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NORDIC HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES MEMORIAL CONCERT FOR NORWAY ON AUGUST 14, 2011

WHAT: *Alt for Norge* - A Memorial Concert to Heal Norwegians Far From Home

DATE: Sunday, August 14, 2011

TIME: 2:00 pm

WHERE: The Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117

Seattle—The Nordic Heritage Museum announced today that a free memorial concert, “*Alt for Norge*,” will be presented at the Museum on August 14 at 2:00 pm in response to the recent tragedy in Norway. The concert is being organized by Laura Loge and Signe Mortensen, two local Scandinavian American sopranos based in the Northwest, along with Norwegian concert pianist Knut Erik Jensen.

“News of the tragic attacks on peace loving Norwegians has stunned the American people and we have joined together to present a memorial concert for the victims and help begin the healing for those affected and living far from home,” said soprano Laura Loge.

The concert will include Scandinavian musical treasures from Norway and Denmark to honor the multicultural influence of the musicians involved. Sharing their talents will be Norwegian pianist, Knut Erik Jensen, sopranos Laura Loge and Signe Mortensen, and cellist Erika Pierson. Laura Loge, who is of Norwegian heritage, regularly performs Scandinavian music and currently lives in Bellevue. Signe Mortensen, a Seattle native who currently lives in New York City, is of Danish and Swedish heritage. Knut Erik Jensen, who recently performed with Loge at the Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Concert series at the Museum to great critical acclaim, has performed throughout the US, Canada, and Europe. Erika Pierson, the principal cellist of the Pacifica Chamber Orchestra and a regular performer with the Bella Sala String Quartet, claims Swedish heritage.

Program Highlights include:

- Songs by Carl Nielsen, Edvard Grieg, Christian Sinding and Eyvind Alnaes
- Arrangements of Norwegian folk tunes by Per Winge
- Norwegian solo piano selections by Edvard Grieg and Geir Tveitt
- An original piece by Knut Erik Jensen dedicated to the victims of the attack
- Selections by Sergei Rachmaninoff

The concert will be presented at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. The Concert is offered free of charge. Free-will donations will be accepted to support the Norwegian Red Cross.

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

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*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.