Castle: Leaving Your Mark**

In-Person | Fri, September 22 & Sat, September 23 & Fri, October 27 & Sat, October 28, 9:15–10 am

**Kids at the Castle**

It’s a morning playdate at the Twin Cities’ only castle! These action-packed creative playtimes encourage adventurous young minds through circle time, storytelling, crafts, visual play, music, and movement. Kids at the Castle themes are inspired by the seasons. Advance registration is required. Adults must accompany children. Suggested for ages 2–5. Includes museum admission. $10 per family.

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**Kids at the Castle: Nana and Abuela**

In-Person | Fri, September 15, 9–10 am & Sat, September 16, 9–10 am

Join ASI for a special Kids at the Castle inspired by Halloween! Participants are encouraged to dress up in their costumes. Includes admission to Spooky Mini Transmission.

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**Starting with Slöjd**

Starting with Slöjd is a monthly program for early elementary children. Participants explore new tools, materials, and skills that prepare them for a lifelong love of handcraft. These drop-off programs are suitable for students in grades K–3.

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**Starting with Slöjd: Tic-Tac-Toe On the Go**

In-Person | Sun, September 17, 1–2 pm

In this class, Anna Ruhland will teach students how to make their own tic-tac-toe boards using the running stitch. Students will also create their own pieces to play tic-tac-toe anytime they are on the go! If time allows, students may also sew a pouch to carry their new game with them.

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**Starting with Slöjd: Needle Felted Pocket Mörksugga**

In-Person | Sun, October 15, 1–2 pm

Anna Ruhland will teach students about the Mörksugga, a beloved Swedish mythological creature, and how to needle felt their own Mörksugga!
Preschool Programs

Explore Swedish traditions with your little one. Together we’ll answer the questions: “What do Swedish families do throughout the year?” and “Why do they do it?” This program is for children ages 3–5 and their special adult. $15 ($20 ASI member)

Preschool Program: Kanelbullar Dag (Cinnamon Bun Day)
In-Person | Fri, October 6, 10–11:30 am
Celebrate Kanelbullar Dag with ASI! Learn about Cinnamon Bun Day through baking, storytime, exploration in the Castle, Swedish vocab, and craft.

Special Programs

Lucia Choir Participant Registration
Sing in ASI’s Lucia Choir! Registration for participants from the 2022 Lucia Choir runs September 25–October 4, 2023. New family registration begins on Thursday, October 7. For more information visit asimn.org. $25 registration fee.

Lucia Choir participants must have a household membership to participate.

Spooky Mini Transmission
In-Person | Sat, October 21, 10 am–12 pm
Get ready to boogie down during the first-ever Spooky Mini Transmission hosted by popular DJ Jake Rudh. Jake Rudh will play seriously fun dance tunes during this kids and family dance party. Participants are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes. Families can join the fun anytime between 10 am and 12 pm. Advance registration encouraged; walk-up registration available. $15 per family

Youth Birthday Parties

Create a fun and memorable themed party for your special birthday child (or grandchild). They’ll love it, their friends will love it, and you’ll love it, too, because ASI will do the set up and clean up and organize all the activities!

Birthday parties can be booked depending on availability, but must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance to help staff plan your party. Perfect for kids turning 5 to 12.

For more details on Birthday parties, visit asimn.org
Arts & Culture Programs

From exhibition openings to concert series, book talks to nature walks, these events and festivals bring people together in celebration of art and culture in all their forms.

Special Events

Cocktails at the Castle
Friday, September 15, 6:30 pm–midnight
Cocktails and concerts return to the Twin Cities’ only castle this fall with great music, Nordic-inspired art, and wild surprises. Discover multiple stages of independent bands, pop-up activities, food and drinks, and explore the museum galleries at this adults-only fall event that was awarded 'Best Event Concept' by MSP Magazine.

This year’s Cocktails at the Castle features an exciting lineup of Minnesota artists and activities that draws inspiration from Claes Larsson’s edgy, boundary-pushing handcraft from Leaving Your Mark: Stories in Wood, ASI’s punk rock woodcarving exhibition on view through October 29. Cocktails at the Castle will feature performances by ten bands including local stars Monica LaPlante alongside up-and-comers Killusonline, a wreck-it room, a chance for attendees to get a real (yes, real!) tattoo from a local artist, fire arts demos, Luchador wrestling, axe throwing, and much more. The event is sponsored by 89.3 The Current, Tattersall Distilling, and the Star Tribune.

General Admission: $45 ($40 ASI member)
VIP Patron: $100 (limited availability)
Includes one drink, a VIP meet and greet with ASI’s new CEO, Molly Steenson, and free valet parking.
VIP Tattoo: $150 (limited availability)
Includes one drink, a VIP meet and greet with ASI’s new CEO, Molly Steenson, free valet parking, and a permanent tattoo by Leah Earl.
VIP options include access to a VIP lounge.

Performances & Screenings

Tjämblo Album Release Concert
In-Person | Fri, September 29, 7–8:30 pm
Tjämblo (Swedish for “woodland lake flower”) is an eclectic Minneapolis group of musicians with Cheryl Paschke on nyckelharpa, Val Eng, on harmonium, Joe Alfano, on mandolin, and Erin Walsh, on cello.

Join them to celebrate the launch of their new album, Woods. The group travels a modern “Snoose Boulevard Highway” in a musical journey, and plays a repertoire of both old and new Swedish, Finnish, and Minnesota tunes for dancing and for listening. Reception to follow with a cash bar. $10 ($5 ASI member)

OK Factor + JAERV Concert
In-Person | Sun, October 22, 5–8 pm
On the heels of their joint American tour in 2022 and Swedish tour in summer of 2023, local string duo The OK Factor and Swedish folk quintet JAERV return to ASI in support of their program, Traditions. Unique instrumentation, deep musical talent, and a camaraderie born from the bands’ exploration of one another’s traditions combine to offer a unique night of folk music grounded in pure, palpable joy. $37 ($32 ASI member) in advance; $40 at the door

Gangspil Concert
In-Person | Fri, October 6, 7–8 pm
The award-winning Danish duo, Gangspil, returns to ASI. Sonnich Lydom (accordion, harmonica) and Kristian Bugge (fiddle) will perform traditional music on accordion/harmonica, fiddle, and vocals from every corner of their Scandinavian home country. Expect everything from wild polkas and jigs to lyrical waltzes, fiery reels and happy hopsas, plus the exotic “Sønderhoning” dance tunes from the famous Island of Fanø, and long forgotten songs from all over the country. An unforgettable live experience spiced up with humor and stories from their many years on the road. $25 ($20 ASI Member) in advance; $30 at the door.

Music Thursdays
In-Person | First Thursday of Every Month, 6–7pm
Don’t miss these free concerts on the First Thursday of every month as part of ASI’s Free Thursdays After 3pm. Weather permitting, performances will be held outdoors.

Thu, September 7: Scott Keever
Thu, October 5: Scott Keever
Tours

Turnblad Mansion Tour
In-Person | Wednesdays-Sundays, September 1-October 29, 1:30 pm
Discover the history of the Turnblad Mansion and Turnblad Family on a dynamic and interactive guided tour led by ASI educators. Register in advance to secure your space. Walk-up registration may also be available but will be limited based on the number of advanced registrations. Tours are included with museum admission.

Carving on Park Ave: Woodwork of the Turnblad Mansion
In-Person | Fridays, September 1 & October 6 at 11 am, and Fridays, September 8 & October 13 at 2:30 pm
A team of skilled woodcarvers crafted the elaborate carvings found throughout the Turnblad Mansion, and today local experts restore these carvings for future generations. Come see the Mansion in a new way as you learn about the six types of wood used in the Mansion and the craftsmen who expertly shaped each piece. $20 ($15 ASI member)

Discover the Golden Mile: Neighborhood Walking Tour
In-Person | Thursdays, September 14 & 28, 6-7 pm
Explore the area of Minneapolis once known as The Golden Mile on this guided walking tour of the blocks surrounding ASI. Discover the architecture, stories, and cultures of the neighborhood—past and present—and learn how this vibrant neighborhood has changed over time. Participants must be mobile enough to travel along sidewalks for an hour. The Turnblad Mansion, ASI Museum Store, and Fika Café will be open before and after the tour for a complete experience. $15 per person

Flashlight Tours
In-Person | Wed, October 25 and Fri, October 27, 6:30-8 pm
Ever wonder if there are ghosts in the historic Turnblad Mansion? Come find out! The lights are off for this 21+ flashlight tour of the Mansion. Participants will receive a unique pint glass to take home and have the opportunity to purchase a drink from our cash bar to bring along on the tour. $35 ($30 ASI member)

Culture & Conversation: From Waverly to Tesla: The Turnblads’ Vehicles
In-Person | Thu, September 14, 5-6 pm
Join the American Swedish Institute’s Interpretive Developer Esteban Perez Cortez as he discusses vehicles that the Turnblad family owned. From electric cars to 6-cylinder cars, Esteban will examine the Turnblad’s vehicles and how they compare to modern automobiles. No advance registration required. Part of ASI’s Free Thursdays After 3 pm.

Culture & Conversation: Many Immigrants, One Church: The Story of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
In-Person | Thu, October 12, 5-6 pm
For over 135 years, St. Paul’s–San Pablo Lutheran Church has served its multicultural Minneapolis neighborhood and worshiped in languages familiar and new. Learn with Pastor Hierald Osorto about how his predominantly Latinx congregation is embracing its Swedish heritage. Dive into the story of belonging and resilience unfolding at the corner of 15th Avenue and 28th Street. No advance registration required. Part of ASI’s Free Thursdays After 3 pm.

Did you know?
Carver Albin Polasek used himself as a model when carving his “Barbarian” figures in the Mansion’s Grand Hall.

Talks, Lectures & Readings

From Lapland to Sápmi with Barbara Sjoholm
In-Person | Thu, October 5, 6-8 pm
With support from UMN Press, ASI presents a special talk by author Barbara Sjoholm on her new book From Lapland to Sápmi, the story of the Indigenous Sámi living in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia. Deftly written and amply illustrated, Barbara’s book brings to light the history of collecting, displaying, and returning Sámi material culture, as well as the story of Sámi creativity and individual and collective agency. No advance registration required. Part of ASI’s Free Thursdays After 3 pm.

Culture & Conversation: From Waverly to Tesla: The Turnblads’ Vehicles
In-Person | Thu, September 14, 5-6 pm
Join the American Swedish Institute’s Interpretive Developer Esteban Perez Cortez as he discusses vehicles that the Turnblad family owned. From electric cars to 6-cylinder cars, Esteban will examine the Turnblad’s vehicles and how they compare to modern automobiles. No advance registration required. Part of ASI’s Free Thursdays After 3 pm.

Culture & Conversation: Many Immigrants, One Church: The Story of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
In-Person | Thu, October 12, 5-6 pm
For over 135 years, St. Paul’s–San Pablo Lutheran Church has served its multicultural Minneapolis neighborhood and worshiped in languages familiar and new. Learn with Pastor Hierald Osorto about how his predominantly Latinx congregation is embracing its Swedish heritage. Dive into the story of belonging and resilience unfolding at the corner of 15th Avenue and 28th Street. No advance registration required. Part of ASI’s Free Thursdays After 3 pm.

Discover the Golden Mile: Neighborhood Walking Tour
In-Person | Thursdays, September 14 & 28, 6-7 pm
Explore the area of Minneapolis once known as The Golden Mile on this guided walking tour of the blocks surrounding ASI. Discover the architecture, stories, and cultures of the neighborhood—past and present—and learn how this vibrant neighborhood has changed over time. Participants must be mobile enough to travel along sidewalks for an hour. The Turnblad Mansion, ASI Museum Store, and Fika Café will be open before and after the tour for a complete experience. $15 per person

Flashlight Tours
In-Person | Wed, October 25 and Fri, October 27, 6:30-8 pm
Ever wonder if there are ghosts in the historic Turnblad Mansion? Come find out! The lights are off for this 21+ flashlight tour of the Mansion. Participants will receive a unique pint glass to take home and have the opportunity to purchase a drink from our cash bar to bring along on the tour. $35 ($30 ASI member)
Every Thursday, explore the ASI galleries and discover the Turnblad Mansion with free admission for all visitors.

Exhibitions
Explore world class exhibitions of art & culture. 
Leaving Your Mark: Stories in Wood is on view now through Oct 29, 2023.

Thursday Night Happy Hour
From 3–8 pm, half off bottles of wine and $1 off cocktails, beer, and wine.

Live Music
Live music on select Thursday evenings.

ASI is free after 3 pm every Thursday

Register for Events
Register at asimn.org, via phone at 612-871-4907, or in person at our front desk during open hours. Payment must be received for registration to be complete. Some programs have registration deadlines; all guests are encouraged to register at least one week in advance of all programs.

Waitlists for Sold Out Events
ASI keeps waitlists for all sold out classes, events, and workshops. Please call 612-871-4907 to be added to a waitlist. ASI will only contact those on waitlists as space becomes available.

Virtual Programs
Virtual programs are taught over Zoom. Participants do not need their own Zoom account, but do need a strong internet connection and a device with video capabilities. Some programs are recorded for documentation or teaching purposes. Complete login instructions are provided upon registration and as a reminder one day before a program via email.

Cancellation & Refund Policy
Refunds are not available for student cancellations made within seven days of a program. ASI reserves the right to cancel a program one week prior to its start date. In the instance of an ASI cancellation, registrants will be notified by phone or email and will receive a full refund.

Severe Weather
In the instance that severe weather causes ASI to cancel a program, ASI will contact registrants directly and post closure information on asimn.org and social media accounts. If ASI remains open for programming during inclement weather, absent registrants are not eligible for refunds.

Kits
Some virtual programs may use kits, included in the course fee. Kits will include some or all of the materials students need to make their project at home. Kits are available for pick up at ASI about one week before class or can be shipped for an additional fee; information for each individual class is available on the web page of each program.

Age Policy
Most programs and events at ASI are open to all ages. Nordic Handcraft, Nordic Table, and Language Classes are generally open to ages 18+; please see individual program descriptions for more specific exceptions. Youth programs are designed for specific age groups; all youth registrants should meet age requirements at the time of the course.

Program Scholarships
ASI is committed to removing financial barriers to our programs for anyone who needs assistance. We also welcome students from under-represented backgrounds into all Nordic Handcraft, Nordic Table, and Language classes and youth into select adult classes with reduced tuition. Learn more about applying for financial assistance or scholarships at asimn.org/about/scholarships.

Non-discrimination policy
In ASI programs, no individual or group will be discriminated against because of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability.
Minnesota artist activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.