

# NORDIC SPIRIT

PRESENTS

## THE NORDIC EXPLORERS: VOYAGES, EXPEDITIONS AND DISCOVERIES

Distinguished speakers and performers will continue our adventure with Scandinavian explorers of the 18th to 20th centuries – an appropriate topic for this centenary year of celebration of Roald Amundsen's historic expedition to the South Pole. The public is invited to share the time-honored spirit of a symposium, blending music, dining and the free exchange of ideas to enhance the pleasure of learning.

The program will open Friday evening with a discussion of Thor Heyerdahl whose bold 20th century Kon-Tiki and Ra expeditions and books inspired a sense of adventure for several generations. The evening program will continue with a musical telling of S. A. Andrée's heroic but tragic 1897 attempt to reach the North Pole in a hot air balloon. The Saturday morning program will bring to life the famous Arctic expeditions of Vitus Bering in the first half of the 18th century and of Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld in the late 19th century when the latter became the first to successfully traverse the long-sought Northeast Passage. Polar exploration will continue as the topic for Saturday afternoon, with the historic traverse of the Northwest Passage by Roald Amundsen and his subsequent leadership of the first team to reach the South Pole. Contemporary explorer Liv Arnesen will tell us stories from her expeditions in the Arctic and Antarctic along with her plans for a 2011 expedition in Amundsen's footsteps to the South Pole. The afternoon program will conclude with delightful music by acclaimed Swedish guitarist Celia Linde.

### Friday, February 11, 2011

**Scandinavian Center**  
26 Faculty Road, Thousand Oaks

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Gala reception. *Reservations requested.*

**Samuelson Chapel**  
California Lutheran University

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Registration

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Program

#### THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF THOR HEYERDAHL

**Donald Ryan, Ph.D.**, *archaeologist and Faculty Fellow, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash.*

An overview of the life of this daring creative thinker, global citizen and environmental activist. Donald Ryan worked as Heyerdahl's "right hand man" during the last seven years of Heyerdahl's life.

#### THE ANDRÉE EXPEDITION: A SONG CYCLE BY DOMINICK ARGENTO

**Christian Nova, DMA**, *Assistant Professor of Music, Los Angeles Valley College, baritone*

**Frank Garvey, DMA**, *Pierce College, Woodland Hills, piano*

A dramatic musical telling of the 1897 true story and heroic tale of three Swedish explorers on a journey to the North Pole – in a hot air balloon.

### Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011

**Preus-Brandt Forum**  
California Lutheran University

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Program, Breaks and Lunch

#### VITUS BERING: HERO, WIMP, OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN

**Carol Urness, Ph.D.**, *Professor and Curator Emerita, James Ford Bell Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis*

Employed by Peter I of Russia, Danish-born Vitus Bering conducted two expeditions to determine the extent of Siberia and whether Asia and North America were connected. The speaker will tell some of what she has learned in her 35 year "journey with Vitus Bering."

#### A. E. NORDENSKIÖLD: EXPLORER AND GENTLEMAN

**Markku Löytönen, Ph.D.**, *Professor of Human Geography and Vice Rector, University of Helsinki, Finland*

Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld, a member of a prominent family of scientists, participated in a number of geological expeditions of exploration in the Arctic that led him to attempt and accomplish in a momentous expedition in 1878-79 the long-sought Northeast Passage connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

### Saturday, continued

#### ROALD AMUNDSEN: POLE TO POLE NORWEGIAN EXPLORER EXTRAORDINAIRE

**Tommy Dickey, Ph.D.**, *Chair in Oceanographic Sciences, Department of Geography and Interdepartmental Program in Marine Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara*

Amundsen's initial major accomplishment of leading an expedition to successfully cross the Canadian Northwest passage during 1903-05 served as inspiration and pride for a new nation at a time when polar exploration was viewed with great awe. He subsequently led the first team to reach the "last place on earth," the South Pole, on December 14, 1911.

#### IN HEADWIND AND TAILWIND: STORIES FROM EXPEDITIONS IN ANTARCTICA AND THE ARCTIC

**Liv Arnesen**, *adventurer, explorer, educator and motivational speaker, Bekkestua, Norway*

Liv Arnesen, the first woman to ski solo and unsupported to the South Pole (1994), made history again in 2001 when she and Minnesota explorer Ann Bancroft became the first women to sail and ski across Antarctica's landmass, a 94-day trek. This year, Arnesen and Bancroft will lead an international expedition of women traveling in Roald Amundsen's footsteps to the South Pole in a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Amundsen's famous achievement.

#### NORDIC SOUND, LATIN FLAVOR

**Celia Linde**, *guitarist, Malmö, Sweden*

Celia Linde, guitarist from Malmö, Sweden, acclaimed for her personal style and range of musical interpretations, will perform her unique variations of music from Swedish folk tunes to contemporary Latin American and Spanish music, as well as her own classical compositions.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Social Hour**  
Scandinavian Center  
26 Faculty Road, Thousand Oaks

7:00 p.m. **Dinner**  
**Music by LeRoy Anderson**  
Lundring Events Center  
California Lutheran University

*The organizers reserve the right to make any changes that may be necessary.*

*Reservation deadline for Saturday Lunch and Dinner: January 28, 2011  
Lunch and dinner seating is limited. Other campus dining is available.*

*Early registration deadline: January 19, 2011*

*For information contact C. Allan Carlson, (818) 788-4552 or email  
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	General Admission	Quantity	SACHF Members CLU Faculty/Staff	Quantity	Students	Quantity	Total
Friday & Saturday Program	\$55 (\$50 by Jan. 19)		\$40 (\$35 by Jan. 19)		Free regis.		\$
Friday Program	\$20 (\$15 by Jan. 19)		\$15		Free regis.		\$
Friday Gala Reception	\$10		\$10		\$10		\$
Saturday Program	\$40 (\$35 by Jan. 19)		\$30 (\$25 by Jan. 19)		Free regis.		\$
Saturday Luncheon (limited seating; tax & service included)	\$12		\$12		\$12		\$
Saturday Dinner (limited seating; tax & service included) Indicate choice: ___ Petite Filet Mignon    ___ Grilled Salmon ___ Vegetarian	\$33		\$33		\$33		\$
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