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NORDIC HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW FALL EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition: 100 Years of Women's Voices and Action in Finland
September 10 – November 14, 2010
Opening Celebration: Friday, September 10, 2010, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Keynote speaker: Tarja Filatov, Deputy Speaker, Finnish Parliament
Panel discussion followed by reception.
Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle

Exhibition: Lost in Nature: The Architecture of Jarmund/Vignsnaes
September 17 – November 14, 2010
Preview Reception: Thursday, September 16, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle

Seattle—The Nordic Heritage Museum announces two exciting new exhibitions opening this September. ***100 Years of Women's Voices and Action in Finland*** opens September 10 and runs through November 14, 2010. ***Lost in Nature: The Architecture of Jarmund/Vignsnaes*** opens September 17 and runs through November 14, 2010.

100 Years of Women's Voices and Action in Finland is an exhibition that celebrates women's democratic rights in Finland, one of the world's leading democracies in empowering women in the political arena.

"Finland was the second country in the world where women won the right to vote, and the first in which women were eligible for election to Parliament," said Eric Nelson, CEO of the Nordic Heritage Museum. "We're particularly excited that this Finnish exhibition coincides with Washington State's centennial celebration of women's suffrage."

The exhibition explores women's suffrage, violence against women, women's and children's welfare, women's reproductive rights, and women's rights in the workplace.

Museum members and media are invited to an opening celebration on Friday, September 10 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. (RSVP to (206) 789-5707 ext. 10). Mrs. Tarja Filatov, Deputy Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, will be a keynote speaker at the event, joined by a panel of respondents including Kirsti Westphalen, Consul General for Finland in Los Angeles; Leena Ruusuvoori, Director of the National Council of Women in Finland, and others. Organized by the National Council of Women of Finland, **100 Years of Women's Voices and Action in Finland** is supported in part by the Consulate General of Finland.

Lost in Nature: The Architecture of Jarmund/Vignæs opens September 17 and runs through November 14, 2010. Contemporary Norwegian architecture is among the most vibrant in the world today, and this exhibition features a collection of work by the renowned Oslo-based architecture firm Jarmund/Vignæs. Through photographs and models, the exhibition highlights architectural projects that focus on close relationships with Norwegian nature. **Lost in Nature** is supported in part by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"This exhibition will highlight the Nordic tradition of creating elegant spaces that are sensitive to the natural landscape," said Nelson. "There is also a Northwest connection. Einar Jarmund, who is coming here to participate in our opening celebration, attended the University of Washington as part of his training."

Einar Jarmund, Håkon Vignæs, and Alessandra Kosberg are partners in Jarmund/Vignæs. Jarmund and Vignæs were born in 1962 in Oslo and graduated from the Oslo School of Architecture in 1987 and 1989. Vignæs spent one year at the Architectural Association (AA) in London, and Jarmund took a Masters degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. Early in their careers, Vignæs worked with Sverre Fehn, while Jarmund taught and worked in Seattle.

The practice of Jarmund/Vignæs was established in 1995 after teaching and independent practice for both partners. In 2004 the partnership acquired a third partner, Alessandra Kosberg (b. 1967), who graduated from the Oslo School of Architecture in 1995 and started working with JVA in 1997. The practice focuses on projects with potential for meaningful architecture, most often closely associated to nature and frequently in strong natural settings with harsh climate conditions. The architects explore modern possibilities with sensual and tactile means, seeking the right character for the place and the purpose.

Museum members and media are invited to attend a preview reception and meet Einar Jarmund, on Thursday, September 16, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

For general information, visit www.nordicmuseum.org or phone (206) 789-5707

*Museum hours: Tues-Sat 10 am to 4 pm; Sun 12 noon to 4 pm; Mon closed
Admission: \$6 general; \$5 seniors & college students; \$4 children over 5 years;
FREE for children under 5 and Museum members
The Museum is located at 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 9811*

About the Nordic Heritage Museum

With over 55,000 visitors annually, the Nordic Heritage Museum is a cultural treasure in the Pacific Northwest. It is the only museum in the United States that represents the cultural heritage of all five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Museum's mission is to share Nordic culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and objects, preserving collections, providing educational and cultural experiences and serving as a community gathering place. The Nordic Heritage Museum presents a wide range of vibrant programs including contemporary art exhibitions, outstanding concerts, lectures and films and a variety of special events throughout the year.