

Festival Entertainment

HARALD HAUGAARD / HELENE BLUM BAND FROM DENMARK

"The master fiddler and the absolutely crystal clear voice from Denmark"

Two of Denmark's finest artists come together to perform traditional and contemporary Danish music with great passion and virtuosity. Beautiful old Danish ballads are gently blended with flashy, impossibly pretty fiddle tunes — all presented with great passion and presence.

Performances in the arena:

6 p.m., Friday, June 16
10:45 a.m., Saturday, June 17
12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17
2:15 p.m., Saturday, June 17
10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 18
1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 18

AALLOTAR FROM FINLAND / MINNESOTA

"Accordion and fiddle in

chamber folk style"

Ancestors of Sara Pajunen and Teija Niku lived within hours of each other in western Finland — speaking the same language, playing the same music, living the same culture. In the late 19th century, Pajunen's ancestors emigrated to northern Minnesota; Niku's family remained in Finland. Today, they explore a common heritage in Finnish folk music, even as they create new sounds that reflect their contemporary cultures and various interests.

Performances:
5 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall
6 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall
11 a.m., Sunday, June 18 (special music during the church service) – Exhibit Hall
12:30 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – arena

2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – arena



ARRIVAL, Canada's ABBA Tribute Band

One performance only! Extra charge applies.
7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17.
Doors open at 7 p.m.
ARRIVAL ticket includes festival admission after 5 p.m.

How do you celebrate 50 years of successful Scandinavian Midsummer Festivals? In a big way, for sure! That's why we've invited ARRIVAL, Canada's tribute to ABBA, for a special performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17. "Dancing Queen," "Mama Mia," "Take a Chance on Me," "Knowing You, Knowing Me" — all of your favorites will be included.

This 50th anniversary special event requires a special ticket: \$15 general admission; \$25 reserve seating. The concert ticket includes admission to the festival after 5 p.m. Come for dinner and the concert. If you arrive before 5 p.m., you will need to purchase a festival admission wristband good for all three days. Arena doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a public dance with live music by Scandinavian Country immediately following the concert.

ASTOR STREET OPRY – "SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA"

Now in its 32nd season,

"Shanghaied in Astoria" is part-vaudeville, part-soap opera, part 1950s-style Hollywood musical, all combined into a fun and entertaining look at traditional local cultural folklore, including immigrant cannery workers from Scandinavia. What originated as a celebration of Astoria tradition has become a tradition in itself, and you don't want to miss it! Catch "Shanghaied" cast members performing their olio acts in the beer garden at the festival Saturday.

Performances:
1 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden
3 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden
5 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden

LEIKARRINGEN OF PORTLAND DANCERS

"Leikarringen" means "circle" or "round dance." Leikarringen of Portland's priority is the preservation of Nordic culture. Dances are generally fast-paced, and Leikarringen has their own group of musicians who play traditional instruments.

Performances:
11:45 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena
3:15 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena

NORDIC VIKING DANCERS

Astoria's longstanding dance group includes dancers from second grade to adults. The Nordic Dancers are the youngest group; several members are performing at their first midsummer festival. Experienced teenage dancers make up the Viking Dancers but adults also participate. This group is always open to new members. The Nordic Viking Dancers are led by Kevin Ladd and Bev Hoofnagle.

Performances:
7 p.m., Friday, June 16 – Queen's Coronation

10 a.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena
3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena
11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 18 – 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.

Performances:
8 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, June 16 – at Bonfire and Hex Burning
8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall
9 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 18 – Exhibit Hall

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

Returning for the Queen's Ball on Friday evening after the Coronation will be local favorite Coreen Bergholm and her band, Scandinavian Country. This is the band that plays the local favorite dances, like the Varsouviene, the Butterfly and the Irish Waltz, as well as polkas, schottisches, waltzes and hambos. They even play the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey!

Performances:
8 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, June 16 – Queen's Ball in the Exhibit Hall
9 to 11 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Scandinavian Ball in the Exhibit Hall

THE SQUEEZER AND THE GEEZER

Coreen Bergholm learned to play accordion in an immigrant community in North Dakota and now spends winters performing around Yuma, Arizona, where she met Ken Presthus, a tuba and trombone player. Enjoy their music and shenanigans in the beer garden!

Performances:

2 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden
4 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – beer garden

VASA YOUTH GROUP

The littlest dancers at the festival come from Portland and will lead the dancing around the Midsummer Pole and perform in the arena.

Performances:
Noon, Saturday, June 17 – dancing at the Midsummer Pole on the front lawn
1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – arena

VIKING ENCAMPMENT BY THE EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL

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. Empire of Chivalry and Steel participants open their Viking Encampment to the public Saturday and Sunday, and provide demonstrations of Viking fighting and amour making Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Encampment open:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – outdoors
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – outdoors

Demonstrations:
1 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Viking Demonstrations – outdoors
2 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Chainmail Making – outdoors
3 p.m., Saturday, June 17 – Loom Demonstration – outdoors
Noon, Sunday, June 18 – Loom Demonstration – outdoors
1 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – Viking Demonstrations – outdoors
2 p.m., Sunday, June 18 – Chainmail Making – outdoors



PLAYHOUSE CALENDAR

33rd Season of SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA

Thursday through Saturday: 7pm
July 7 - September 9
Sunday Matinees: 2pm
July 16, Aug. 6 & Sept. 9

THE BIRDS

Fridays and Saturdays: 7pm
October 6-7, 13-14 & 20-21
Sunday Matinee: 2pm
October 15

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

November 18

SCROOGED IN ASTORIA

Fridays and Saturdays: 7pm
December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 & 21-22
Sunday Matinees: 2pm
December 10 & 17



Tickets on Sale **ONE HOUR** before all shows
Reservations Recommended

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