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Spring Ting Dinner and Auction At the American Swedish Historical Museum With Special Guests Artist Helena Hernmarck and Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 6pm

Philadelphia, PA- Join us for an evening of elegance, as the American Swedish Historical Museum holds its annual fundraiser, Spring Ting, on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. This event, which includes a silent auction, hors d'oeuvre reception and a delicious three-course dinner, is always a delightful way to spend the evening while at the same time helping to raise funds for the museum's exhibitions and educational programs.

This year's outstanding achievement honoree, Helena Hernmarck, is best known for her monumental tapestries and her unique photography-like weaving style. Helena was born in Stockholm, Sweden in 1941. Her mentors were three Swedish pioneers of the modern movement in textiles: Alice Lund, Edna Martin, and Astrid Sampe. art school in Stockholm Konstfack After graduating from in 1963, she moved her studio to Canada and later to England before settling in the United States in the mid1970s. Over the years she has amassed an impressive body of work, which is currently held in private, corporate, and museum collections all over the world. A few examples include corporate commissions to PepsiCo, Kellogg's Company, the Time Warner Center in New York and the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. Public collections can be found in a number of museums, mainly in the US and Sweden, such as the Stockholm National Museum and both the Modern Museum of Art and Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Today Hernmarck maintains an active studio in Connecticut. She continues to support Swedish textile arts, and collaborates with Swedish spinners, dyers, and weavers on each commission.

We are also thrilled to announce that Sweden's ambassador to the United States, H.E. Karin Olofsdotter, will be joining us as our special guest. To attend our Spring Ting event, please call the museum at (215) 389-1776 or purchase tickets online at <u>www.americanswedish.org/</u>events. Ticket prices are \$95 for ASHM members, \$125 for Individuals, \$150 for Friends (1 ticket), \$300 for Patrons (2 tickets) and \$550 for Sponsors (4 tickets). Seating is limited; please reserve your tickets by April 22, 2019. For more information, please call the museum or email <u>info@americanswedish.org</u>. For anyone who is not able to attend Spring Ting in person, we will also be holding an online auction during the two weeks prior to the event. It's a great chance to get something unique for yourself or to give as a gift. Choose from a wide array of items, including jewelry, gift certificates, tickets, travel packages and sports memorabilia. Check it out, beginning April 18, at www.biddingforgood.com/americanswedish, and bid to your hearts content knowing that whatever you spend will go towards raising funds for the ASHM.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's NRG/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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