



## INTRODUCTION

### **Mission statement**

Kosterfestivalen is an arena for cultural diversity, where music and art is introduced in a maritime setting. The festival is a collaboration between Norway and Sweden. Featuring international artists, we aim to combine the islands of Koster's unique distinctive character and fauna with something equally beautiful culturally - chamber music for all!

### **Profile**

Kosterfestivalen presents family friendly concerts and performances, performed by young, up and coming artists alongside profiled established soloists.

## PROGRAM CONCEPT

The preliminary program will include symphonic works, chamber works, a custom made family show, free sunset concerts every evening, summer night concerts / festival pub as well as an art exhibition.

**Kosterfestivalen 2009 offers a wide variety of music, spanning from baroque, to classical, to romantic, to modern, to folk music, to cabaret! In other words, there should be something for each and everyone in the audience this season.**

No less than 58 performances will take place during two weeks, from 20. July to 2. August 2009.

### **Family Show**

**Tore Norrby, Harald Nilsson and Christopher Ek who last summer performed the popular performances 'Var é Jag? (Where am I?) reappears this summer with 14 new music theatre performances for children and parents at all ages. Now in the shapes of three weatherbeaten magpies, three stubborn collectors with lust for adventure and a mindblowing sense of imagination.**

Kosterfestivalen's Family Show has always been an element of great importance. The shows, in the genre of musical theatre, are custom made every year to be performed at Koster during the festival.

The show is performed every day alternating between our stages at Munkekyrkan and at Koster's Trädgårdar.

The Family Shows are always very popular among five - year - olds as well as their parents.

### **Art Exhibition**

Jörgen Byström is a local artist from North Koster. His exhibition will take place at gallery "Ateljén Nordkoster" at North Koster.

Every year one or two artists are chosen to feature at Kosterfestivalen. The art exhibition is open throughout the duration of the festival in one of Koster's many art galleries.

### **FEATURED ARTISTS**

Among the artists featured are:

**Christian Ihle Hadland, Tora Augestad, Fredmans Apostlar, Shlomy Dobrinsky, Signe Sannem Lund, Kinneret Sieradzki, Joachim Knoph, Ulrik Gaston Larsen, Munkkyrkans Mannskor, Anders Ådin, Thomas Flodin, Mikael Holmlund, Trio Onyx and more...**

### **KOSTERFESTIVALEN THROUGH THE YEARS**

Kosterfestivalen, formerly known as Koster Kammarmusikfestival, was first arranged in July 2005 by Martin G. Rasten og Thomas Flodin, thus celebrating its fifth anniversary in 2009.

The festival's basic philosophy was to merge art and music in the most beautiful natural setting one could think of. North - and South Koster consisting of both a beautiful and dramatic nature have it all.

Among cliffs, wonderful flora and a never ending, shimmering sea the festival has been recurring the last week of July every year.

2005 marked the year of the dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden in 1905. Our idea was to recreate a cultural union on the 100 - year anniversary. The festival represents Sweden and Norway in union of the ultimate artistic collaboration; Chamber music.

Kosterfestivalen has had good progress during its first four years. In the beginning consisting of different chamber ensembles, to 2008's birth of Koster Philharmoniker, the festival orchestra performing several large symphonic works.

Thanks to Thomas and Martin, the rest of the crew and a huge bunch of volunteers Kosterfestivalen continues to present chamber - and orchestral music to the holiday makers of the beautiful Koster islands.

*For program details and artist biographies please visit our website <http://festspel.com>*