

## LEIF 2022 updated 9/23/2022

**Opening event: Saturday, Oct 8: Poetry Café, 2 PM at Norway House**--free admission, with refreshments available for purchase. African-born Ibé Kaba and American poet Colleen Casey will read from their works, with special guest Robert Hedin, a translator of the Norwegian poet Olav H. Hauge; Hedin will read both his own poetry and some of his Hauge translations, with the originals read in Norwegian by Ingunn Henrikssen. Jarrelle Barton will provide music on the guzheng, a Chinese stringed instrument. Join us for LEIF's first ever Poetry Café!



Colleen Casey



Ibé Kaba



Robert Hedin



Jarrelle Barton



Ingunn Henrikssen

**Sunday, Oct 9: 11:00 AM Sunday morning Church Service at Minde-kirken**, with Pastor Gunnar Kristiansen preaching; a Folketonemesse with Ariel Wilberg (below, left) singing as liturgist, other special music, greetings from Nordic Consuls, and a Nordic flag processional; the service will also be live-streamed on the Mindekirken website.



**Sunday, Oct 9: Concert at Mindekirken, 4 PM; \$20 admission: The Gregorian Singers, Monte Mason, Director: "Innendørs / Utendørs"**. Music traditionally heard Outdoors: Norwegian music for the Hardanger fiddle, willow flute, haunt-ing *kullok* singing, and folk songs - and music for Indoors: works by Carl Nielsen, Selim Palmgren, Anna Thorvalds-dottir, medieval chant from Nidaros Cathedral, selections from Finland's *Piae Cantiones*, and Renaissance madrigals by Truid Aagesen and Hans Brachrogge. To celebrate Leif Eriksson we also include songs about sea-faring. Featured musicians include Peggy Larson, Arna Rennan, & Rachel Alvin. Please join us for a lively and varied concert of fascinating music!





**Tuesday, Oct 11: Tuesday Open House (Mindekirken) 11:00 lunch, 12 noon program: \$10** Music by Norwegian composer Trond Kverno (*pictured at left*), with Vocal Art (an ensemble of six singers from Norway), and a video interview with Trond Kverno by Mindekirken Pastor Gunnar Kristiansen

**Wednesday, Oct 12: Vocal Art Concert at Hoversten Chapel, Augsburg University, 7 PM,** with trumpeter Simen Kiil Halvorsen; the concert is a thank you gift to Trinity Lutheran Congregation, which meets at Hoversten Chapel, for their gift to Mindekirken of the painting “Kristus I bønn” (“Christ in Prayer”) by Norwegian artist Marcus Grønvold (*see photo at right*). Admission by voluntary donation of \$20 or what you can afford.



**Thursday, Oct 13: Sami Duodji**, or handicraft; the traditional Sami notion of "duodji" includes soft duodji (textiles, needlework, and leather) and hard duodji (carpentry, work with bones, knives and other objects). Learn more in a video of an interview with Margaret Ranberg in Norway by Gunnar Kristiansen.

**Friday, Oct 14: Sami Artifacts** (one of two concentrations of the Galleri Bodøgaard, in Bodø, Norway): Gunnar Kristiansen will visit the gallery and tour the collections which include art of the North and of tools and household utensils related to life in northern Norway.



Galleri Bodøgaard, above <https://www.bodogaard.no/>  
Margaret Ranberg at left

**Saturday, Oct 15: Opera Café, 3 PM to 5 PM, at Norway House:** soloists from Vocal Art and Minnesota singers Elena Stabile, soprano and Marcus McConico; free admission, with refreshments available for purchase. Norway House will be holding Grand Opening festivities on this very day, October 15th, with an 11:00 ribbon cutting and other festivities; the Opera Café will happen just as those festivities are winding down; stay and enjoy! LEIF’s very first Opera Café!





**Sunday, Oct 16: 11:00 AM a special bilingual Sunday morning Church Service at Mindekirken, with Queen Sonja of Norway visiting;** attendance is limited by pre-reservation. Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit of Oslo preaching; music by Trond Kverno featuring Vocal Art and the Mindekirken Choir, conductor John De Haan; a half hour of music will precede the service. There will be no 9:00 service this Sunday and this service will also be livestreamed on Mindekirken's website.

*Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit at left*

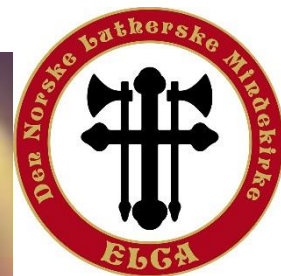
For å markere de sterke båndene til det norsk-amerikanske samfunnet i USA, vil Hennes Majestet Dronning Sonja besøke delstaten Minnesota 13. til 16. oktober. Dronningen vil blant annet besøke St. Olaf College, som ble grunnlagt av norske innvandrere i 1874. Dronningen vil også delta i markeringen av Mindekirkens hundreårsjubileum, besøke Norway House i Minneapolis og møte Minnesotas guvernør Tim Walz.

*To mark the strong bonds with the Norwegian-American community of the USA, her Majesty Queen Sonja (pictured at right) will visit the state of Minnesota from the 13th to the 16th of October. The Queen will also, among other things, visit St. Olaf College, which was founded by Norwegian immigrants in 1874. The Queen will also be present at the observance of Mindekirken's 100th Anniversary, visit Norway House in Minneapolis and meet Tim Walz, Minnesota's governor.*



**Sunday, Oct 16: Concert at Mindekirken, 2 PM, Vocal Art,**

<http://vocalart.no/> -- an elite ensemble of six singers from Northern Norway. with trumpeter Simen Kiil Halvorsen; Norwegian, Danish, Finnish and Icelandic music. Donation \$20 requested.





**Tuesday, Oct. 18: Tuesday Open House 11:00 lunch, 12 noon program, \$10: Video Interview: Rev. Auður Eir Vilhjalmsdóttir,** In 1974 Rev. Auður Eir Vilhjalmsdóttir was the first female pastor ordained in Iceland and founded the Women’s Lutheran Church, Kvinnakirkjan. Gunnar Kristiansen will speak with her in a video interview. Join us as she talks about her ministry and the Women’s Lutheran Church, addressing issues of women and gender in the church.

**Friday, October 21, 4-6 PM, President’s Happy Hour at the Danish American Center.** Kick off the final LEIF 2022 weekend by joining the Danish American Center President and members for some *hygge* time at this weekly casual BYOB social event. Jazz musicians entertain while guests enjoy light refreshments and time to chat and wind down. Contributions of food for the table or cash are welcome. Held in the Center’s Atrium and Tivoli (and Patio, weather permitting), 3030 River Parkway, Minneapolis 55406 (612-729-3800).



**Sunday, Oct 23: 11:00 AM closing Sunday morning Church Service at Mindekirken;** Pastor Alemseged Asmelash of Trinity Congregation, who is fluent in Swedish although originally from Ethiopia, will preach. David Fillman, bass-baritone baritone, will sing music by the Finnish composer Toivo Kuula, and the Mindekirken Choir will sing. The Nordic flags that were brought into the church on the first Sunday of the Festival will be carried out in the annual flag recessional. Live-streamed on the Mindekirken website.



*David Fillman*

*Pastor Alemseged Asmelash*

**Sunday, October 23, 2 P.M., RIT, with Reidun Horvei, Inger-Kristine Riber and Katherine Hanson.** A program of music to texts by Norwegian poet Olav H. Hauge, named after his poem “Rit”, an old word for “write”. Co-sponsored by the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota, a program of Norway House; held in the Galleri at Norway House.

