

News from the Sami Cultural Center of North America

Autumn/Čakča 2016



Coming Events at the Sami Cultural Center...



Two screenings of the classic 1952 Sami vampire movie *The White Reindeer (Valkoinen peura)*

Friday, October 28 ☼ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29 ☼ 2 p.m.

This award winning film, directed by Erik Blomberg and starring Mirjami Kuosmanen, has become a cult favorite. The film is based on pre-Christian Sami mythology and shamanism and is set in Finnish Sápmi. In 1957, it was one of five films to win the Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Film and in 2016 it's great for Halloween viewing.

About Yoik

Saturday, November 12 * 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15 * 6:00 p.m.

Last year we featured *Suddenly Sami/Min mors hemmelighet*, a film made by Ellen-Astri Lundby. Now we offer two opportunities to see her new film *Yoik Fever*. The film tells the story of Ylva, a young enthusiastic urban girl, who makes the connection to her Sámi heritage through learning the ancient art of yoik (Sami music). Join us to learn more about yoik through this entertaining movie, plus additional yoik videos and CDs.



Holiday Open House and Imago Mundi Art Exhibit



Tuesday, December 6 * 4-7 p.m.

Our annual **Holiday Open House** will be a special time to share good food and fellowship, along with a not-to-be-missed preview of the art work done by artists in our North American Sami community for the international art project, *Imago Mundi*. See more about the project on page 3 and stop in on December 6.



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These Sami Cultural Center programs are free and open to everyone!

The Sami Reindeer People of Alaska Exhibit at Nordia House Portland, Oregon, September 9 - November 27, 2016



Ruthanne Cecil sports a Sami Cultural Center t-shirt as she unpacks exhibit artifacts.



An overview of exhibit installations including the lavvu furnished by Dianna Ng and transported from Seattle.



Sami Cultural Center board members shared brunch on September 11th with members of the Pacific Sámi Searvi. Pictured from L to R: Renée Joy McAdams, Marlene Wisuri, Lois Stover, Nathan Muus, Lynn Gleason, and Pearl Johnson.

Many thanks to the staff, board members, and many visitors at Nordia House, Nordic Northwest (formerly Scandinavian Heritage Foundation) for their warm hospitality and beautiful exhibit space. The exhibits will be on view until November 27, 2016, along with many films and programs, at 8800 SW Oleson Road, Portland, OR. Check out the schedule of events at <http://www.scanheritage.org/>.



Lois Stover traveled from Kodiak, Alaska, and is pictured here with photographs of her mother and grandmother, who was from one of original Alaska project families.



Sami: Walking With Reindeer Photographs by Erika Larsen

Erika Larsen's beautiful photos of contemporary reindeer herding life are also featured at the Portland exhibit.

Imago Mundi: The Art of Humanity

Imago Mundi: The Art of Humanity is an exciting world-wide art project founded by Luciano Benetton and sponsored by the Fondazione Benetton Studi Ricerche in Italy as a way of collecting art from every country in the world and the peoples of the world and making it accessible to everyone. The Sami people are being featured in the project, which will also include North American Sami. SCC Chair and visual artist Marlene Wisuri has been asked to be the guest curator of 30 pieces of art from the North American Sami community. Each art work is exactly 10 x 12 cm in size and will be featured on the Imago Mundi web site (<http://www.imagomundiart.com>) and in a printed catalog.

The Sami Cultural Center will host an exhibit of the collected pieces from around the U.S. and Canada at the annual Holiday Open House on December 6th before the work is shipped to Italy. We are so honored to be included in this amazing collection of wonderful art.



Photographer Vicki Lantto of French Lake, Minnesota, will be contributing a 10 cm x 12 cm art work to the *Imago Mundi* art project.

Workshops Coming...

Watch for news of upcoming workshops at the Sami Cultural Center after the new year. Our 2016 duodji workshops were filled with excited and talented participants and we are in the process of planning additional sessions for 2017. If you have an idea for a class or would like to teach one, please call 218/525-4757 or email samicenterna@gmail.com.



Participants of all ages had a great time at the SunFunday Sami Duodji workshop in April with guest instructors Norma Resfal and Alison Aune and sponsored by the Nordic Center of Duluth.

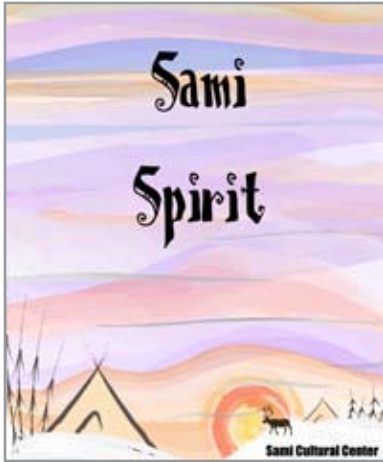
Good Info!

If you are interested in an educational flyer prepared for *The Sami Reindeer People of Alaska* exhibit, please send a request to samicenterna@gmail.com and a PDF will be sent to you at no cost. The flyer is 4 5 1/2 x 8 1/2" pages of information about the Alaska project including a time line.

A 54-page exhibit catalog is also available with a history of the Alaska Reindeer Project by Faith Fjeld, historic photos and stories from the exhibit, a list of project families, and an extensive bibliography.

Order from SCC for \$10 plus \$4 S & H. European and Canadian orders are US\$20 that includes shipping.





This T-shirt design by Jake Trost, Two Harbors, MN, was voted the Peoples' Choice at the opening of the *T-Shirts on Line* exhibit on June 7 at SCC.

Check out the Sami Cultural Center's T-Shirt shop at Big Frog T-Shirts, 5115 Burning Tree Rd, Suite 315b, Duluth, MN (near Best Buy) or order from this link <https://www.shopbigfrogduluth.com/collections/sami-cultural-center>



Folks enjoying visiting at the opening of the *T-Shirts on Line* exhibit on June 7, 2016.



You can help support the work of the Sami Cultural Center by making a generous contribution on our web page or on our page at GiveMN at www.givemn.org/organization/Sami-Cultural-Center-Of-North-America. Give to the Max Day will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016. Donors will be able to schedule their Give to the Max Day gifts during the Scheduled Giving period beginning Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Of course your gift is appreciated any time and we welcome your tax deductible, end-of-the-year contribution.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

The Center is open on Tuesdays 3 - 7 p.m. or by appointment at other times. (Use the Pitt Street entrance when visiting the Center.)

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