

Viking Dancers. Parents and adults form the Scandia Dancers. They will perform at the Queen's Coronation and in the Arena on Saturday and Sunday.

NORDLEIK OF POULSBO

Nordleik hales from Poulsbo, Washington, and is making its first appearance at the festival. Jane Landstra and Ken Embrey met in California over three decades ago and have been playing music ever since. They play Scottish, Irish, Norwegian and Swedish tunes. Landstra plays Celtic and Scandinavian fiddle, including hardanger fiddle. Embrey plays fiddle as well as two row accordion, several Cajun squeeze boxes, concertina, guitar and mouth harp. Hear them in the Arena and Beer Garden during the festival.

NORDLYS

Since 1987, Nordlys, from Portland, has been performing Scandinavian folk dances to audiences throughout Washington and Oregon. This diverse group of dancers include a master seamstress, teachers, engineers, retirees and medical and dental professionals. Nordlys is sponsored by the Vancouver (Wash.) Sons of Norway. See them at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Arena.

RYAN PHILLIPS

Ryan Phillips grew up in Astoria and learned to play accordion at home and in the community. Catch him in the dining area of the Exhibit Hall during breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

SKOLKIS

Skolkis is four extraordinary musicians from Seattle: fiddlers Emma Anderson, Martha Levenson, Vicki Watt Warshaw, and guitarist EJ Landsman. They play the music of Denmark, Norway and



Sweden. The group's name is Swedish for "playing hooky," and it's a good fit for the group's playful stage presence. Kathi Ploeger and Don Meyers will call dances Saturday night.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

This returning band and local favorite plays dances like the Varsouvienne, the Butterfly and the Irish Waltz as well as polkas, schottisches, waltzes, and hambos. They even play the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey! Coreen plays the accordion, Ken plays the tuba, and if we're lucky, Sven Sundstrom of Sweden and Jorgen Madsen of Denmark will also play. Hear them during the Queen's Ball Friday.

VASA YOUTH GROUP

The littlest dancers at the festival come from

Portland and will perform at noon around the Midsummer Pole and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. This group of Swedish dancers is led by Christine Smith.

THE EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel specializes in the recreation of the culture of the Middle Ages, including the art forms, events (feasts, tournaments, ceremonies and wars), and combat arts from that period. The purpose of this nonprofit educational corporation is to study and teach European ideals and history from 800 A.D. to 1650 A.D. Empire of Chivalry and Steel participants will open their Viking Encampment to the public Saturday and Sunday and provide demonstrations of sword fighting and amour making.

Submitted photo
Sindre Fotland
and Kristoffer
Kleiveland are a
button accordion
duo from Norway.

**12th annual
Running of the Trolls**

All are invited to attend this walk or run in the Olney countryside. Proceeds benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund.

When: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20

Distance choice:
1.5-mile run / walk
3-mile run / walk
5.75-mile run

Cost: \$25 entry fee includes: a 2015 Troll Run T-shirt, or three-day admission to the festival, free Saturday parking and a bottle of water.

Race day check-in: 7 to 8 a.m. at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds building entrance. T-shirts or festival buttons, as well as parking pass and water are distributed at this time.

Awards: Overall top male, female, teen and youth finisher/runner in 5.75-mile run will be awarded prizes.



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