

Norwegian Heritage Festival

Hosted by Sons of Norway

Saturday, October 6, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
3740 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030



Left: KorLuren. Right: Anne Elisebeth Skogen; photo credit: Joban Åkre

Musical Storytelling:

KorLuren

Their roots are nordic folk music but they have been bridgebuilders to other cultures and musical genres both in their music life and their work life. Their projects have taken them to South Africa, South America and the Balkans. They have sung for Kofi Annan and at the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights. They have started student-teacher exchange programs and they have shared the best of nordic culture with immigrant youth in Norway.

Wherever they have been, they have shared their nordic musical roots with local artists they have met and have taken back with them folk music from other cultures which they have incorporated in their repertoire.

Their latest project they will present their latest project which is called "Himmelbrevet" . . . an epic verse similar to "Draumkvedet" and based on a young girl's mystical experience in a local village near the Swedish border a few hundred years ago.

KorLUREN put the story to verse, in the local dialect, and composed music to go with it, in a folk music style. For this project they engaged three professional folk musicians. It has been so successful that these three will accompany them on the tour to the US.

Oral Storytelling:

Anne Elisebeth Skogen

Skogen is a Norwegian storyteller living in Suldal, Ryfylke, close to the city of Stavanger. She works as an artist and storyteller and has a Norwegian storyteller education from Oslo (university level).

She will perform an oral story telling about the first Norwegian emigrant ship, Restauration (1825), and its passengers, the sloopers. The performance is based on both literature and original sources.

Skogen has done storytelling performances at many locations, including The Norwegian Seamen's Church in New York, Mindekirken in Minneapolis, various schools and organizations, and aboard a replica of Restauration at a costal festival in Egersund, Norway.

"A heavenly evening" with KorLUREN and friends

In addition to the Oct. 6 event, KorLuren will have an informal concert followed by dancing at Norway House on Friday, October 5. The concert will be held from 8-9 pm. Bring a goodie to share.