

BIRKA HISTORICAL TATTOO FEST

PROGRAM JUNE 8, 2024

SATURDAY

11:00-20:00

OPENING HOURS FOR VISITORS

11:00-21:00

OPENING HOURS FOR RESTAURANT

10:00 - WORKKSHOP - Blue Dye Workshop for Beginners

(More information on page 2)

12:00 - MUSIC - Music - Javaryna (outside museum)

12:00 - WORKKSHOP - Hail to Maille! An introduction to making chainmail

(More information on page 2)

12:30 - GUIDED TOUR in English

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

13:00 - WORKKSHOP - Creating Icelandic Magical Staves

(More information on page 3)

13:45 - GUIDED TOUR in Swedish

14:00 - WORKKSHOP - Throat singing (More information on page 5)

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

15:00 - GUIDED TOUR in English

15:00 - WORKKSHOP - The Volva 's role in society, runes and magic

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15:15 - MUSIC AND HISTORICAL DANCES - Javaryna (outside museum)

16:00 - WORKKSHOP - Motanka- Slavic Doll Magic

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16:15 - GUIDED TOUR in Swedish

16:50 - HISTORICAL STAND-UP COMEDY - The Viking Redbeard performance in polish (More information on page 6)

17:30 - MUSIC AND HISTORICAL DANCES - Daj Ognia (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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WORKSHOPS JUNE 8, 2024

BLUE DYE WORKSHOPS FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday June 8 - 10.00-14.00 with lunch break

Bring your own wool yarn or fabric/clothing and experience the magic of plant dyeing. I offer dye vats and my own experience - you bring your own material to dye.

If you want to buy some fabric or wool yarn before, contact me and I will arrange it for you. Everyone is welcome to drop-in and discuss plant dyeing with us during the workshops.

Maximum 5 participants per workshop

SEK 200 plus costs for dyeing material depending on shade and grams of wool

Registration deadline May 1 at: fornstil@gmail.com

Instagram: @fornstil



HAIL TO MAILLE! AN INTRODUCTION TO MAKING CHAINMAIL

Saturday June 8 - 12.00-13.00

Come and learn the craft of weaving chainmail into functional pieces of armour! A luxury item throughout most of the early medieval period, this 1 hour guided class will teach some history as well as the fundamentals of making riveted chainmail.

Included in the price is a take home guide/instruction sheet, your own piece of maille, some rings/rivets, and a riveting tool so you can continue at home.

Lecturer for this workshop is Tom Cox.

Maximum 6 participants per workshop

SEK 920 /80 EURO

Registration by email to: tomcox1994@live.co.uk

Instagram: @fornstil

Drop in if space is available

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AT THE HOLY GROVE OF BIRKA

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

Saturday June 8 - 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 overviewing 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

Meeting point: Holy Grove at Birka

CREATING ICELANDIC MAGICAL STAVES

Saturday June 8 - 13.00 (1-1,5 h) tables in front of museum

In this workshop we will discuss some examples of galdrastafir (Icelandic magical staves) their instructions and how they may be used. As well as methods of creating our very own, using alphabet ciphers from Icelandic manuscripts and contemporary sigil crafting techniques. During the talk laminated information sheets will be handed out, these can be photographed.

The lecturer for this workshop is Albert Björn Shiell. Albert has been teaching classes in magical herbalism, staves, runes and witchcraft for many years, author of two books 'Icelandic Plant Magic' and 'Icelandic Folk Magic' and has been a practicing folk magician and witch for nearly 20 years.

Albert will have a few of his magical wares and his plant magic book available for purchase at the festival.

SEK 200 / 20 EURO - Paypal and swish are both accepted

Registration by e-mail: pellar_crafts@outlook.com

Drop-in, however bring your own pen and paper just in case, as pens and paper will be limited.

Please follow my Instagram account: @sussex_pellar

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THE VOLVA 'S ROLE IN SOCIETY, RUNES AND MAGIC

Saturday June 8 - 15.00 (1,5-2h)

Knowledge of natural and super natural ways, influencing destiny gives a lot of power. Communicating with the spirits and gods. Runes as letters and magical way to influence human life in both worlds. Song as the bridge to spiritual.

We gather outside the museum and go up to Birka's burial ground together. Instructor for this workshop is Audra Blagniene.

SEK 400 / 40 EURO - pay cash to the instructor

Registration by e-mail: audrablagniene@gmail.com

Drop-in if space becomes available.



MOTANKA – SLAVIC DOLL MAGIC

Saturday June 8 - 16.00 - by the Viking houses

The workshop is introducing broad spectrum of traditional old Slavic believes and 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

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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.



HISTORICAL STAND-UP COMEDY

THE VIKING REDBEARD PERFORMANCE IN POLISH

Welcome to a completely unique performance by Arkadiusz Jaksa Jakszewicz.

Redbeard, is a non-garden dwarf on a constant journey who lives the life of a nomad, he is neither young nor old, an Ageless man. Without shouting and fear and without eyebrows, he will presents fragments of the "Kosmos Bajka Prowokacja" program, as well as historical jokes referring to the Viking Age.

Redbeard as Mr. Star, will also tattoo during Birka Historical Tattoo Fest, so you can get both laughs and tattoos from him.

You will be able to travel for a moment to the Scandinavian 9th-10th century comedy.

At 16:50 a bard with music in his hands will be waiting for you in front of the main building of the museum and bring you to the right performance location.

The performance will take place on a rock, on the beautiful shore.

Free entry - if you like the show, it will be a hat after the performance to put your gratitude in to.

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