

# AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## Celebrate the Glory of Summer in Swedish Style at *MIDSOMMARFEST* – Saturday, June 13, 2009

Get in the spirit of summer by raising the *midsommarpole*, wearing a wreath of flowers in your hair, and enjoying ring dances and games at the American Swedish Historical Museum's annual *Midsommarfest* on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The *Midsommarfest* is a day of fun for the entire family with Swedish food, music, raffles, and games for kids of all ages. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Please contact ASHM at 215-389-1776, [info@americanswedish.org](mailto:info@americanswedish.org) for more information or visit [www.americanswedish.org](http://www.americanswedish.org).

The *Midsommarfest* at the American Swedish Historical Museum is hosted by *Midsommarklubben*, a group of Swedish-speaking volunteers who has taken pride in bringing Swedish holiday traditions to our region for more than 25 years. The Swedish Museum Singers will be performing during *Midsommarfest* and the Philadelphia Fiddlers directed by Alicia Björnsson Abrams will provide a lively musical soundtrack for the many popular dances around the *midsommarpole*. Refreshments such as *smörgåstårter* (sandwich tarts), hot dogs and home-baked Swedish pastries will be available for purchase.

*Midsommar* is one of Sweden's most important holidays, a unique Swedish celebration, and a day to rejoice in the coming of summer at a time when daylight is at its longest. At *Midsommar* time people all over Sweden retreat to the countryside, eager to savor the festivities with friends and family. In fact, *Midsommar* is a national holiday comparable to our Fourth of July celebration.



***Midsommarfest* runs rain or shine and includes general admission to the Museum galleries and exhibits. 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 can bring you to the museum.**

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