

AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Henning Mankell to receive the 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Swedish Historical Museum Sunday, April 3rd, 7 pm

Philadelphia-On the evening of April 3rd, Henning Mankell will be presented the 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award at the American Swedish Historical Museum. The award recognizes a Swede or Swedish-American who has excelled in their field and brought honor and attention to Swedish-America. The award presentation is a highlight of the museum's annual Spring Ting fundraiser, which supports the museum's exhibitions and educational programs. The fundraiser starts with an on-line auction at www.biddingforgood.com/americanswedish Friday, March 18th – Thursday, March 31st. The Spring Ting silent auction and dinner reception will take place at the museum on Sunday, April 3rd, starting at 6 pm. Due to the author's popularity, the event is already sold out. Call 215-389-1776 for details.

Henning Mankell, internationally acclaimed and award winning Swedish author, is probably best known for his mystery series featuring Inspector Kurt Wallander. Born in Stockholm in 1948, he published his first novel, *The Stone Blaster*, in 1972. Since the early 1970's Mankell has divided his time between writing novels and plays and directing at various theatres. Over the last two decades he has published 10 Wallander novels, which have become major international best sellers. The last installment, *The Troubled Man*, will be released in the US, UK and Canada on March 29, 2011.

Among his many accolades, Mankell received an honorary doctorate from St Andrews University in 2008, and in 2009 he sat on the jury of the Berlin Film Festival. Mankell has spent a great part of his life on the African continent and devoted much of his time and energy to philanthropy. He has helped in the fight against AIDS in Africa and has donated funds to construct housing for orphans. In recent years, he has been involved in humanitarian efforts with the UN, the German Partnership with Africa initiative, and SOS Children's Villages.

Call 215-389-1776, email info@americanswedish.org or visit www.americanswedish.org for more information, or for additional opportunities to support the American Swedish Historical Museum.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia, five blocks west of the Sports Complex. The Museum is easily accessible from Route 95 or 76 and has free parking. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street subway AT&T station, or SEPTA's Route 17 bus is within walking distance of the Museum.

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