

# AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## GET FIRED UP FOR SPRING WITH THE ANNUAL VALBORG CELEBRATION at the American Swedish Historical Museum Thursday, April 30, 2009, 7pm

On Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., the sound of Swedish songs, the scent of hot dogs, and the sight of a big bonfire will herald the arrival of spring to all who gather for *Valborgsmässoafton* at the American Swedish Historical Museum in South Philadelphia. In Sweden, where winters can be very long and dark, *Valborgsmässoafton*, or Walpurgis Night, is a seasonal tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages.

The annual *Valborg* festivities at the American Swedish Historical Museum feature a concert by the Swedish Museum Singers, hot dogs, and a bonfire to welcome spring. The musical performance inside the Museum will begin at 7:15 p.m., and will be followed by *varm korv och efterrätt* (hot dogs and dessert). Afterward, everyone ventures outside for a traditional bonfire and more singing in front of the Museum in Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park.



The cost of this event is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years. Please make reservations by April 25<sup>th</sup>. For information contact the Museum at 215-389-1776, email

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The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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