

Fw: Danish Songwriters, Swedish/Finnish in Finland, Nordic Happy Hour, Nordic Film Fest, ... Thursday, January 28, 2010 1:24:29 PM

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From: [Nikolas White](#)

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Subject: Danish Songwriters, Swedish/Finnish in Finland, Nordic Happy Hour, Nordic Film Fest, ...

Hi All – See below (more detail on these events further below) on these events and activities occurring that you might be interested in:

Swedish Coffee Braid question:

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Feb 1 (Mon) - Swedish and Finnish in Finland Lectures - 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Feb 3 (Wed) - Swedish and Finnish in Finland Lectures - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Feb 4 (Thurs) - Swedish and Finnish in Finland Lectures - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Feb (TBD) – Nordic Happy Hour

Feb 10 (Wed) - Danish Songwriters playing in Austin - The House of Songs showcase featuring Zar at Cactus Cafe

Feb. 11–21 (Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun) - Peer Gynt, By Henrik Ibsen

Feb. 22 (Mon) - VASA Meeting

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Scholarships for Study in Sweden ; Scandinavian Businesses and Groups in Austin ; Swedish Language Instruction Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish Classes at the University of Texas ; Austin Scandinavian Dancing ; Floorball

Swedish Coffee Braid question:

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Do you know of anyone on the Scandinavian email list that is big into baking Swedish-type recipes, or bakes "Coffee Braid"? My favorite recipe attached. Specifically I'd love to find someone who bakes coffee bread or "Braid" and is fairly good at it ;-) If you know of someone e-mail me at: cswanson2@gmail.com - Carl

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Feb 1 (Mon) - Swedish and Finnish in Finland Lectures - 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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Open to all: Swedish in Finland: How the language of the ruling class became the language of an oppressed minority (and lived through the change).

Presented by Prof. Jaakko Leino (Research Institute for the Languages of Finland, Helsinki)

Finland was a part of Sweden from roughly 1200 until 1809, when Finland was ceded to Russia. During these six centuries, Swedish was established as the language of the ruling class, and the language of administration and

education. During the Russian era, Finland went through a period of national awakening, and the Finnish language began to gain new ground in official and educational circumstances. Swedish was not abandoned, however: Finns held on to the official status of Swedish, largely in order to prevent russification. After Finland became independent in 1917, Finnish and Swedish were given an equal status as official languages used in any official interactions. At present, all legislature is still published equally in both languages, both are used as languages of education in all levels, etc. Practically, however, using Swedish is often a problem—to the extent that Finland Swedish seems to be turning into a language of an oppressed minority.

All lectures take place on the campus at the University of Texas Burdine Hall 337 (BUR on this map: <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/areas/comm.html>)

Feb 3 (Wed) - Swedish and Finnish in Finland Lectures - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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Open to all: Finnish–Swedish bilingualism: How does equality work between highly unequal portions of the population?

Presented by Prof. Jaakko Leino (Research Institute for the Languages of Finland, Helsinki)

There has been a fierce debate in Finland for several decades concerning the status of the Swedish language. It has been a source of discontent that the country must maintain expensive public services in two languages, and especially the fact that all Finnish citizens study a mandatory subject called “second domestic language” at school is increasingly criticized. Roughly 90% of the population speak Finnish as their mother tongue, whereas 5.5% are Swedish speakers (thus, the percentage of Swedish speakers in Finland is less than half the percentage of Spanish speakers in the USA). Finnish and Swedish have an equal status with regard to legislature, public services, and education. This alleged equality works remarkably well in some areas—especially in state administration and higher education—but less so in others. Public services and education are (mostly) available in Swedish, but even in these areas problems do arise. In non-publicly organized areas, services are much better available in Finnish than in Swedish, especially outside traditionally Swedish-speaking areas. For various reasons, it is often difficult for children to build a bilingual identity even if they are born and raised in bilingual families. In the worst case, these problems together lead to “semilingualism”: the child doesn’t acquire either one of the languages completely, and fails to keep the languages apart.

Feb 4 (Thurs) - Swedish and Finnish in Finland Lectures - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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Open to all: Areal linguistic phenomena in the making: Finnish and Swedish dialects in contact

Presented by Prof. Jaakko Leino (Research Institute for the Languages of Finland, Helsinki)

According to received genealogical wisdom, the Swedish and Finnish languages are genealogically unrelated: Swedish is a Germanic and, therefore, Indo-European language, whereas Finnish is a Finno-Ugric and, more broadly, Uralic language. Yet, Swedish and Finnish show remarkable similarities, including common vocabulary, phonology, and morphosyntactic phenomena. These similarities are the result of centuries, even millennia, of contacts. Historical linguistic accounts show that there are several major layers of contact phenomena between the Swedish (or, more broadly, Germanic) and Finnish (or Finnic) languages. These layers can be dated e.g. through comparative methods and co-operation with archaeology, genetics, and other relevant disciplines. Since close contacts between Swedish and Finnish still exist, there is every reason to believe that loans are still exchanged between the two languages. Thus, by looking closely enough at present-day contact phenomena between dialects of Swedish and Finnish spoken in the same areas, we can witness (potential) areal phenomena—i.e. non-coincidental similarities between genealogically unrelated but areally close languages—in real time.

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Feb. 11–21 (Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun) - Peer Gynt, By Henrik Ibsen

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Playing at St. Edwards. More details at: <http://www.stedwards.edu/hum/thtr/mmnt.html>

Out of the gentle genius of Henrik Ibsen comes a stunning theatrical travelogue exploring one man's journey of self-discovery from impetuous boyhood to penitent old age. A fantastical voyage filled with puppetry, music and wonder in the tradition of the great Norwegian fairy tales, Peer Gynt races, stumbles, fights, meanders and crashes, alternately, around the world and back again in this new translation by Minnesota poet laureate Robert Bly. Featuring Equity guest artists Sheila M. Gordon and Ben Wolfe.

All plays run Thursday - Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. The theatre box office opens one hour prior to curtain and the auditorium opens for seating 30 minutes before the designated start time. Concessions are available in the theatre lobby prior to the show and during intermission. All performances take place at the Mary Moody Northern Theatre on the St. Edward's University main campus. For a campus map, please click "maps" link in the navigation bar on the SEU home page.

Feb. 22 (Mon) - VASA Meeting

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Celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the founding of Carl Widen VASA Lodge

743 on February 12, 1989, Dar Krenek will sing and lead sing-a-long of 1989 favorites.

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m

Location: Gethsemane Lutheran Church; 200 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas; Multipurpose Room [in the rear of the building]

Feb 27 (Sat) – Nordic Film Fest!

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Details to come: Films being shown:

Everlasting Moments (Sweden, feature film)

Flame & Citron (Denmark, feature film)

The Lake (Finnish short film)

Last Farm (Icelandic short film)

The Magician (Icelandic short film)

Hanasaari A (Finnish short film)

Family Reunion (Icelandic short film)

Wrestling (Icelandic short film)

Harvest Time (Finnish short film)

Misty Mountain (Icelandic short film)

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Scholarships for Study in Sweden

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From Carrin Patman: If you go to UT and are interested in studying in Sweden, generous scholarships are available from the Swedish Excellence Endowment.

Applicants from all academic disciplines may apply. The scholarship can be used for study or research in any academic field. Knowledge of Swedish is not required. For more information contact Study Abroad Advisor Laura Bayne at 471-8855, laura@austin.utexas.edu or Jesse Damon at 471-0209, jdamon@austin.utexas.edu or carrinmp@austin.rr.com . You may apply on line at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/scholarships/swedish/>

Scandinavian Businesses in Austin

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Copenhagen Furniture (www.copenhagenliving.com) - Contemporary Furniture and Accessories
Ikea (www.ikea.com) - Furniture
Roger Beasley Volvo (www.volvoaustin.com) - Swedish Autos
Skandinavia (www.skandinaviatexas.com) - Scandinavian Furniture
BoConcept (www.boconcept.com) - Danish Furniture
Hästens (www.hastens.com/en-us) - Swedish Beds
Tehuacana Creek Vineyards (www.wacowinery.com) - Swedish Winery in Texas
Blok Photo (www.BlokPhoto.com) – Danish Photographer (Contact: Karsten@BlokPhoto.com / 512 576 3471)

(***To have a business added to this list, e-mail back the following: name of business / website / 1-7 word description of type of business. Needs to have an affiliation to Scandinavia.)

Scandinavian Groups in Austin

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American-Scandinavian Foundation Texas Associates - www.asftexas.com
Danish Rebild Society – contact Marlys Tjossem at 512-243-1843
Danish Club of Austin - www.dkaustin.org
Friends of Finland - contact Tiina Tapia at tiinatapia@yahoo.com
Friends of Iceland - contact Maja Nipper at ammamaja78727@yahoo.com
VASA (Swedish) – contact Donna Olson at donnaolson@austin.rr.com
Sons of Norway - www.clengpeerson.org
Norwegian Society of Texas - www.norwegiansocietytexas.org
Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce (www.sacctx.com); contact Anders Nilsson at ASwedishAmerican@aol.com
SWEA-Austin Chapter (Swedish Women's Educational Association - www.chapters-swea.org/austin/ – contact Elisabeth Kihlberg at kihlberg@mail.utexas.edu
Austin Scandinavian Club - contact Leland Lundgren at llundgren@austin.rr.com
Austin Scandinavian Languages Meetup Group - <http://scandinavian.meetup.com/112>

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Swedish Language Instruction

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From Karin Carlson: Contact me at 657-5080 or e-mail me at sheenaqueena@yahoo.com if you would like more information on Swedish Language Instruction. Välkommen!

Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish Classes at the University of Texas

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From Kit Belgium: Did you know that UT offers language instruction in Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish as well as numerous courses each semester (taught in English) on various aspects of Scandinavian culture and literature? Please pass this along to any UT students you know!! You can fulfill your language requirement with either Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish in just one year by starting with the DAN 604, NOR 60, or SWE 604 in fall and finishing with DAN 612, NOR 612, or SWE 612 in the spring.

Check the web site of Germanic Studies for more information about these and other Scandinavian (SCA) courses at: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/germanic/>

Austin Scandinavian Dancing

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AUSTIN SCANDINAVIAN DANCING Do you enjoy couple dancing? Looking for something different? Interested in new kinds of music? Please join us for dances from Norway and Sweden featuring fun turns, unusual figures, and fabulous music. No partners needed; wear slick-soled shoes. Wednesdays 7:30-9:45 pm. Teaching 7:30 - 8:00 pm. Hancock Recreation Center, Room 3, 811 E 41st Street. \$3 donation. 454-0598 or 453-9633 www.austinscandi.org

Floorball

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From Jeff Morris: We have a floorball club in Austin that I'm trying to promote. I know floorball is popular in Scandinavia, if it's possible to list our club in your newsletter or website I'd appreciate it. Here are the details:

Austin Floorball Club - Floorball is a fast paced team sport that is simply described as a safe version of floor hockey. It is played indoors on foot using lightweight plastic sticks and a whiffle ball. The rules are easy to learn and there is no physical contact. It's a great coed game and it's very addictive. A basic floorball stick is provided; all you need to bring is a pair of sneakers. Info at www.austinfloorball.com , or email Jeff Morris at austin_floorball@yahoo.com

About the American-Scandinavian Foundation

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Visit: www.amscan.org and www.asftexas.com

About this American-Scandinavian Foundation Texas Associates e-mail list

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E-mail nik@triand.com if...

You know of someone who would like to be on this e-mail list.

You know of a Scandinavian event that you would like listed on the events e-mail

You no longer need to be on this e-mail list.