

NRC's Role in the Global Refugee Crisis

by Joel Charny

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8:00 p.m.

St. John's Church,
Wisconsin Ave & Bradley Blvd
Chevy Chase, Maryland



Forced displacement is one of the great challenges of our time. Some 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes by conflict. Responding to their needs is the imperative of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world. At the ASA event on 19 February, Joel Charny, the Director of the Washington office of NRC (NRC USA), will describe the global situation for refugees and people displaced within their own countries; the challenges of responding to the situation with the rise of nativist political movements and attitudes; and the life-saving work of NRC, with particular focus on the Middle East and Africa. He will also describe the role of NRC USA as a Scandinavian institution in Washington and the wider United States. *For his biography, see Page 4.*



**Valentines Day
February 14th!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Better by the Dozen. In December, 12 new memberships equal 19 new members. *See PAGE 4.*

Finland's 12 Centennial Stories

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Finnish SAUNA NIGHT

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You can take a FREE course on the Icelandic Sagas

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SAVE THE DATE

Kalevala March 2 at 6:30 pm.
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SAVE THE DATE

Saxophone is for lovers
Saturday March 3
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

MARCH 15-25, 2018

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Full schedule will be on their website in mid-February at: www.dceff.org

ASA Grants & Scholarships

See new guidelines soon on the **NEW** ASA website: (at the same URL), www.scandinavian-dc.org

Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra

February 8 at 8:00 PM

Hylton Performing Arts Center

February 9 at 8:00 PM

George Mason Center for the Arts

One of Sweden's oldest orchestras presents a dynamic concert that combines the traditional with the iconoclastic. Under the direction of **Stefan Solyom**, the Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra, with its 61 musicians and violin virtuoso **Catherine Manoukian** performs a thrilling All-Beethoven Program. *See PAGES 3 and 5.*

Finnish Conductor Hannu Lintu with the National Symphony Orchestra

Feb. 1 at 7pm, Feb. 2 at 8pm, Feb. 3 at 8pm
Kennedy Center, Concert Hall
2700 F Street NW, Washington, DC

Conductor **Hannu Lintu** pays homage to Tchaikovsky through the composer's *The Tempest* and Stravinsky's *The Fairy's Kiss*, a work written in Tchaikovsky's memory. For an added organ prelude and *ForeWords*, *see PAGE 5.*

Swedish American Cultural Union Luncheon

The February Luncheon date will be announced in an e-mail to ASA members when the date is available. All the details will also be included.

***** NEW! ***** ASA has an email address: amscaninfo@gmail.com that exists for info to be received from all of you, our members. Please send us your ideas, compliments and criticisms. **THANKS!**



Michel Sittow: Estonian Painter at the Courts of Renaissance Europe

January 28 – May 13, 2018
National Gallery of Art, West Bldg. *See PAGE 5.*



**Presidents Day
February 19th!**

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4	Joel R. Charny Biography SON Feb. Reading Circle Felted Wool Workshop Norwegian Language Group New Members this Fall. Saxophone is for Lovers
5	Swedish Embassy Exhibits Ingmar Bergman Centennial Michel Sittow Paintings Hannu Lintu with the NSO Catherine Manoukian violinist
6	Finland's 12 Centennial Stories Conductor Hannu Lintu Part 12: The Next 100 Years
7	Exhibit on Finndians Finland's 12 Centennial Stories Swedish Player on Capitals Young Finn in the NBA
8	Great Swedish Adventure SCANTRAVEL LLC Free Icelandic Sagas Course Danish & Swedish TV Series SnowVillage in Finnish Lapland Amazing Race Returns Hybrids Outsell Conventional