

BIRKA HISTORICAL TATTOO FEST

PROGRAM JUNE 7, 2024

FRIDAY

11:00-20:00

OPENING HOURS FOR VISITORS

11:00-21:00

OPENING HOURS FOR RESTAURANT

10:00 - WORKKSHOP - Posament- viking wire work

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12:00 - MUSIC - Daj Ognia (outside museum)

12:30 - GUIDED TOUR in English

13:00 - MUSIC AND HISTORICAL DANCES - Javaryna (outside museum)

13:00 - WORKKSHOP - Nalbindning - needle binding for beginners

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13:45 - GUIDED TOUR in Swedish

14:00 - WORKKSHOP - Draw your own patterns for tablet weaving in Sulawesi technique (More information on page 3)

14:00 - WORKKSHOP - Throat singing (More information on page 4)

14:30 - HOW VIKINGS MAKE FIRE? (in Viking village)

15:00 - GUIDED TOUR in English

15:15 - MUSIC AND HISTORICAL DANCES - Daj Ognia (outside museum)

16:00 - WORKKSHOP - MOTANKA – Slavic Doll Magic

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16:15 - GUIDED TOUR in Swedish

17:30 - MUSIC AND HISTORICAL DANCES - Javaryna (outside museum)

WHEN THE SUN IS HIGHEST - WORKKSHOP - At the Holy Grove of Birka

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ALL DAY ACTIVITIES:

Get a real tattoo (book your session before or walk in) ~ Viking "tattoos" for kids & face painting ~ Viking market (jewelry, glass beads, fur, woodwork, wood furniture, leather, wool, amber, birch boxes and bags, tablet weaving, viking clothes, blacksmith, pottery & more) ~ Visit Viking village and take part in viking life ~ Visit museum shop & Tattoo area ~ Read the runes ~ Try Archery ~ Guided tours ~ Get a unique wet plate collodion picture in Birka ~ Get the massage ~ Workshops - see separate workshop program

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POSAMENT - VIKING WIRE WORKS

Friday June 7 - 10.00-12.00 by the reconstructed viking houses

Try making your own posaments! Some of the richest burials in Birka had their clothes decorated with posaments. Now you'll get the opportunity to make your own.

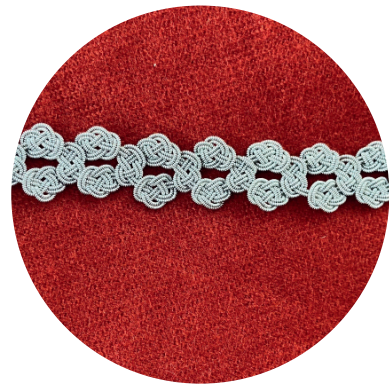
We look closer at different types of posament, and learn how to tie pretzel-knot posament. Instructor for this workshop is Sofia - Vikingspired.

Maximum 5 participant

SEK 250 pay cash or with swish to the instructor

2m tin wire , and leather cord for practice is included.

Registration deadline May 31st sofiaholmer@yahoo.com



AT THE HOLY GROVE OF BIRKA

**WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT NORSE CUSTOMS AND
CAN IT STILL BE PRACTICED?**

Friday June 7 - evening

Each day at the festival as the sun is at its highest Johan Sandmark offers his time in exchange of knowledge with you, within and among.

Experienced and well familiar in its practice Johan represent the function of this both in historical context but also as an overwiewing philosophy that throughout time connect our existence to each other's and else.

Later at the day of the Sun an thankful enclosure of the Harg will be held for this time with blessings ahead.

If you have thoughts, a wish or desire in mutual contribution you're welcome to contact Johan on ig [@theswedishfiking](https://www.instagram.com/theswedishfiking)

Meeting point: Holy Grove at Birka

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NALBINDNING - NEEDLE BINDNING FOR BEGINNERS

Friday June 7 - 13.00 by the reconstructed viking houses

The needle binding technique has been known for several thousand years from the time of Egypt. There are several finds from Iceland, Norway, Finland, Baltic, Slavic countries etc. from the Viking Age. We will learn simple stitches and you take what you make with you. You get everything you need for training and it will be possible to buy a needle. Yarn can be bought in the museum shop. Training can be done in Norwegian, English, Lithuanian and Russian. Instructor for this workshop is Audra Blagniene.



SEK 200 - pay cash to the instructor
Registration by e-mail: audrablagniene@gmail.com
Drop-in if space becomes available.

DRAW YOUR OWN PATTERNS FOR TABLET WEAVING IN SULAWESI TECHNIQUE

Friday June 7 - 14.00 by the reconstructed viking houses (1,5 h)

Tablet weaving is a very old technique for weaving ribbons, and the oldest one found in Sweden is from Högom gravfält, dated to the 3th century. At Birka, there are approximately 50 finds of tablet weaving ribbons. Many of them with gold or silver thread which has helped to preserve the other textile in the ribbon. The ribbons are used as decoration sewn onto clothes but also for other uses, such as bag straps, horse reins, etc. There are many different techniques, and one is called Sulawesi. With this technique, you can quite easily draw your own patterns on a checkered paper. During the workshop, I show how to draw patterns and how to then weave according to it. You should have a basic knowledge of tablet weaving to participate in the workshop. Lecturer for this workshop is Malin Lindgren.

Maximum 10 participant
SEK 250 /20 EURO - pay cash or with PayPal to the instructor
Registration deadline May 31st snotra.malin@hotmail.com
Drop-in if space becomes available.

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MOTANKA – SLAVIC DOLL MAGIC

Friday June 7 - 16.00

world view, reflected in every aspect of amulet dolls. Motaka is perfect for best and worst moments of life (always protective, wise, balanced, reflecting seasonal changes, stages of life, symbolical meaning of: colors, numbers, gesture, certain clothing parts and other various objects of daily life. The participants are welcome to bring some favourite cloth, scraps, wool and linen remnants, red and colourful yarn and scissors if they wish, so we have more to share and work with. After my introduction we will choose together what dolls we will make. No sewing involved. Lecturers for this workshop are Paulina Wilka Dergowska and Miklagard Silk.

Maximum 10 participant

SEK 250 /20 EURO

Registration By FB chat Paulina Wilka Deregowska or Insta @miklagardsilkuk

THROAT SINGING

Friday June 7 - 14.00 in front of museum (2,5 h)

Workshops will be conducted by Marcin Rumiski, a professional throat and overtone singer with over 25 years of practice. The lecturer is the founder of the music bands Shannon (Irish music) and KRIVE (Old Prusian music, from the north of Poland) and have run it ever since. Marcin is a professional Musician, Composer, Producer, Multi-instrumentalist, and Voice Actor. Most importantly, he is specialized in Etno singing techniques from around the world and he welcomes all of you, warmly, to join these workshops – and eager share his knowledge with you.

Marcin is going to introduce you to the world of throat and overtone singing, showing you the basics of each of his techniques.

He will start to show how it's supposed to sound, answering all your questions, and help you practice - in the end you will be able to throat sing like a pro. Your instrument is always with you, so don't be afraid of not being prepared. This kind of singing is a form of relaxation and meditation on its own, so you will walk out from this workshop completely calm and satisfied with your own progress.



Maximum 10 participants per workshop each day

50 EURO - pay cash to the instructor

Registration by e-mail: marcin.shannon@gmail.com (title the email „MUSIC WORKSHOPS”).

Drop-in if space becomes available - sign in 14.00 outside the museum.