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– FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

**Support ASHM and Celebrate the
2024 Outstanding Achievement
Award Honoree – Ulrika Bengtsson!
Spring Ting Dinner & Auction
May 4, 2024 - 6:00 pm**



Philadelphia, PA- Join the American Swedish Historical Museum (ASHM) for this fundraising dinner to celebrate our 2024 Outstanding Achievement Award Honoree, chef Ulrika Bengtsson. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a three-course dinner by Jeffery A. Miller Catering. The Spring Ting Dinner and Auction raises critical funding for exhibitions and educational programs at ASHM. The silent auction features Philadelphia experiences, Scandinavian glass and antiques, artwork, basket bundles, and more!

The dinner will also feature remarks from the Swedish Ambassador to the United States, Urban Ahlin.

Seating is limited; **RSVP by April 19, 2024.** The event is cocktail attire. **Tickets begin at \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members.**

To learn more and to register visit: <https://www.americanswedish.org/events/spring-ting>



About Ulrika Bengtsson: Ulrika Bengtsson was born in Värnamo in the southern Swedish countryside, where her father's passion for hunting and her mother's commitment to cooking everything from scratch ignited Ulrika's love of food. After attending culinary school, Ulrika worked at restaurants in Sweden before she came to New York City where she fell in love with the vibrant melting pot of world cuisines. In 1990, she joined the staff at the prestigious Swedish restaurant Aquavit where she gained invaluable experience before accepting a position cooking for the Swedish Consulate General with a focus on introducing American businesses to Sweden. Fueled by her passion for authentic Swedish cuisine, Ulrika opened her restaurant, Ulrika's, on the Upper Eastside of Manhattan in 1999. The establishment embraced the Farm to Fork concept, a notion close to Ulrika's heart since her childhood, emphasizing the importance of knowing where food comes from. Ulrika's most

recent venture is the Björk Café & Bistro at Scandinavia House on Park Avenue which opened in the Fall of 2022. ASHM is thrilled to honor Ulrika with our Outstanding Achievement Award, and we look forward to many more of her culinary accomplishments.



About Ambassador Urban Ahlin: Urban Ahlin has been Ambassador of Sweden to the United States since August of 2023. Previously, Ahlin served as Ambassador of Sweden to Canada from 2019 to 2023 and was a Member of the Riksdag from Västra Götaland County East from 1994 to 2018, serving as Speaker of the Riksdag from 2014 to 2018. He has been an active member of the Social Democratic Party since his youth and spent time working as a teacher before his entry into parliament.

About ASHM:

Visit the American Swedish Historical Museum to learn the forgotten history of Swedes in Philadelphia. Built in 1926 during the Sesquicentennial, the Museum has a unique interior divided into a dozen galleries designed to highlight Scandinavian influences in America. The galleries explore a range of topics including the New Sweden Colony, women’s history, scientific innovations, and Swedish craft arts. ASHM hosts a variety of programs from Swedish holiday celebrations to history lectures to family programs.

The mission of the ASHM is to welcome all people to explore cultural identity through the story of Scandinavians. The Museum offers a vibrant community dedicated to preserving and interpreting culture through celebrations and exhibitions, while providing opportunities to learn, experience, and grow. No matter your age or interests, ASHM has something for you! Visit our website www.americanswedish.org to learn more.

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 (to Pattison) can bring you right to the Museum.

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