

# AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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**Say goodbye to winter and hello to spring the Swedish way!  
Join the American Swedish Historical Museum for our annual  
Bonfire in FDR Park as we celebrate Valborg  
Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7pm**

**On Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., the sound of Swedish songs, the scent of hot dogs, and the glow of a bonfire will announce 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 celebration with music, food, libations and fire usher out the cold of winter and welcome in the warmth of spring.

The annual *Valborg* festivities at the American Swedish Historical Museum feature a concert by the Swedish Museum Singers, hot dogs, drinks and dessert, as well as a bonfire to celebrate that spring is finally here. 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 26<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 FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia, five blocks west of the Sports Complex. The Museum is easily accessible from Route 95 or 76 and has free parking. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street subway or SEPTA's Route 17 bus route is within walking distance of the Museum.

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