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## Sami Lecture Opportunity!

The Norwegian Department at UT has announced two exciting lectures, both of which are open to the public, and focus on Sami history and culture.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 1, 9:30 - 10:30 am

**Location:** GEO 2.202, UT Campus

**Guest Speaker:** Nils Magne Knutsen, Professor, University of Tromsø

**Topic:** "The French Recherche-expedition to northern Scandinavia 1838-1840, with special emphasis on minister Lars Levi Læstadius and his manuscript on Sami mythology."

*(Læstadius was the Swedish/Sámi clergyman whose revelation led to a form of Lutheranism that spread throughout Scandinavia in the latter half of the 19th century.)*

**Date:** Thursday, March 3, 9:30 - 10:30 am

**Location:** GEO 2.202, UT Campus

**Guest Speaker:** Harald Gaski, Professor, University of Tromsø

**Topic:** "A Shaman with Words: Nils-Aslak Valkeapää."

*(Nils-Aslak Valkeapää won the Nordic Council Literary Prize in 1991.)*

## The Vikings Are Coming!

### "Come Vik with Us"

Celebrating over 150 years Nordic Cultural Heritage in Texas

Welcome to Viking Fest 2005 — April 22-24 2005

Waco Convention Center and Indian Spring Park, Waco, TX

Enjoy the Viking Village, Vendors, Jomsvikings, & Viking Ship on the Brazos

Advanced Admission: Adults \$5 Youth & Seniors \$2 (6-12 and over 60)

At the Door: Adult \$3 Youth & Seniors \$3

## Folk flest bor i Kina, men hvem bor i Norge?!

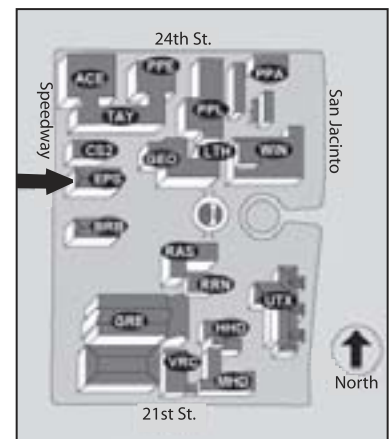
If you missed seeing *Detektor*, written by Erlend Loe and directed by award winning, Pal Jackman, mark your calendars now for the second film of the season. Coming April 6 to the UT campus is *Folk flest bor i Kina, men hvem bor i Norge?*, or, *Utopia — Nobody is Perfect in the Perfect Country*.

Six screenwriters and nine directors teamed up to compose eight intertwined stories, allegories for the philosophies of Norway's eight competing political parties. We fly over the Norwegian countryside and slowly land on the roof of a gas station in the middle of nowhere. Lasse, who runs the station, feels his enthusiasm fading, and is always trying to find excuses to spend time on his pet project — building a plane that will one day take him away from all this.

Gunn, aged 19, is an African philosophy student who covers for Lasse when he works on his secret plane. The gas station becomes the center for an array of political characters exploring Norwegian national aspirations. *Utopia* won the Rainer Werner Fassbinder Prize for dealing with politics in an unconventional way.

In Norwegian with English subtitles. The movie will be shown April 6 at 7:00 pm in EPS 4.104.

For more information, contact [kari@norwords.com](mailto:kari@norwords.com).



## Viking Fest 2005 — Pre-Festival Activities

### Monday, April 18

Arrival of Jomsvikings in Waco. Time TBA

### Wednesday, April 20

10:30 am: Story time at R.B. Hoover Library with Jomsvikings

6:00 pm: Sponsor's and Advertiser's Party, hosted by Frances White, Former US Ambassador to Sweden Lyndon and Kay Olson, Jr. and Lyndon and Frances Olson, Sr.

### Thursday, April 21

8:00 am: Jomsvikings begin training sessions.

8:00 am: Set-up for Viking encampment and Viking Invasion

### Friday, April 22

8:00 am: Waco Convention Center - Vendor's & Exhibitors set-up booths, check-in volunteers, signs and assignments.

9:00 am: Tour (9 am to 4 pm) package tour — \$35 all inclusive. Tours of Historic Waco Foundation's Historic Homes and Dr. Pepper Museum & Bus tour of Waco.

11:30 am: "Spirit of the Rivers" riverboat trip with box lunch OR "Lunch with the Vikings" in the Viking encampment.

4:00pm: Jomsviking Youth Training

6:00 pm: Viking Fest and Entertainment — Indian Springs Park. King and Queen of Viking Fest crowned.

## Calendar of Activities — Austin Area Norwegian Clubs

February 19	Saturday, 10 am		<b>NST Arts &amp; Crafts</b> at Randi Parker's Home. RSVP: 258-0039.
February 20	Sunday, 3 pm		<b>NST Cooking Class</b> at Church of the Resurrection in Wimberley. Menu: Lenten Buns. RSVP: 258-0039.
February 27	Sunday 3 – 8 pm		<b>Scandinavian Film Fest</b> at the Texas Union Theater, UT Campus. \$5.
March 6	Sunday, 4 pm		<b>NST Founders Day &amp; Cooking Class</b> at Kay Knutsen's home. Menu: Veal Roulades. RSVP: 258-0039.
March 11-13	Friday – Sunday		<b>NST Jubileum</b> in Arlington, TX.
March 13	Sunday, 5 pm		<b>Sons of Norway Meeting</b> at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.
March 19	Saturday, 10 am		<b>NST Arts &amp; Crafts</b> at Randi Parker's Home. RSVP: 258-0039.
April 10	Sunday, 5 pm		<b>Sons of Norway Meeting</b> at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.
April 16	Saturday, 10 am		<b>NST Arts &amp; Crafts</b> at Randi Parker's Home. RSVP: 258-0039.
April 17	Sunday, 4 pm		<b>NST Cooking Class.</b> Location and Recipe to be announced. RSVP: 258-0039.
April 23-24	Saturday – Sunday	 	<b>Viking Fest 2005</b> in Waco
May 8	Sunday, 5 pm		<b>Sons of Norway Meeting</b> at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.
May 17	Tuesday	 	<b>Syttende Mai Celebration.</b> More information to come.
May 21	Saturday, 10 am		<b>NST Arts &amp; Crafts</b> at Randi Parker's Home. RSVP: 258-0039.
May 22	Sunday, 4 pm		<b>NST Cooking Class.</b> Location and Recipe to be announced. RSVP: 258-0039.
June 9-12	Thursday – Sunday	 	<b>2005 Folklife Festival</b> in San Antonio.
June 23	Thursday		<b>Santhansaften Celebration.</b> More Information to come.

# Austin Area Events

## East Texas Symphony Orchestra with Per Brevig

Date: 2/5/2005 - 5/21/2005  
Type: Culture, music  
Location: CG Houston Region

*Norwegian Per Brevig conducts East Texas Symphony Orchestra when they perform four events at Tyler, Texas from February 5 through May 21.*

<http://www.norway.org/culture/music/Per+Brevig+and+East+Texas+Symphony+Orchestra.htm>

## Norwegian Exhibit C for Courage

Date: 03/02/2005 - 03/28/2005  
Category: Art Exhibit  
Location: The Children's Museum of Houston, 1500 Binz, Houston, Texas

*This exhibit will be shown at The Children's Museum of Houston along with drawings made by children at Drengsrud Elementary School in Asker, Norway.*

*The Norwegian Children's Museum in Stavanger and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have made the exhibit C for Courage that is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.*

[http://www.norway.com/events/event\\_detail.asp?id=481](http://www.norway.com/events/event_detail.asp?id=481)

## Dancers from the Norwegian National Ballet

Date: 03/24/2005 - 03/26/2005  
Category: Dance  
Location: Cullen Theater, Wortham Center for the Arts, Houston, Texas

*Dancers from the Norwegian National Ballet will perform in the annual Dance Salad Festival at the Wortham Center for the Arts, an annual show with dancers from different countries led by Artistic Director Nancy Henderek.*

*A group of 16 performers from the Norwegian National Ballet will come to Houston for the 2005 Dance Salad. This annual event brings dancers from several countries together in a fusion of East and West contemporary and classical dance, tossed with modern and classical music, and seasoned with the poetic sensitivity of beautiful choreography. Dance Salad is produced and directed by Nancy Henderek.*

[http://www.norway.com/events/event\\_detail.asp?id=462](http://www.norway.com/events/event_detail.asp?id=462)

## Besøk av kongeparet

Date: March 3, 2005, 11:00 - 12:00  
Category: Music  
Location: Norwegian Seamen's Church, Houston, Texas

*Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja will pay an official visit to New York, Houston and Washington D.C. Their Majesties' program will include various cultural and business events in Houston.*

*H.M. King Harald V and H.M. Queen Sonja will visit Houston on March 2-3. H.M. King Harald V will address the INTSOK Summit on Oil and Gas developments in Arctic and Cold Regions. His Majesty will also tour the Port of Houston with Norwegian and local shipping companies. H.M. Queen Sonja opens the Norwegian exhibit "C for Courage" at The Children's Museum of Houston and visits MD Anderson Cancer Center. Their Majesties will also visit The Norwegian Seamen's Church in Pasadena.*

<http://www.worldfest.org/mainframe.htm>

## Trio Mediaeval's U.S. Tour

Date: April 12 at 7:00 p.m.  
Category: Music  
Location: San Antonio Early Music Festival, Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas

*The trio consists of Anna Maria Friman, Linn Andrea Fuglseth and Torunn Østrem Ossum. Founded in Oslo in 1997, Trio Mediaeval has developed three distinct strands of repertoire: polyphonic medieval music from England and France, contemporary works and Norwegian medieval ballads and songs. The group's initial phase was inspired by intense periods of work at the Hilliard Summer Festival in England and Germany, and subsequently with Linda Hirst and John Potter. Info: (210) 736-3132*

About Trio Mediaeval: <http://www.triomedieval.no/>

[http://www.norway.com/events/event\\_detail.asp?id=417](http://www.norway.com/events/event_detail.asp?id=417)

## Åsne Seierstad in Houston

Date: April 27  
Category: Lecture  
Location: TBA, Houston, Texas, US

*The Norwegian author and journalist, Åsne Seierstad, will visit Houston in April as part of the official program of the Norwegian Consulate General.*

*Seierstad will hold a presentation on The Houston World Affairs Council. She will discuss her experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq, and talk about her novels "The Bookseller of Kabul" and "A Hundred and One Days". Event hosted by the Houston World Affairs Council*

[http://www.norway.com/events/event\\_detail.asp?id=488](http://www.norway.com/events/event_detail.asp?id=488)

## Norwegian Gala

Date: 05/21/2005 - 05/21/2005  
Category: Social Gathering  
Location: Houston, Texas, US

*Virtuosi of Houston will host a fund-raising Gala dinner and Concert in honor of Norway at the Hotel Intercontinental. Attendance by Norway's ambassador to the United States, Mr. Knut Vollebæk and his wife Ellen. The famed Norwegian violinist, Arve Tellefsen, will receive an award. Proceeds from the evening will go to financing a trip to Norway in 2006 for the youth chamber orchestra.*

[http://www.norway.com/events/event\\_detail.asp?id=332](http://www.norway.com/events/event_detail.asp?id=332)

## 34th Annual Texas Folklife Festival

Date: June 9-12  
Category: Culture  
Location: Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio, TX

*Four-day celebration showcases Texas' diverse heritage, featuring delectable dishes created by ethnic groups, arts and crafts vendors, pioneer crafts, stages presenting the Lone Star State's finest musical entertainers and ethnic dancers, storytellers and more! The Norwegian Society of Texas will be hosting a booth. Check the website later this spring for further info: [www.texasfolklifestival.org](http://www.texasfolklifestival.org).*

## South by Southwest Music Festival

Date: March 16-20

*Thursday, 17, and Friday, 18, are Nordic Nights! Watch your local paper for details or see <http://2005.sxsw.com/>*



## Centennial Silver Medal

This year, Norway is celebrating the 2005 Centennial of the dissolution with Sweden in 1905. To mark the 100th anniversary of independence, the Norwegian American Foundation has commissioned the Royal Norwegian Mint to issue a commemorative silver medal. The silver medal comes in a philatelic-numismatic cover/first-edition letter with accompanying stamps and will be offered as a commemorative medal to the Norwegian American community. The medal features a portrait of Crown Princess Martha, designed by Ingrid Austlid Riise in close cooperation with Kirsten Kokkin. The reverse side depicts a portrait of the three regents of the period: King Harald V, King Olav V and King Haakon VII designed by Grazyna Jolanta Lindau. The medal is made of sterling silver 925 Ag and in Proof quality. Diameter is 32 mm. Medals go on sale January 1, 2005. Pictures are available for downloading through the Royal Norwegian Mint banner on [www.norway.com](http://www.norway.com).

## Crown Princess Martha Sweater by Dale

Norwegian knitwear manufacturer and 2005 Centennial Sponsor, Dale of Norway, has created a special sweater inspired by and in honor of HRH Crown Princess Martha. This sweater will be available for purchase in 2005. More information is available through <http://www.norway.com/2005> and [www.Dale.com](http://www.Dale.com).

## Book: "Norway — Portrait of a Nation"

Written by some of the most prominent contemporary personalities in Norway today, "Norway: Portrait of a Nation" is an extensive presentation of Norway. The writers, including HRH Crown Prince Haakon Magnus, joined forces to create a "portrait of a nation" just in time for the centennial celebration this year. The book offers an insight into the character and peculiarities of Norwegian society and has something for everyone. With 592 pages and over 600 illustrations this book embraces a wide range of subjects from the past to the present — politics and business, cuisine and sport, environmental conservation and education, history, art and philosophies of life. The book is available in English and Norwegian. You may order the book by contacting Esther Foote: [Esther.foote@norway.com](mailto:Esther.foote@norway.com), Tel 206.441.3129 or by visiting the online Norwegian American foundation store: <http://noram.norway.com/store.asp>. NAF Price: \$119 (includes shipping and handling). Format 9 1/2 by 12 inches.

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