



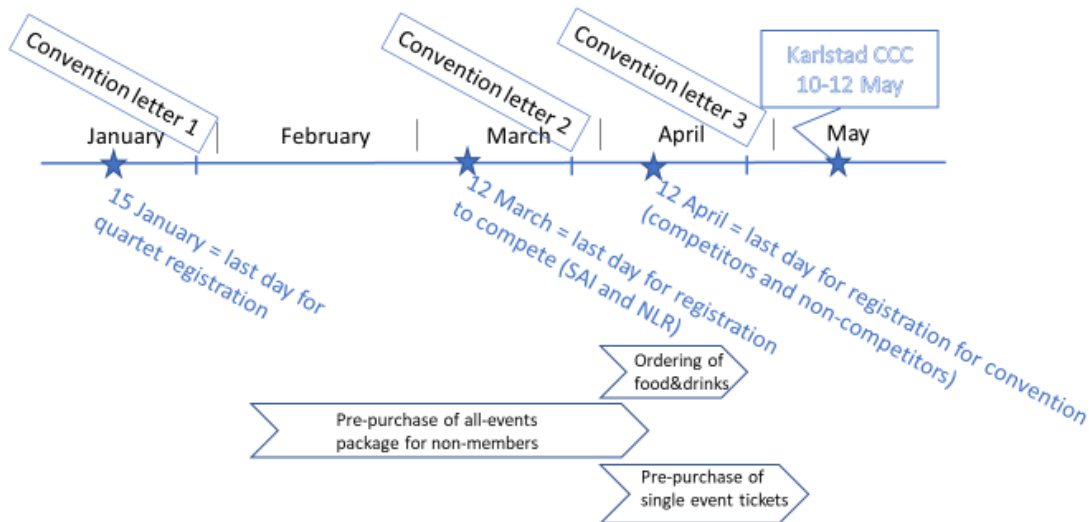
Convention Letter #2
Regional Convention 2018 NordicMix
Thursday 10 May – Saturday 12 May
Karlstad Culture Congress Center (KCCC)

Dear competing choruses and quartets in the Nordic Light Region!

This is Convention letter #2, from your convention committee, with information on the convention in Karlstad. It is filled with practical information about the contest days and some of this information can also be found on the NLR website. www.nordicmix.se.

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Time Schedule

An overall schedule with the times for meals, competitions and other activities during the convention weekend can be found at <http://www.nordicmix.se/program/>. The detailed time schedule for the female competitions on Thursday and Saturday is provided below.

Don't miss out on the other competitions! Male quartet Thursday 13.30, male chorus Friday 13.00, mixed quartet Friday 16.00 and male quartet final Saturday 17.00

Thursday 10 May

9.00	Information desk at KCCC opens
9.00 – 11.00	Official inspection and sound check During the sound-check, the technicians adjust sound and lightning for both quartets and choruses. All members are welcome to participate in the sound-check chorus.
11.30 – 13.00	Quartet Briefing in the main congress hall
13.15 – 14.15	Traffic Pattern-tour for quartet assistants. Meeting point at the information desk.
17.00 – 22.00	Quartet competition

Saturday 12 May

08.00	Information desk at KCCC opens
8.30 – 9.30	Chorus Briefing in the main congress hall
9.30 – 10.00	Traffic Pattern-tour for chorus assistants. Meeting point at the information desk.
11.00 – 16.00	Chorus competition

The schedule may be subject to slight changes; separate information will be sent out accordingly. Please note that a detailed schedule with room assignments for quartets and choruses will be included in Convention letter #3.



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Order of Appearance

The order of appearance is available at SAI's [webpage](#) and at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>

Soundcheck

On Thursday at **9.00** all NLR members are invited to be part of the soundcheck chorus.

It is important to have as many participants as possible for the soundcheck, to give the technicians the best conditions to adjust the settings for us. We recommend all competing quartets to participate if possible, as you will be able to try out the stage at least as part of a chorus.

Briefing and Stage Test

The briefing is an opportunity for information and questions. We go through the contest, times, signaling system, rules for backstage, photo, video recording, award ceremony and what happens if you are to participate in the Show of Champions. You will meet the Panel Chair and backstage personnel. Forms should be submitted, see separate section.

Briefing and Stage Test for Quartets Thursday 10 May

Briefing and stage test is held **11.30** in the main congress hall. Quartets, registered hosts and coaches may participate. During stage testing, each quartet will have use of the stage for 2 minutes. You may want to try your entrance, exit and an intro and/or tag. We have many competing quartets this year, so please be on time and be prepared so that all competitors get their chance to test the stage.

Briefing and Stage Test for Choruses Saturday 12 May

Briefing and stage test is held **8.30** in the main congress hall. Directors, presidents/team coordinators, hosts and a maximum of 4 members from each chorus may participate. During stage testing, we all form a chorus so that each director may direct. We sing our regional songs.

Traffic Pattern Tour

TPC (Traffic Pattern Coordinator) gathers all hosts/assistants and gives a tour and information on how to walk from your rooms, backstage and the stage, what to do with valuables etc.

Thursday at 13.15 all **quartet assistants** meet at the information desk for information on the traffic pattern from the quartet rooms, photo room, back stage, stage and off-stage area.

Saturday at 9.30 all chorus assistants meet at the information desk for information on the traffic pattern from the chorus rooms, back stage, stage and off-stage area. Please note that the tour will start on time even if the stage test is not yet finished.

Har du frågor kan du få svar av TPC Margareta Hanérus tpc@nordiclightregion.com



Forms to Submit on Competition Day

The following forms should be submitted during the briefing on the competition day:

- Final STIM/NCB report (only if information has changed)
- Final list of competing members in alphabetical order including every member's SAI number. Please use the "List of Competing Members Verification Form". It is acceptable to attach a separate member list as long as the requirements are followed (see instructions on the form). **Please note that the director and president/TC needs to sign the first page, and all competing chorus members have to sign the list to verify that they have understood the rules of the competition.**
- International Division and For Evaluation: Information to sound/light and photographer on final pose, entrance and exit. Please use the form "Information to panel secretary chorus/quartet"
- Open Division: Please use the form "Chorus Open Division Cue Sheet"

All forms are found at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>

If you have questions about STIM, please contact STIM at +46(0)8-783 95 00 or our own Ms Copyright: Anna Särnefält (MrsCopyrightnordiclightregion@gmail.com).

Please remember to also report your songs for the Show of Champions. This must be done **no later than when the score sheets are distributed after the chorus competition**. You may of course e-mail the STIM report in advance.

Show of Champions & Olle Nyman Memorial Concert

The highest scoring choruses and quartets have the opportunity to perform as follows:

Olle Nyman Memorial Concert - Friday 11 May at 19.00 - KCCC

Silver medalists quartet (mixed, female) 7 minutes each

Silver medalist male chorus 10 minutes

Male Quartet Final - Saturday 12 May at 17.00 - KCCC

Silver medalist female chorus 2 songs, maximum stage time 7 minutes (mic coolers)

Show of Champions - Saturday 12 May at 19.30 - KCCC

Gold medalists quartet (female, male, mixed) 10 minutes each

Gold medalist chorus (male, female) 15 minutes each

To reduce the duration of the show, the silver medalist in the chorus competition has been deleted from the Show of Champions and will instead get to perform as mic coolers in the male quartet final

The participants will receive written information together with the score sheets. Please check that your planned performance does not take more time than allotted.



For the Audience

This year's convention offers two opportunities to enjoy world class barbershop!

The Olle Nyman Memorial Concert will take place at KCCC on Friday at 19.00. We get to see Alba Show Chorus, Pearls of the Sound Chorus, Vocality, Lemon Squeezy as well as the silver medalists from the male chorus, female quartet and the mixed quartet competitions. Free entrance!

This years Show of Champions presents only gold medalists! In addition, Ringmasters, the world famous Swedish male quartet will be on stage. This is as good as it gets! See you at KCCC Saturday at 19.30.

Party!

At this convention, there will be many opportunities to have fun!

- Thursday 10 May 22:00-01:00 *A Cappella Bar hosted by Vocality & Milli Blink*
Hotell Scandic Winn
Just show up, buy a food ticket (pie) in the reception, hang around in the bar and socialize with other barbershoppers. We would appreciate if you could indicate your interest to participate in this event when you register for the convention.
- Friday 11 May 21:00 – 01:00 *Club Jambalaya - a Friday Night Harmony Explosion*
Hotell Scandic Winn
Bar, socializing and singing!
- Saturday 12 May 21:00 – 02:00 *Afterglow with dinner and dance*
KCCC
The grand finale! Seated dinner with buffet plate and dessert, pre-purchase via link, see Food & Drink section.

Convention Registration

Do not forget to register all convention participants, also non-competing members and hosts/assistants, no later than **12 April**. Please use the registration form at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/> Information on registration and fees is provided in convention letter #1 that you will find at the same place. Please send any questions around registration to: registration@nordiclightregion.com

Tickets for Non-Members

Information about how persons who are not members in NLR or SNOBS can buy tickets for the convention is found at <http://www.nordicmix.se/biljetter/>

Participants buying an all-events-package must be registered via the form that you will find on the same site, registration and payment is due **12 April**.



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Food and Drinks

Please, note that it is **not allowed** to bring your own food and drink to KCCC – everything can be bought inside the arena. Please, note also that KCCC is located slightly outside of the city center, so you may not have time to go out and eat elsewhere.

Lunch is served Thursday 11.30 – 13.30 and Friday/Saturday 11.00 – 13.00

Dinner is served Thursday 16.00 – 18.00 and Friday 17.00 – 19.00

On Saturday, there is a light dinner served 16.30 – 17.30. Afterglow dinner is served 21.00

The food alternatives and prices are presented in the attached menu. You can also pre-order drinks.

Ordering (lunch, dinner, Afterglow dinner, drinks) should be done via this link:

<http://www.trippus.net/nordiclight2018> no later than **3 May**. It is an advantage to order by **22 April**, after this date there will be a booking fee of 35 SEK per order.

Each participant need to order and pay for the food directly from KCCC via the link, and tickets for food and drinks at KCCC will be sent as SMS-tickets. **It is very important to give the correct telephone number when ordering!** The tickets will be sent out on 8-9 May.

Foto

Dick Gillberg is our marvelous photographer since many years. Dick will take orders for photos directly from choruses and quartets. Quartets will be photographed in a dedicated photo area, just before going on stage. Please try out your pose in advance. Choruses will be photographed on stage, after the two songs. Get into the final pose and stand still for ca 10 seconds. The lights will go off when it is all done.

Please note that no video or audio recordings or photographing are allowed during the contests or the Show of Champions, except for those who are accredited from the Nordic Light Region.

Video & Webcast

All contest sets and Show of Champions will be filmed and live streamed via a webcast. The webcast will cover the female competitions, the male competitions and the mixed quartet competition, all in all 6 different contests! The webcast will be reached via the convention website nordicmix.se. Further information will be provided in convention letter #3.

All contest sets and the Show of Champions will be video filmed and streamed live via a Webcast. The Webcast will cover of the femail contests, the male contests and the mixed quartet contest, in all six different contest sessions! The webcast will be accessible from the convention website nordicmix.se. More information will come in convention letter 3.

All competitors will have access to their own contest video, free of charge, as soon as possible after the contest. This year, for the first time, we will not produce and sell DVD:s from the contests, instead there will be an option to access the videos digitally. More information about this will also come in convention letter 3.



The Stage

A 3D drawing and pictures of the stage are found at <http://karlstadccc.se/konferens/online-material/>

Stage drawings are found at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>

Contestants enter the stage from the right (as seen from the audience) and exit to the left.

The stage is large, so quartets - be sure not to step outside of the lighted area when taking your acceptance bow. We will put tape indicators on the floor to guide you.

The distance from the front of the outer edges of the risers to the stage edge is 2.5 meters (applicable for both riser configurations).

Dressing Rooms for Choruses and Quartets

At KCCC, the stage and audience areas are generous, but the space for dressing rooms is limited. Please, be prepared for the possibility of sound leaking between the rooms.

Hair spraying and painting of nails with nail polish is strictly forbidden indoors at KCCC. Please, use the two "hair spray balconies" on level 4 and 5 – they will be equipped with a mirror.

Quartets

Thursday morning starting at 8.00 there will be shared dressing rooms available for quartets. There will also be shared rooms for vocal warm-up and singing, with time scheduled for all competitors. The quartets must keep the rooms tidy and stay within the time schedule.

Detailed information and time schedule will be sent out in Convention letter #3.

The shared rooms must be evacuated 30 minutes after the end of the quartet contest.

There will be no possibility to book your own quartet room at the convention arena. Quartets who wish to have their own room for dressing and singing are recommended to use their hotel rooms.

Quartets participating in the Show of Champions will get a designated room. Information will be available at the Information desk after the end of the chorus competition. You will get access to the room 30 minutes after the end of the chorus competition, and **the rooms must be evacuated 30 minutes after the end of the Show of Champions.**

Choruses

All participating choruses will be given a room within KCCC. You may pick up the room key between 7.00 – 7.45 from the KCCC reception at the ground floor. The rooms will be unlocked and available from 08.00. **All rooms must be evacuated and keys returned no later than 30 minutes after the end of the chorus contest.** If the key is lost, the chorus will be charged.



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Choruses participating in the Show of Champions will keep their rooms for the show. **The room needs to be evacuated 30 minutes after the end of the Show of Champions.**

Please note! Since there will be no program at KCCC on the Sunday, there will be no possibility to enter the congress center on this day. Make sure you do not forget anything in the congress center on Saturday!

Equipment

The rooms will be equipped with trash cans, tables and chairs and one hanging rack. If you need extra hanging racks, mirrors, ironing boards etc you need to bring this yourself. Please, note that you may not use tape, tacks or anything else that could leave traces behind if you want to put information notices on the walls. Please, use the windows and make sure you remove any marks, or you will be charged a cleaning fee.

The rooms shall be left in the same condition as found. There will be extra trash bags and cleaning utensils so you can tidy up the rooms. You do not have to consider the furniture placement. Any cleaning necessary after you have evacuated the room will be charged to the quartet/chorus responsible.

Valuables

You may leave your valuables like wallet, mobile phone, keys, lipstick etc with your host during your time on stage. There will be paper bags provided in the dressing rooms. Extra paper bags will also be available at the Information desk.

During the periods when no dressing room is available, you can use the KCCC wardrobe. The cost is 20 SEK per item. Please, note that you may not bring large suitcases or coats into the congress hall due to the rules of KCCC. The personnel at the doors will stop you from entering – please use the wardrobe! Try not to bring valuables to the convention – better leave these at home!

Host Choruses

This year's host choruses are Baltic Harmony, Coffee Beans and Copper Town. There will also be a number of male assistants from SNOBS. Their contribution is extremely important for managing all practicalities during the convention.

Enter for Novice Quartet Award

This award is presented by Stockholm City Voices. Does your quartet have at least two members who have never competed before in a quartet? Enter by sending an e-mail to teamcoordinator@stockholmcityvoices.se by **April 20th at the latest.**

Please note that your quartet has to be competing in the International Division in the quartet contest to be eligible.

Convention Items

Buy a t-shirt or other items from this unique convention. <http://www.nordicmix.se/shop/>



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Contact Us

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Convention Committee! Please send an e-mail to convention@nordiclightregion.com

Next Convention Letter

The next convention information letter is planned to be send out to all contestants by the end of week 16 (week of 16 April).

Welcome!

The Nordic Light Region Convention Committee

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