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BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group designs new H.C Andersen Hotel for Tivoli in Copenhagen

Courtesy of Hasse Ferrold, The Danish Pioneer's Staff Photographer Two Danish top brands, BIG and Tivoli, are partnering for a spectacular development in Copenhagen's iconic amusement park in the center of the Danish capital. The H. C. Andersen Hotel project includes an 18-story addition to the 1893 Tivoli Castle, thereby continuing Tivoli's tradition of balancing its old-world charm with visionary architecture. For both parties, a sustainable profile is essential.

ecently, at the Nimb Hotel in Tivoli, Tivoli CEO Lars Liebst and BIG Founding Partner Bjarke Ingels revealed plans for the H. C. Andersen Hotel, situated inside Tivoli Gardens amusement park and vis-à-vis Copenhagen City Hall. The project consists of refurbishing and re-purposing the 1893 Tivoli Castle, renovating the 1883 Panorama Pavilion and building a new 18-story pagoda. The H. C. Andersen Hotel is named after Danish Fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen.

Bjarke Ingels explains, "Tivoli is a unique oasis of lush gardens and whimsical architecture in the center of Copenhagen. A truly cosmopolitan neighborhood in the heart of the Danish capital, Tivoli's cultural and bio-diversity is unlike any other place in Copenhagen. With a renovation of the 1893 Tivoli Castle and the addition of a new building, we have attempted to capture and accentuate the character of the existing castle, cre-**HOTEL:** Continued on Page 3

Gillian Nielsen Named 2019 Danish Maid for Solvang Danish Days

The non-profit Solvang Danish Days Foundation has named Solvang's own Gillian Nielsen as the 2019 Danish Maid. Gillian will preside over this year's *"Solvang Danish Days"* (www.Solvang-DanishDays.org), California's premier Danish heritage festival, which returns for its 83rd anniversary with a three-day event weekend, Friday through Sunday, September 20 through 22, 2019.

"Ever since I was a little girl I've looked up to the Danish Maid as a celebrity. I've been waiting until I was old enough to be considered for the role.





New Maid Gillian Nielsen becomes the first in her family to bear the "Nielsen" name as Danish Days Maid. (Photos courtesy: Mike Mesikep)

Being Danish Maid is such an honor for me because I have the pleasure of serving on behalf of our beautiful City of Solvang and the historical Danish Days celebrations. Also, I will be the first Danish Days Maid representing

bears the name 'Nielsen'. That's a point of pride which I can add to those of my ancestors before me," said Gillian.

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my father's side of the family who

Danish Queen Visits Estonia June 15-16

er Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark visited Estonia June 15-16, 2019 to mark the Danish flag Dannebrog's 800th anniversary and Estonia's 100th Anniversary. The events included the welcoming of the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, Official Welcoming Ceremony at The Estonian Maritime Museum, Meeting of Heads of State, Walk by the Queen and Estonia's President in the Rose Garden, Opening of the Golden Age Exhibition at Kadriorg Art Museum in Tallin, Wreath-Laying at Freedom Square, Public Celebration of the Danish and Estonian Flags, Opening of the History Exhibition at Kiek in de Kök Tallinn, Opening of the Danish Queen's Garden, Visit to the Danish King's Garden, Gala Concert, Gala Dinner and more. See Page 8.



Photos by Hasse Ferrold, The Danish Pioneer Newspaper's Staff Photographer





Danmark Rundt (Map courtesy GraphicMaps.com)

Billund: Ruten mellem Billund og Las Palmas på Gran Canaria er den niende Norwegian-rute fra Billund. Hos Norwegian er man glade for at kunne fortsætte offensiven i lufthavnen.

Las Palmas på Gran Canaria er en af danskernes favoritdestinationer i vinterhalvåret. De rejsende fra Billund har taget godt imod vores sommersatsning, så nu glæder vi os til at byde de rejsende ombord i vores flåde af moderne, komfortable og mere klimavenlige fly, siger Senior Vice President Commercial Short Haul, Magnus Maursund.

Norwegians vinterprogram indeholder desuden to nye ruter fra København (CPH) til henholdsvis München med tre ugentlige afgange og Fuerteventura med en ugentlig afgang.

Norden: En ny it-trusselsanalyse afslører en stigning i antallet af modulære malware-angreb. Siden begyndelsen af året har it-sikkerhedsvirksomheden Barracuda Networks identificeret 150.000 ondsindede e-mails med filer baseret på modulær kode. Det stiller øgede krav til virksomhedens systemer, forklarer eksperten.

Hackere benytter i stigende grad modulær kode til at trænge igennem virksomheders it-sikkerhedsløsninger. Det kan man læse i en ny rapport fra it-sikkerhedsvirksomheden Barracuda.

Modulære malware adskiller sig fra traditionel malware, fordi den spionerer i modtagerens system, inden et angreb lanceres. Formålet er at indsamle informationer om systemet og dets sikkerhedsløsninger, som sendes tilbage til hackeren eller en server, som derefter sammensætter en ny målrettet kode, der kan omgå virksomhedens forsvar. "Danskerne vil gerne have dagfrisk mælk, og det har vi i årevis garanteret med Arla24. De seneste år har vi dog også kunnet se en stigende efterspørgsel efter mælk fra køer på græs. Vores økologiske mælk kommer fra græssende køer, og derfor har det været et naturligt skridt for os også at føje køer på græs-garantien til Arla24-linjen," siger Jakob B. Knudsen, landedirektør i Arla Danmark.

Frederikshavn: Flådestationen i Frederikshavn lægger lokaler til et arrangement, hvor tidligere udsendte kan møde virksomheder til en uforpligtende snak om job. Arrangementet er en del af en større indsats, som skal skabe job til veteraner.

En række virksomheder som eksempelvis Hydrema, KMD Aalborg og Huset Venture Nordjylland har meldt deres ankomst til arrangementet hos Forsvarets Hovedværksteder på Flådstationen i Frederikshavn. Det er virksomheder, der allerede har erfaringer med at ansætte veteraner, og de har sagt ja til at møde veteraner til en uforpligtende snak om job.

For nogle veteraner kan det være svært at omsætte sine militære kompetencer til et job i det civile. Det er man også bevidste om på Flådestationen, som selv har ansat flere veteraner.

København: Der er talt og skrevet meget om unge og klima. Nu sætter en ny undersøgelse for første gang tal på, hvad unge under valgrets-alderen rent faktisk mener om klimaudfordringen og bæredygtighed. Efterskoleforeningen og Arla Foods står bag undersøgelsen, som netop er gennemført blandt 898 efterskolelever i alderen 15-17 år rundt om i hele landet. spirerende at opleve, og netop derfor fokuserer vi på at oplyse eleverne om klima og bæredygtighed igennem vores undervisning," siger Torben Vind Rasmussen, der er formand for Efterskoleforeningen.

De danske unge påtager sig et medansvar for en bæredygtig fremtid. 81 pct. går nemlig op i at leve bæredygtigt, og knap en tredjedel af de unge går i høj eller meget høj grad op i det. På spørgsmålet om hvem der har det største ansvar for at løse klimaudfordringerne, peger 36 pct. på politikerne, mens 35 pct. nævner borgerne. Virksomhederne følger efter med 17 procent.

København: Når IKEA slår dørene op på Vesterbrogade 65 efter sommerferien, er det med et nyt koncept, som kun er set få steder i verden. Københavnerne vil i rolige og inspirerende omgivelser få fokuseret hjælp af kompetente medarbejdere til at realisere deres boligdrømme indenfor køkken og garderobeløsninger. Kunder får mulighed for at bestille tid til planlægning, enten hos IKEA eller hjemme hos dem selv. Udover at åbne på en central beliggenhed i København, tilbyder IKEA levering af drømmekøkkenet dagen efter bestilling. Der er stor efterspørgsel på planlægning og køb af køkken og garderobeløsninger i både Gentofte og Taastrup. Det er den efterspørgsel, vi nu imødekommer med etableringen på Vesterbrogade, siger Johan Laurell.

Etableringen på Vesterbrogade markerer starten på IKEAs tilstedeværelse i København, og showroomet vil være åbent indtil det nye varehus på Kalvebod Brygge åbner. Der er endnu ikke sat dato på åbningen af varehuset på Kalvebod Brygge.

Viborg: Det er gået markant hurtigere end forventet med at få flygtninge i job i Viborg Kommune.

I 2017 satte Viborg Kommune sig en række mål for, hvor mange flygtninge, som skulle komme i beskæftigelse inden udgangen af 2021, men allerede i 2018 blev målet nået - og mere til.

Det oprindelige mål var, at i alt 148 flygtninge og familiesammenførte skulle i job eller uddannelse ved udgangen af 2021, men allerede i 2018 var 152 kommet i job eller uddannelse. Resultaterne på integrationsområdet betyder en positiv forskel for kommunens økonomi på 21 milioner kr. Det er penge i form af et øget resultattilskud fra staten samt færre udgifter til offentlig forsørgelse.

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anniversary of Solvang's 1911 founding was conceived. Danish Days has evolved into a weekendlong festival showcasing the village's heritage. The annual event, which celebrates the town's Danish roots, includes authentic food, music, dancing, parades, live entertainment and family activities. The 2019 Solvang Danish Days theme - "A Salute to Denmark's Flag: Celebrating 800 Years of Dannebrog" - will showcase the nation's 800-year-old flag, "Dannebrog", which is reportedly the world's oldest national flag.

In 2006, at the age of three, Gillian moved to Solvang with her family - parents Chris and Diane Nielsen, and her older twin brothers, Ben and Kyle - after her father retired from the U.S. Marines with a rank of lieutenant colonel. Chris is a Solvang native, making Gillian a fourth-generation Santa Ynez Valley resident. Her family's path to Solvang began more than a century ago when, in 1898, her great-great-great-grandfather. a lumberman by the name of Andrew Johnson, left a small village in Sweden for the U.S., in search of a better life for his family.

In 1953, Andrew's greatgranddaughter, Marion Hanson, met Gillian's grandfather, Alton Nielsen, in Solvang. Alton was the second son of Danish immigrant C.V. Nielsen, a carpenter who landed in Solvang in 1917, and Anna Roth, whose family had moved to Solvang from Ferndale, California, in 1911. C.V. and Anna were married in Solvang, in 1920, and had three children, Daryl, Alton and Thora Mae.

In 1948, C.V. founded the family business, Solvang's Nielsen Building Materials, which Alton, his older brother Daryl, and C.V. continued to build. As time went on, Daryl and Alton were joined by Thora's husband, Andy Andersen, whose son – Gillian's father's cousin – Ken Andersen, would eventually become Nielsen Building Materials' manager, a position which Ken proudly continues to hold.

Gillian's father and grandparents participated in decades' worth of Danish Days. She explained, "Danish Days has been an annual tradition for my family, since we returned to Solvang in 2006. Whether it's been passing out jam in the breakfast line, cooking æbleskiver with my parents, or holding the 'Velkommen' sign in the Danish Days parade, I've loved every moment." Gillian's long-standing family history with Danish Days also includes the appointment of her second cousins, sisters Emma and Mia Andersen, as the 2013 and 2015 Danish Maids. Her father's first cousin, Donna Andersen Ineman, also served as Danish Maid in 1981. Gillian's Danish Maid dress, custom-made and hand-sewn like many before hers by Solvang resident Roberta Skidmore, incorporates the colors from both the Danish and Swedish flags, paying tribute to her heritage on both sides of her family and in line with this year's Danish Days theme, specifically celebrating the Danish national flag.

Gillian, now age 17, will be entering her senior year at Santa Ynez Valley Union High this fall. She enjoys traveling and learning about different cultures, music and art, and the outdoors. Gillian's post-graduation plans include studies at Boise State, in communications and sales. She also hopes to enlist in the Marine Corps. as an officer, following in the footsteps of her father, with an eventual goal of entering the public relations realm.

Gillian continued, "Serving as this year's Danish Maid will actually give me a glimpse into the tourism PR and marketing world, as I act as a sort of ambassador for the City of Solvang, our Danish history and culture, and all that the thousands upon thousands of people who visit annually, come to discover in my hometown of California's 'Little Denmark'."

Leading up to this year's Danish Days weekend, Gillian will sell "Win a Trip to Denmark" raffle tickets at the weekly Solvang Farmers Market. She will also appear at events for the Danish Brotherhood, the Danish Sisterhood, the Vikings and at Valley Rotary Club meetings, to talk about the upcoming Danish Days events and represent her Danish lineage. Gillian is also available for appearances to speak about Danish Days, for other local boards or committees, or for media appearances. For further Danish Maid appearance details and availability, please contact Brenda Anderson at brendaA@ rplmanagement.com.

More information about Solvang Danish Days, including a full history of the event, updated 2019 schedule and details, parade applications and complete contact information, is available at www. SolvangDanishDays.org. Solvang Danish Days is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, at facebook.com/SolvangDanishDays, twitter.com/DanishDays and @ DanishDays.

About the Solvang

På den måde justerer hackeren cyberangrebet baseret på de forsvar og systemer, som offeret har og derved øges risikoen for indtrængen og skade.

Viby: Arla24 når fra gård til butik inden for 24 timer. Det har gjort den til danskernes mest foretrukne mælk. Nu kan Arla også garantere, at mælken til Arla24 udelukkende kommer fra køer på græs. For mange danskere er friskhed det vigtigste, når de vælger mælk i supermarkedet. Derfor lancerede Arla i sin tid Arla24 – en mælk, der når fra gård til butik inden for ét døgn. Fremtidens vælgere, der får stemmeret inden for de næste 1-3 år, er stærkt optagede af klimaforandringer. Og undersøgelsen sender et meget klart og entydigt budskab til Folketinget og politikerne, der lige nu forhandler om et nyt regeringsgrundlag: Klimaet er for 84 pct. af de unge det ubetinget vigtigste politiske spørgsmål.

"Vi har nok haft en fornemmelse fra vores samvær med eleverne på efterskolerne, men jeg er alligevel overrasket over, hvor højt dette tal er. De unge, vi møder, er meget optagede af, hvordan vi løser klimaudfordringerne og er handlekraftige og engagerede. Det er meget in**Brabrand**: Efter mere end 40 år i spidsen for JYSK og Lars Larsen Group har Lars Larsen valgt at træde tilbage som bestyrelsesformand med øjeblikkelig virkning.

Ny bestyrelsesformand er Lars Larsens søn, Jacob Brunsborg.

JYSK er en international butikskæde med skandinaviske rødder, der sælger alt til boligen. Den første butik åbnede i Danmark i 1979, og i dag har JYSK over 2.700 butikker og 23.000 medarbejdere i 52 lande. I Tyskland og Østrig hedder butikkerne Dänisches Bettenlager – i

resten af verden JYSK.

JYSK er ejet af den danske købmand Lars Larsen, der står bag en række virksomheder med en samlet omsætning på 29,9 milliarder DKK. JYSKs omsætning er på 26,636 milliarder DKK.

Danish Days Foundation

In early 1995, the Solvang City Council approached Santa Ynez Valley residents from longestablished, local Danish families and other interested groups, about possibly setting up a non-profit foundation – Solvang Danish Days Foundation – to formally plan and organize the increasingly popular, annual Danish Days festivities.

The original Solvang Danish Days Foundation board members were Ken Andersen, Brenda Anderson, Hans Birkholm, Max Hanberg, Howard Petersen, David Rasmussen and Henry Skytt. The Foundation members meet throughout the year to ready each year's celebration. Donations and volunteers for the event, are always welcome; please contact the Foundation for more information.

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ating a new typology inspired by Tivoli's archetypical architecture. A hybrid between the garden's pagodas, pavilions and towers, our proposal builds a bridge between the city's history and present – the nearby Rundetårn and Axel Towers – as well as the city's archive of unrealized dreams. Past, present and fantasy unified in the heart of Copenhagen. '

Tivoli's new pagoda, like Tivoli itself, will be covered in lush gardens and greenery. It will

have a sustainable profile to the amusement park, explains CEO highest standard in keeping with Tivoli's tradition of buying green energy and generally generating as small an environmental footprint as possible.

Tivoli, the future and the heritage

Founded in 1843, Tivoli is a historic site as well as modern attraction and experienced brand. The continued development is the key to the success of the iconic

Lars Liebst.

"Only through projects such as this can Tivoli stay relevant for future visitors. It has been proven time and time again, that depending on Tivoli's historic charm is not enough. Change is in Tivoli's DNA, it is our heritage, and Tivoli has always hired the best architects to make sure that new additions will stand the test of time, because we are building for the future."

New Urban Park

In addition to the H. C. Andersen Hotel project, Tivoli together with Gehl CEO Birgitte Bundesen Svarre presented an idea to turn busy Vesterbrogade into an urban park. Acclaimed urban design and city planners Gehl have designed a 10,400 sqm recreational space with only pedestrian and cyclist traffic in front of Tivoli and adjoining Copenhagen's City Hall Square. The urban park will serve as a buffer area for big events in City Hall Square and in Tivoli and will strengthen Copenhagen's green profile as one of the world's most liveable cities.

Next steps

The recent presentation was the first time both projects were shown in public. The next step is to make the final proposals for the projects and subject the proposals to the municipality. There will also be a period for public hearings, and it is not possible at this time to set an opening date for either project.

About BIG

BIG is a Copenhagen, New York, London and Barcelona based group of architects, designers, urbanists, landscape professionals, interior and product designers, researchers and inventors. The studio's latest projects include Lego House in Billund, Maritime Museum of Denmark, Noma restaurant in Copenhagen, Vancouver House in Canada and many more.

BIG's architecture emerges out of a careful analysis of how contemporary life constantly evolves and changes.

About Gehl

Gehl is an urban design consultancy offering expertise in the fields of urban design, architecture, and city planning. They apply a people-first approach, utilizing empirical analysis, strategic planning and human-centered design, to empower citizens, decision makers, company leaders and organizations to create a better everyday life for all people in cities around the world.

About Tivoli

Tivoli's founder Georg Carstensen was inspired by European pleasure gardens and with the Danish king's permission, opened Tivoli Gardens on August 15, 1843. Today, Tivoli is Denmark's most popular attraction with 4.6 million visitors annually. About one third of its visitors are tourists. The Tivoli experience includes rides and games, live music and ballet every day throughout the summer at the open-air stages, performances in several indoor venues, and spectacular scenery with flower gardens and unique architecture. The cherished traditions include The Tivoli Youth Guard marching band, the illuminations, and weekly fireworks displays.

Tivoli is Copenhagen's largest dining spot with 25 restaurants, 9 cafes, 12 fast food outlets, 6 bars, 11 outlets with sweets, ice cream and cakes plus 16 outlets in Tivoli Food Hall. Many of the outlets are open all year, among them the Nimb Hotel, which was named "Hotel of The Year 2015" by Small Luxury Hotels of the World. In November 2017, Tivoli Corner opened featuring the Tivoli Food Hall, roof-top terrace, restaurants and extra rooms for the Nimb Hotel. In 2018, Tivoli and its concessions had a turnover of DKK 1.5 billion, and Tivoli A/S achieved a profit for the year before tax of DKK 120.6 million.

Cityringens 17 nye Metrostationer åbner i September

Hovedstadens nye metrolinje, Cityringen, bliver to måneder forsinket og åbner i slutningen af september. Forsinkelsen skyldes, at en af de vigtige milepæle på projektet ikke er opnået. Den præcise åbningsdato meldes ud i juni.

Efter grundige analyser af muligheden for at færdiggøre og optimere de udestående arbejder på Cityringen og fastholde åbningstidspunktet i den oprindelige tidsplan står det nu klart, at Cityringens åbning må rykkes to måneder til slutningen af september.

Forsinkelsen skyldes, at det ikke lykkedes for entreprenøren at nå den såkaldte RHO-milepæl (Ready For Handover), der skulle være opnået i slutningen af marts. Det betyder bl.a., at der udestår en større mængde tests, som er afgørende for sikkerhedsgodkendelsen af systemet. Dermed forsinkes prøvedrift samt arbejdet for assessoren og Trafik-, Bygge- og Boligstyrelsen.

Metroselskabet har brugt den seneste tid på at analysere situationen, forsøge at optimere arbejdet og lægge en ny tidsplan sammen med entreprenørerne CMT og Hitachi Rail STS.

Med få måneder igen kræver det fortsat en stor indsats fra alle parter at komme i mål til tiden, så metroens passagerer hurtigst muligt kan få glæde af et helt nyt metrosystem med 17 nye stationer i hovedstaden.

De økonomiske konsekvenser af forsinkelsen udgør netto ca. 165 mio. kr., som finansieres af Metroselskabet.

Fordyrelsen skyldes bl.a. tabte passagerindtægter og forlænget prøvedrift. Beløbet svarer til en forøgelse af anlægsbudgettet på 0,5 pct. Samlet set er udgifterne til Cityringen dermed steget med 10,5 pct. siden den ejergodkendte kontraktind gåelse i januar 2011.

Selskabet håndterer udgiften selv, og der er derfor ikke behov for indskud fra selskabets ejere. Selskabet vil forsøge at få dækket sine ekstraomkostninger som følge af forsinkelsen fra entreprenøren CMT.

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Across Oceans, Across Time ® ...

Band Uniform Pieces

These uniform pieces represent the Kimballton Band, a musical ensemble made up of community members in Kimballton, Iowa. Members were volunteers, and performed at the city park and town hall, marched in area parades, and played at the annual Shelby County fair. Organized around 1900 and active into the 1930s, the band varied in size, having almost two dozen members at one time.

For many years, Hans C. Madsen Nordby directed the Kimballton Band. He was born January 1, 1877 in Søby, Ærø, Denmark, and immigrated to the United States in 1897, settling in the Kimballton-Elk Horn area. He married Kristine Christensen in 1901, and the next year built a music store in Kimballton. After previous experience with the Omaha Symphony, Hans gave music lessons and led the community band. He died in 1963.

This coat and hat set, along with a pair of matching pants and some photographs, were donated to the Museum of Danish America in 2014 by the Heritage Society of Kimballton. The Society had, for many years, displayed this uniform at their General Store Museum, but decided to transfer them to MoDA's collection for long-term preservation and the ability to share them more broadly with the public.



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DAAC 2019 Season: For information on 2019 events in the Chicago area and Movie Nights at The Danish Home, call Danish American Athletic Club President Dan Kjeldbjerg at 847-949-6667. Visit: www.daac.info

SCANDINAVIAN PARK's 2019 SEASON: Scandinavian Park, Inc. NFP holds events May - November each year at Vasa Park, 35W217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL 60177, www.vasaparkil.com, www.scandinaviandayil. com. The park is also open for rentals. Please inquire at Tlf. 847-695-6720.

Every third Wednesday afternoon of the month: Danish Home Monthly Birthday party for the residents at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome. Visit www.danishhomeofchicago.org for Danish Home events.

Every Sunday: Coffee Buffet at 2 p.m. at The Danish Home.

Saturday, June 29: A morning devoted to the work of famed landscape architect, Jens Jensen featuring a screening of an award winning documentary film and commentary by Jensen scholar, Bob Grese at the Main Library in the Community Meeting Room (107), in Evanston.

JULY 13 - 28: "Hans Christian Andersen" Musical at the Wirtz Center's ETHEL M. BARBER THEATER, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston (Friday 7:30PM, Saturday 2 & 7:30PM and Sunday 2PM). Tickets: \$12 - \$20. Call the Box Office at (847) 491-7282 or visit the Ethel M. Barber Theater located at 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (Hours: Tue - Fri 10AM - 5PM, Sat 12PM - 4PM). Visit www.wirtz.northwestern.edu.

Saturday, July 13: The Danish American Athletic Club is planning a special outing to see the Chicago Fire Soccer Game in the late afternoon/ evening in Bridgeview, IL. See www.daac.info for more information or call DAAC President Dan Kjeldbjerg at 847-949-6667.

Wednesday, July 17: Monthly Birthday Party at The Danish Home of Chicago sponsored by Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4.

Sunday, July 21: You're cordially invited to Heritage Day at Vasa Park, 35W217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL 60177. Enjoy crafts, Scandinavian food samples, potluck picnic, fun and games. Enjoy a Heritage Day with your family and friends. Visit www.vasaparkil.com for details or call 847-695-6720. (Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4 will hold its meeting at Vasa Park in conjunction with the special event).

Sunday, August 18: Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4 Meeting at The Danish Home of Chicago with Rosemaling Demonstration by Lynn Sove Maxson.

Wednesday, August 21: Monthly Birthday Party at The Danish Home of Chicago sponsored by Danish Brotherhood Lodge #35.

Sunday, September 8: Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park, Rt. 31, South Elgin, IL from 10 AM to 5 PM featuring ABBA Salute, Smorgasbandet and more. Visit www.vasaparkil.com.

Saturday, September 21: The Danish Home's Benefit Concert & Essence Award Dinner at the Oak Park Country Club at 6 PM.

Saturday, October 12: Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting/Brunch at The Danish Home of Chicago at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 3: Fall Festival with Frikadelle luncheon at The Danish Home of Chicago from Noon to 3 pm.

Saturday, December 14: Annual Danish Christmas Church Service at the Edison Park Lutheran Church at 3 pm. More details to follow.

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New Hans Christian Andersen musical is fun for the whole family

his summer on July 13 - 28, 2019, Northwestern University's Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts in Evanston, Illinois takes you on a journey into the childhood imagination of one of the world's most celebrated authors, Danish fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen. This exciting summer production will feature the famous Frank Loesser songs "Wonderful Copenhagen," "Inch Worm," "Anywhere You Wander," "Thumbelina," as well as never before published music from the composer, newly discovered by the Loesser estate.

At the age of 13, young Hans Christian Andersen is the first commoner ever chosen by the King of Denmark to study at the Royal Academy. But faced with the task of leaving his provincial family behind, he is dreading the experience. Upon arrival in Copenhagen he is quickly swept away in a dazzling world of new characters, challenges, and friends that ignite his inspiration for some of the world's most famous stories such as "The Little Mermaid," "The Ugly Duckling," "The Emperor's New Clothes" and more.

Directed by Rives Collins and based on the life and imagination of Hans Christian Andersen, this brand new musical, which features a score by legendary Broadway composer Frank Loesser and an original libretto by Timothy Allen McDonald, follows the inspiring coming of age journey of a young penniless storyteller who would ultimately become one of the most celebrated writers of all time.

Just as his stories have inspired countless generations, young and old alike, this enchanting summer production is recommended for all ages.

Enjoy the show on JULY 13 - 28 at the Wirtz Center's ETHEL M. BARBER THEATER, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston (Friday 7:30PM, Saturday 2 & 7:30PM and Sunday 2PM). Tickets: \$12 - \$20. Call the Box Office at (847) 491-7282 or visit the Ethel M. Barber Theater located at 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (Hours: Tue - Fri 10AM - 5PM, Sat 12PM - 4PM). Visit www.wirtz.northwestern.edu.

There will be an Opening Day Special Ticket Offer and Family Celebration on Saturday, July 13. Join the Wirtz Center as they celebrate the opening of their production and all things Hans Christian Andersen with music, activities & Danish inspired treats! All tickets to both the 11:00AM and 2:00PM performances on Saturday, July 12 will be \$12. Festivities will take place between performances.



Jens Jensen Gardens in Evanston, IL Visionary planner of public parks and gardens

Join us for a morning devoted to the work of famed landscape architect, Jens Jensen on Saturday, June 29 from 9:30am to 12 pm. Featured will be a screening of an award winning documentary film and commentary by Jensen scholar, Bob Grese at Evanston Main Library in the Community Meeting Room (107).

Jens Jensen (1860-1951) was a Danish-American landscape architect who dedicated his life to making the modern city livable by championing the preservation of our greatest natural areas and for equal access for all citizens.

The New York Times called Jensen "the dean of landscape architects." He left his mark on the Midwest and states in the south and east, with over 600 landscapes that he designed in the prairie style, which he originated. His American Garden was a watershed moment in landscape architecture history - it was the first to use all native flowers and it was his first hit with the public.

His philosophy was entirely democratic - parks and the living green need to be close to all people, regardless of race or income. All citizens deserve the right to be near nature. He felt that nature creates community, a stronger sense of self-reliance, easy access to food, decreased obesity rates and most of all, sanity.

Jensen's legacy is found throughout the Chicago regionfrom the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to the Indiana Dunes National Park.

Mr. Grese teaches landscape architecture at the University of Michigan School of Environment and Sustainability, Ann Arbor, and also serves as Director of the Matthaei Botanic Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. His teaching and research involve ecologically based landscape design and management that respects the culture and natural history of a region. Mr. Grese is particularly interested in the restoration and ongoing management of urban wilds and the role such lands can play in reconnecting children and families with nature.

Departing at 1 p.m. will be a free bus tour of three Jensen sites in Evanston, sponsored by local group "Jens Jensen Gardens in Evanston." The bus will depart from the parking

will be welcome at

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 35

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SUMMERFEST SUMMER GIRLS: The weather was perfect for the Saturday, June 22, 2019 Summer Fest at The Danish Home of Chicago - and it was a great day for family & friend reunions. (Photo by Kirsten Pedersen)

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By Danish National Committee Secretary Arne Brinkland -See The Danish National Committee website for details:

www.dncsocal.org July 2019

The Danish Brotherhood, on vacation July & August

Danish Church & Cultural Center, YL

Church services are held every Sunday at 11 am followed by lunch unless otherwise specified.

Every second Sunday from October through May, we offer Danish Services at 3 pm. These services are officiated in Danish but we do provide translated sermons for nondanish worshippers.

Please contact Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen info@danishchurchsocal.com

Sunday, June 30 & July 7: Sunday Services at 11 am. Preacher/ pastor: TBA

Sunday, July 14: Short & Sweet Summer Service at 11 am.

Beginning of Danish Summercamp 2019 followed by a fantastic Gymnastic performance by Danish Performance Team. We are delighted to welcome the coed team of 50 young Danish Gymnastic to give a Summer Performance in the hall. After the performance, a delicious BBQ/Lunch on the patio/tents. Please let us know if you are coming! This will be a wonderful fun way to begin Summercamp.

Sunday, July 14 - 17: Danish Summer Camp 2019: Dannebrog 800. Once again we welcome kids age 5-13 to have 4 fun Danish Days & 3 nights at the Summer camp. We will sing, play, make crafts, swim, draw, paint, and eat Danish! We have a few spots open - please contact pastor for information.

Sunday, July 21: Sunday Service and lunch at 11 am.

Sunday, July 28: Sunday Service and lunch at 11 am, followed by Semi Annual Meeting.



In Loving Memory of

Lisa Diaz

Lisa Diaz has passed away and leaves a tremendous void for all her family and friends. She is remembered with love and devotion by all.

Lisa was the daughter (one of three daughters) of Hakon (Andy) and June Andersen of Andy's Nursery in Arcadia, CA. She is well-known by many Danes from all the gatherings at her father's 'Denmark House', where a lot of the Danish Clubs and Associations held their gatherings.

Lisa leaves her husband, children and grandchildren together with many friends and relatives.

Her sister Kirsten is the owner of Kirsten's Danish Bakery in Burr Ridge in IL and also well-known in the Danish community.

All honor to Lisa's Memory. Soldiers and Rebild Hold a Hawaiian Party

The Soldiers and the Southern California Rebild Chapter recently held a Hawaiian-themed party. We tried a new caterer as Max Christensen has retired. The Hawaiian food was wonderful and everyone was happy and dancing to Linda, our favorite musician.



WISCONSIN NEWS:

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Upcoming Events:

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the lodge hall, 2206 63rd Street, Kenosha, Call 262-657-9781 or visit www.danishbrotherhood.us.

* Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 15, Milwaukee, WI meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please contact secretary Ann-Marie Bergman about upcoming events by emailing annmarieccc@ gmail.com.

* Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 20. Kenosha,WI is holding regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Festival Foods Community Room. Call Betty Lasch at 262-554-0278 for info.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month BINGO NIGHT:

Bar opens at 5 pm, Bingo sales 5:15 pm, 1st ball called at 6:05 pm

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Saturday, July 13: Lodge annual picnic at the Lodge from 3 pm til?

Hot Dogs, Brats and Burgers provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Free tap beer and soda along with a cash bar!

Sunday, August 4: Arlington Horse Race Trip.

If you are planning on attending please reserve early. This is always a sell out! All for just \$48.00! First to sign up will go! Contact the Lodge at 657-9781 or 6 57-3895

Dronning Margrethe Lodge #15 Events in Milwaukee, WI

Wednesday, July 17: Join the hunt, when the Sisterhood will journey to the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois to travel throughout the forest to hunt for six colossal trolls crafted from reclaimed wood by Danish Artist Thomas Dambo.

Sunday, August 25: Sisterhood Summer Picnic at the Home of Sandy Simon at 12 noon.

Wednesday, September 18: Scandinavian Women in an Home of Ruth Ann Higgins at 6:30 pm. His-

MINNESOTA NEWS

Come Visit DAC in Minnesota

Are you looking at getting in touch with your Danish heritage and become part of the Danish community in Minnesota?

Did you know that the DANISH AMERICAN CENTER (DAC) - a center for Danish cultural exchange and Danish 'hygge' is located in Minneapolis. The DAC is dedicated to the forwarding of anything Danish, offering a wide variety of activities and events which focus on aspects of Danish living and culture. For more info: visit www.dac.mn, e-mail: dainfo@dac.mn or call the office at (612) 729-3800.

Upcoming Events at DAC in Minneapolis - See www.dac.mn Wednesdays from 10 am Mahjongg at DAC.

Wednesday, August 21 - 25: 73rd Annual Danebod Fold Meeting at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler.



Ron Grand, left, welcomes new visitors to the Danish American Center.

Doors Open Minneapolis – a Success!

Story and photos by Diane Greve, Minnesota local editor

he Danish American Center (DAC) was able to be one of over a hundred venues in Minneapolis to participate in the first citywide

event allowing the center to open our doors to the public. Many DAC volunteers came forward to provide hospitality, offer tours and to answer questions.

A steady stream of people arrived in spite of the rain and chilly weather. Or maybe because of the it. Our venue was indoors and warm while some required spending time outdoors.

To the delight of the 30 volunteers, over 400 guests visited and over 20 decided to join the DAC. Visitors were often heard to say, "I have driven past this building so many times and never knew what it was. I wanted to come here for sure." One said, "I have wanted to rejoin for years but just have not gotten around to it."

While exhausted at the end of their shift, DAC members were pleased by the interest and enthusiasm of the guests. "That was so fun. The people were so appreciative and I can't believe how many came!" Having Aebleskiver and coffee at the end of the tour seemed to add to the experience. "It was so fun to show off our home to people who really enjoyed being allowed in. Great first year."

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With our Hawaiian theme, all wore Hawaiian attire. The food was delicious.

toric Perspective by Nellie Schmidt

Wednesday, October 16: The Whimsical World of Bjorn Winblad at 6:30 pm - Home of Randy Hayward

November: Annual Craft Meeting held with Kenosha Lodge. Place and time to be determined

Wednesday, December 18: Annual Christmas Party.



Julianne Haahr, left, is touring guests through the building.



At the end of each tour, guests were invited to enjoy fresh Aebleskiver. Here Joan Gilbertson, left, visits with the guests after a tour while Cathy Mahowald bakes the Aebleskiver.



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Upcoming Events on the East Coast

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ish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn,

New York. See www.dskny.org.

Every Saturday in July, August and September: Storytellers from the Hans Christian Andersen Story Telling Center will perform at the Hans Christian Andersen statue in Central Park. The program is free. The program lasts an hour from 11 am to 12 pm and is geared for children six years and up. Parents or guardians are required to sit with their children, and the storytelling is held rain or shine at 72nd Street and Fifth Av-

enue in Central Park.

Saturday, June 29: Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling time in Central Park from 11 am to 12 pm. Rain or shine.

June 20 - July 11: Summer Jazz Series at Scandinavia House in New York City. Visit www. scandinavianhouse.org for information.

Sunday, September 22: Danish Home, Edison NJ will hold a Harvest Festival. More information at a later date.

Danish Home & DANE Archive & Museum Edison, NJ -North East Events

The Danish Home located at 855 New Durham Rd. Edison NJ is a Cultural & Heritage Center housing an archive and museum. DANE offers a museum as well as genealogy research and is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment. Information can be gotten by calling 732-287-6445, danenj@aol.com or visiting DANE website: http:// sites.rootsweb.com/~njdane/. Information about events at the Danish Home can be had by calling 732-287-9855.

New York Scandia Symphony Presents Pleasing Program of Works by Carl Nielsen and Bernhard Crusell By Lisa Jo Sagolla

Don't let the black orthopedic sandals and comfy pants she wears on the podium fool you, the Copenhagen-born Dorrit Matson is a sharp, authoritative conductor of Scandanavian orchestral music. She is now in her 31st season as music director of the New York Scandia Symphony, an orchestra she established in 1988 to present the works of significant Northern European classical composers. Under her acute baton, at New York's Symphony Space on April 11, Matson's group performed "Under Northern Lights," a pleasing three-piece program bookending a clarinet concerto by 17th-century Swedish-Finnish clarinetist and composer Bernhard Henrik Crusell with two works -- an overture and a symphony -- by Carl August Nielsen, often tagged the national composer of Denmark.

Opening the program with the frothy overture from Nielsen's 1906 opera Maskarade was a sage move on Matson's part. The playful piece's bright tempi and dancey rhythms -- introducing the orchestra's invigorating brass section and warm body of strings -- set an inviting tone for the evening and some of the darker music to come

The evening's centerpiece – the second of three clarinet concertos Crusell composed in the early 1800s to showcase his own prowess as a performer – featured clarinet soloist Steven D. Hartman, who got the job done with sensitivity and skill. While his delicate approach to the high notes and complicated passages made for nuanced expressiveness, he lacked the fire, flash, and showy confidence one expects from solo artists, perhaps reflective of the hours he clocks in the pit working his "day jobs" as Principal Clarinet in the New York City Ballet Orchestra and Acting Principal Clarinet of the New York City Opera. Rather than igniting the orchestra, Hartman remained in easy conversation with them.

The concerto's opening Allegro movement launches with stormy majesty that eventually lightens up through short phrases of tight back and forth dialogue between the solo clarinet and the string section. The bouncy interplay is well-balanced, blended, and enhanced by concertmaster Mayuki Fukuhara who leads the string-players with joyous gusto. Ornamented by delightful pizzicato triplets from the cellos, the concerto's sublime second movement - the Andante Pastorale - is fueled by a gorgeous melody that grabs the listener like an amorous hug. Hartman renders the melodic lines with care and, again, his exchanges with the string sections feel closely knit, as if he's getting advice from them each time before striking out on his own journeys. It was only the concerto's third movement, the Rondo, that proved at all disappointing. The ethnic, folksy feel of the music - particularly this late in the work -- seemed to call for a bit more speed than the leisurely pace at which it was played. It almost appeared as though Matson was setting a brisker tempo than Hartman maintained. A complete contrast from the evening's opener, Nielsen's moody Symphony No. 5 closed the program with a fabulously diversified exploration of orchestral colors. A real departure stylistically from his previous symphonies, this one is formed in only two movements, and, according to program notes, has been described by Nielsen as "the division of dark and light, the battle between evil and good." Yet the notes also tell us that Nielsen claimed his composing of this work, which premiered in 1922, was not consciously influenced by World War I, though he stated, "not one of us is the same as we were before the war." A showpiece for the orchestra's percussion section, the first movement contains passages that range from deliciously shimmering to exactingly militaristic. With repeated phrases of three quick up-bows, the violins proffer piercing punctuation to haunting melodies from the brass. At one point the proceedings wind down to silence before violas emerge with a deep, enticing melody. The movement ends thrillingly with a sharp use of side drums, beating irregularly and insistently over long wailing brass notes. The second movement starts with a full sound of booming percussion, singing violins, and descending cellos, then grows decidedly celebratory before turning biting and hectic. It's not as consistently interesting as the first movement – the middle section feels somewhat drawn out -- and it ends a bit abruptly. Throughout, the symphony's inherent interest lies in its dramatically changing moods, accomplished through Nielsen's imaginative toyings with differing instrumental timbres. Matson proved masterful at bringing out these experimentations, underlining the emotional contrasts, while managing the work's overall complexities. A tall, commanding figure with an enormous wingspan, when she spreads her long swan-like arms and broad hands to signal the orchestral sounds you get a sense that the music is well taken care of, secure under her devoted guidance.

Musical Journey of Scandinavia



Scandia Brass Quintet -Billings Lawn, Fort Tryon Park. Story and Photos By Kirsten Philippides, New York Local Editor

Sunday, June 9, 2019 turned out to be a delightful summer picnic weather and a good crowd had gathered to hear the Scandia Brass Quintet perform the traditional summer program.

The program was light and easy, consisting of pieces from all the Nordic countries:



Hyldings Marsj Sakkijarven Pollka Ex Veritas Fortis Divertimento Potpourri over Bellman's Melodies (arr/Frans Sjoberg) Five National Anthems Sunday, June 16 the festival concluded with Scandinavia String Orchestra performing again at 2pm the following program:

Poul Schierbeck Largo

Frank Foerster

Suite of Scandinavian Folk Melodies For Viola and String Orchestra, Frank Foerster Viola

Asger Hamerik

- Sinfonie Spirituelle
- 1. Allegro Moderato
- 2. Allegro Molto Vivace
- 3. Andante Sostenuto
- 4. Allegro com Spirito
- The orchestra was directed by Dorrit Matson, the conductor.

The audience returns again and again for this chance of hearing excellent Scandinavian music performed in these delightful surroundings.

This concert marked the opening of the New York Scandia Symphony's 2019 season of live performances which continues with June concerts in New York's Fort Tryon Park. For more info, visit *www.nyscandia.org.*

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Smil

Denne lille historie handler om to Fynboere. Den ene siger til den anden:

- Hvis du havde 100 får, ville du så give de 50 til kirkens arbejde?

- Ja, det ville jeg.

- Og hvis du havde 50 køer, ville du så give de 25?

- Det ville jeg.

- Og hvis du havde to grise, ville du så give den ene?

- Nej!

- Hvorfor ikke?

- Nej, for jeg har to grise.

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Fru Sørensen var midt i fyrrene, og selv om hun havde bevaret sin ungpigeskikkelse ganske godt, var hun alligevel lidt nervøs, da hun skulle præsentere sin første lårkorte kjole for sin mand. Trods alt var hun jo dog bedstemor. Men hun kunne have sparet sig nervøsiteten.

- For søren, kone, udbrød han begejstret. - Hvorfor har du ikke købt den for længe siden? Den gør os jo begge to tyve år yngre.

Unge Frederik var lidt af en skidt fyr. Det vidste han selv, og det vidste hele hans familie. Forleden besøgte han sin velhavende tante.

- Har tante spist den æske chocolade, jeg sendte tante til hendes fødselsdag? spurgte han sukkersødt.

- Mit kære barn. Det er jo kun otte dage siden. Jeg har da ikke fået den tilbage fra Struers kemiske laboratorium endnu.

- Deres puls er meget langsom, konstaterede lægen bekymret.

- Det gør skam ikke noget, sagde Pedersen. Jeg er ansat ved kommunen.

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Smile

- Ok, Smith, said the football coach, - get in there and tackle them. Smith went into the game. Soon

the opposing team was doubled over with laughter. The game had to be stopped.

- What are you doing? asked the coach. - Why aren't you tackling the other team.

- Oh - tackle, said Smith. - I thought you said tickle.

Tom: - I got fired from my job as bank guard today.

Jerry: - How come?

Tom: - A masked bandit came into the bank. I drew my gun and told him that if he took one more step, I'd let him have it.

Jerry: - What did he do?

Tom: - He took one more step, so I let him have it. Who wanted that dumb old gun anyway?

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Hans and Jens decided to explore the countryside on a two-seater bike. They came to a hill. The going was hard. At last they got to the top.

Short of breath and perspiring profusely Hans said: - That was a tough hill, but we finally made it.

- Yes, said Jens. - Luckily, I had my hand on the brake. Otherwise, we would have rolled all the way back down.

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A little girl from the city, seeing a horse being shod, rushed to her mother. "Mother," she cried, "there's a man out there building a horse. I just saw him nailing on the feet."

Doctor: - Strange - your brother is very small compared to you.

Patient: - Sure, he's my halfbrother.







Dannebrog's 800th Anniversary in Estonia

ABOVE: The Royal Yacht Dannebrog arrives in Estonia. **LEFT:** At the opening of the Danish Queen's Garden in Tallinn on June 15, 2019, there were choir songs by Copenhagen Cantata Choir and 800 roses were planted in red and white. Furthermore a plaque to commemorate the opening of the garden by Her Majesty the Queen was unveiled and eight Copenhagen benches were placed in the garden. The benches have been a hallmark of the Danish capital since 1884. (*Photos by Hasse Ferrold, The Danish Pioneer's Photographer*)

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