



## SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA HOUSE

Open House New York Annual Weekend

**Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America**, the leading center for Nordic culture in the United States, offers a wide range of programs that illuminate the culture and vitality of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Scandinavia House offerings include diverse exhibitions and film series, as well as concerts and other performances, readings, lectures, symposia, language courses, and children's activities. Designed by the internationally renowned **Polshek Partnership Architects (now Ennead Architects)** and inaugurated in October 2000, Scandinavia House is the headquarters of the American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) and the site of ASF's cultural and educational programming.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

**Halldór Laxness Library** Furnished in classic Scandinavian design, with huge windows overlooking Park Avenue, the Halldór Laxness Library was named in honor of the 1955 Nobel Laureate from Iceland. The library provides a comprehensive selection of information about Nordic nations and their influence on the U.S. and the world, including books, journals, newspapers, and magazines.

**Hours & Admission:** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 12–5 PM, for ASF Members by appointment

**Heimbold Family Children's Playing and Learning Center** Scandinavia House unveiled its redesigned Heimbold Family Children's Playing and Learning Center in September 2011. Working with New York City-based **Koko Architecture + Design**, ASF incorporated inspirations from early childhood education centers in Scandinavia into this premier learning and play space in New York. Within the two distinct yet complementary areas — an activity room and a sensory room — design highlights include a reading nook, sensory tunnel, custom Lego corner, landscaped Brio train table, indoor climbing corner, mushroom house, and imported Scandinavian educational elements. **Play sessions will take place from 10 AM-12 PM and 2:30 PM-4:30 PM on Saturday; please do not disturb the sessions.**

**Hours & Admission:** Open to ASF Family Members Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-12 PM and 2:30-4:30 PM (\$20 per child/session); open to the public Saturdays (\$25 per child/session). ASF Family Memberships are \$125 (\$110 tax-deductible).

### 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

**Gallery** Exhibitions at Scandinavia House encompass visual art, architecture, design, history, and fashion. Opening October 14 at Scandinavia House, ***Narrative Threads: Works by Eight Nordic Artists*** presents multi-media artwork by Nordic artists, each distinguished by their innovative use of natural, synthetic, and digital materials. The exhibition features the work of eight internationally celebrated artists: Margrethe Aanestad (Norway), Hrafnhildur Arnardóttir / Shoplifter (Iceland), Hildur Ásgeirsdóttir Jónsson (Iceland), Hildur Bjarnadóttir (Iceland), Astrid Krogh (Denmark), Heidi Hankaniemi (Finland), Marianne Huotari (Finland), and Kristina Riska (Finland).

### **3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR (Continued)**

The works in the exhibition explore personal histories and intergenerational discourse, while influenced by ages-old handicraft techniques and cultural traditions. *Narrative Threads* will be accompanied by a range of programming, including Gallery Tours taking place regularly on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Monthly evening adult art workshops exploring the exhibition's techniques and themes will be held by Icelandic teaching artist Melkorka Helgadóttir.

**OHNY Weekend Hours:** Saturday & Sunday, 12-6 PM. **Regular Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday, 12-6 PM; Wednesday, 12-7 PM. Admission is free.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**Volvo Hall** is a bright, dramatic event space with glass walls east and west, overlooking Park Avenue and opening onto a garden terrace with quartzite stone and wood details. Poul Henningsen's "Artichoke" lamps illuminate the entry atrium.

**OHNY Weekend Hours:** Closed Saturday; Sunday, 1-6 PM.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**

**The Shop** features distinctive home design and tableware, art glass, textiles, luxurious sweaters and accessories, unique jewelry, handmade clogs, and children's books, along with your favorite Scandinavian food specialties and candies.

**Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM; Wednesday, 10 AM-7 PM (on film nights)

**Björk Cafe & Bistro at Scandinavia House**, operated by renowned chef Ulrika Bengtsson and Sabina Lindmark, features beloved Scandinavian classics, American favorites with a Nordic twist, and seasonal favorites, and has been featured in the *New Yorker*, which praises its wide array of Nordic dishes and states that "a good personality doesn't necessarily translate into good food...but at Björk it feels like the secret ingredient."

**Hours:** Tuesday-Saturday, 11 AM-8 PM; Sunday & Monday, 11 AM-4 PM

### **A LEVEL**

**Victor Borge Hall** The 168-seat Victor Borge Hall combines the best in Scandinavian design with state-of-the-art technology. The dark blue and birch auditorium is a perfect setting for films, concerts, lectures, and symposia. Victor Borge Hall is named in honor of the legendary Danish entertainer, in recognition of his generosity to Scandinavia House. Ranging from the classic to the contemporary, film programming at Scandinavia House celebrates the scope and variety of Nordic cinema. Upcoming highlights include the Sixth Annual New York Baltic Film Festival (NYBFF) presenting the latest critically-acclaimed films from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in a hybrid festival with both in-person and virtual screenings from November 8-19 as well as director Q&As. The upcoming Nordic & Baltic Oscar Contenders series will present films chosen to compete for the Oscar nomination for the Best International Feature Film with screenings and director talks.

**OHNY Weekend Hours:** Saturday lobby only, 12-6 PM; Sunday, 1-6 PM

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