



Convention Letter #3

Regional Convention 2018 NordicMix

Thursday 10 May – Saturday 12 May

Karlstad Culture Congress Center (KCCC)

Convention time is getting closer!

This is the 3rd information letter for the convention and competition in Karlstad. This is the final letter from the convention committee. In case of changes, the information on the NordicMix website www.nordicmix.se will be updated.

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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 is found at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>. Please note that the female competitions starts earlier than usual this year and that the chorus briefing is early on Saturday morning. Also the quartet briefing is earlier than usual.

The order of appearance for choruses have been slightly updated, Malmö Limelight now performs as contestant no. 3A instead of after the break as in the earlier version. The updated order of appearance is provided at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>

The detailed time schedule for each contestant including room schedule is now available at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>. IMPORTANT to read this information to know the exact information for your chorus or quartet!

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

Quartets Thursday 10 May at 11.30 in the main congress hall

Choruses Saturday 12 May at 8.30 in the main congress hall

For detailed information, please see Convention Letter #2.

Traffic Pattern-promenad

Thursday at 13.15 all **quartet assistants** meet at the information desk.

Saturday at 9.30 all chorus assistants meet at the information desk. Please note that the tour will start on time even if the stage test is not yet finished.

If you have questions please contact TPC Margareta Hanérus tpc@nordiclightregion.com



Forms to Submit on Competition Day

Information about which forms to submit on the day of the competition is found in Convention Letter #2 and at <http://www.nordicmix.se/tavlingsinfo/damer/>. Please note that all chorus contestants should sign the list of competing members.

Award Ceremonies

The official award ceremony will take place in the congress hall at KCCC directly after the quartet and chorus contests, respectively. Medals are awarded to

- Quartets placing 1st -5th
- Choruses placing 1st -5th
- 1st place chorus in Division A (15-30 singers on stage)
- 1st place chorus in Division AA (31-60 singers on stage)

The Most Improved Chorus is also awarded – this award is given to the chorus improving with the most points compared to previous year's contest

The winners of the quartet contest, will represent Nordic Light Region at the International Convention in St Louis, Missouri, USA 15-20 October 2018.

The winning chorus, our Regional Champion Chorus, will represent Nordic Light Region at the International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA 16-21 September 2019.

The following regional prizes and trophies will be awarded directly after the chorus competition on Saturday.

- Nordic Barbershop Quartet Champions – Traveling trophy for winning quartet
- Nordic Barbershop Chorus Champions – Traveling trophy for winning chorus
- Novice Quartet Award – Traveling trophy instituted by Stockholm City Voices to promote quartet singing in the Nordic Light Region. The quartet must have at least 2 members who have never competed before in a quartet to be eligible for this award.
- Most Improved Quartet Award – Traveling trophy instituted by Snowflake Singers. The quartet must have competed in the regional competition the previous year. The award is given to the quartet improving with the most points compared to previous year's contest.

Show of Champions & Olle Nyman Memorial Concert

Detailed information about participants is provided in Convention Letter #2.

Information to participants in the Show of Champions will be provided in writing with the score sheets. Please time your performances and respect the assigned time limit!

Also songs performed during Show of Champions need to be reported to STIM. For Show of Champions performance, this should be done when the score sheets are distributed after the chorus competition or via this [link](#) no later than 19 May. For performances at Olle Nyman Memorial Concert, please email information to henrik.rosenberg@gmail.com.



Participants in the Show of Champions will be assigned a warm-up room for preparations. Room assignments will be announced at the Infodesk and at the KCCC reception after the end of the chorus contest. Quartets will receive a room with a code that unlocks the door, the rooms may be used starting 30 minutes after the end of the chorus competition. Choruses keep their rooms and keys for the Show. Please note that the keys must be returned to the KCCC reception (not the Infodesk) within 30 minutes of the end of the Show.

For those in the audience

This year's convention offers two world class barbershop shows!

Olle Nyman's Memorial Concert takes place at the KCCC on Friday at 19:00. Olle Nyman was one of the founders of the SNOBS barbershop organization and was active throughout the years until his death in 2009, for example, as a highly competent quartet singer in various constellations, and has been successful in both in Sweden and the United States. Olle was a rare talented and colorful musician who is considered one of the country's premier performers of classical jazz and barbershop singing. It is Olle who has arranged "Anthem", one of our most popular regional songs.

When Olle suddenly passed away 2009, a number of initiatives were initiated in his name
 - Olle Nyman Memorial Concert - a concert held annually as the start of SNOBS regional competitions.

- Olle Nyman's Scholarship Fund annually donates grants to applicants for education in barbershop. Both men and women can apply for scholarships.

- The Olle Nyman Memorial Award is awarded annually to anyone who has or has been a true source of inspiration for others in the Swedish barbershop world. Among the prize receivers are Britt-Helene Bonnedahl, Ringmasters and Lasse Holmström.

At this year's Olle Nyman memorial concert, we'll be able to see and hear Alba Show Chorus, Pearls of the Sound Chorus, Vocality, Lemon Squeezy and the silver medalists from the male chorus competition, the female quartet competition and the mixed quartet competition. You decide on the entry price yourself by sending any amount by Swish!

This year's **Show of Champions** presents only gold medalists! In addition Ringmasters, the world famous Swedish male quartet, will perform. It will be fabulous! 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!



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- 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.

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.

If you find it difficult to plan your lunch due to your start time, please note that you can choose the salad alternative and bring your salad lunch in a box to eat whenever it suits you!

If you are a vegetarian, please choose this option in the first step of the ordering (under the heading Specialkost). You will then be served a vegetarian option even if not presented in the menu.

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

Information about ordering of photos will be sent out separately by Dick Gillberg.

Please note that no video or audio recordings or photographing are allowed during the contests or the Show of Champions. Only the accredited photographer and video team are allowed to take photographs/make recordings.

Video & Webcast

All contest sets and the Show of Champions will be filmed and streamed live via a Webcast. The webcast will cover of the female contests, the male contests and the mixed quartet contest, in all six different contest sessions! The price to access the webcast is 75 SEK/8 EUR for a single event or 299 SEK/30 EUR for all events. The webcast will be accessible at <http://www.nordicmix.se/webcast/>. Please share this information around! There is also a link



to a trailer for sharing, to market the webcast and give as many as possible the opportunity to see our competitions.

All competitors will have access to their own contest video, free of charge, but those who want to share the film on social media such as Youtube and Facebook, or at a webpage have to obtain permission from SAI. This is done via a Google Form found [here](#) or by contacting SAI Competition Services på competition@sweetadelines.com. It is possible to seek permission already now prior to the convention.

Name Badges

All registered convention participants may pick up their name badges at the information desk from Thursday at 9.00. Presidents/team coordinators or directors may pick up the name badges for the entire chorus but anyone can pick up their own name badge. The name badge is your entrance ticket to the convention activities, it is personal and may not be transferred to another person!

Wardrobe at KCCC

We would like to remind you that it is not allowed to bring suitcases and coats/jackets into the congress hall. There will be manned wardrobes available (on entrance level), the cost will be 20 SEK per item.

Allergies to consider

Many of our singers have allergies, therefore any form of spraying with hairspray and using nail polish is not allowed indoors at KCCC. Welcome to use hair spray or paint your nails at the "spray balconies"! Please do not use perfume during the convention. Kiwi fruits and nuts are not allowed at KCCC due to allergies.

Convention Items

Get a t-shirt or another logo item from this unique convention! <http://www.nordicmix.se/shop/>

Contact us

If you have questions, please contact us at convention@nordiclightregion.com.

*A warm welcome to all of you from your Convention Committee
Competition Coordinator (CC) Anja Johansson
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