



# Swedish Club News

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## Our Mission

To promote better understanding between the United States and the Nordic countries, with emphasis on Sweden, and to perpetuate Nordic culture and traditions through the teaching, observance, practice and celebration of this culture and its traditions.

## Lise Olden Returns

Five years ago we welcomed Norwegian singer/songwriter Lise Olden and her band to Seattle, as they made their debut U.S. performance right here at the Swedish Club. Not only were we wowed by Lise's talent and showmanship, but she and the band were bowled over at the warm reception we gave them. That concert inspired us, and set a new standard for Club events.

Well, now, Lise's back with us for Happy Hour on Friday, May 16. She'll have a new batch of songs to help us celebrate the 200th anniversary of Norway's independence—a day

early. If you saw Lise at the Club in 2009, we know you'll want to see her again—and if you missed her then, you won't want to make that mistake twice. We'll have a Norway-inspired menu by Me & You Catering: crab-stuffed cod or *medisterkaka* (ground pork patties). Show starts around 7:30 p.m.



## Marcus Madness

How badly do we want New York's top Swedish chef to visit Seattle? So badly that we threw a party and fed 80 people a gourmet meal, just to get them to sign an invitation card. Marcus Samuelsson, founder of renowned Big Apple eateries Aquavit, Norda and Red Rooster, is preparing a fall book tour. Our "Marcus, Please Come to Seattle" night, conceived by Events Planner **Don Rauf**, was a desperate ploy to get this town full of Nordic foodies added to the tour itinerary. Guests ate Marcus' recipes, signed the giant card and snapped a ton of photos. We don't see how Marcus could say no to the Swedish Club.



**Above:** Annie Gustafson gets friendly with her Marcus mask. **Left:** Chef Marcia Newlands and volunteer Matthew Bien prepare Marcus' salmon recipe.





