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Central Division

CONVENTION

Duluth, Minnesota

JULY 8-9-10-11, 1964



DULUTH MALE CHORUS - Host

INDIVIDUAL CHORUS CONCERT - DENFELD AUDITORIUM

JULY 9th, 8 P.M. - 12 CHORUSES FROM MIDWEST

GRAND CONCERT - DULUTH ARMORY

JULY 10th, 8 P.M. - 600 COMBINED MALE VOICES

Dr. Robert Ekstrom - Director-In-Chief

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Duluth Male Chorus — Host

As host for the 1964 Convention, the Duluth Male Chorus bids a hearty welcome to the Central Division singers and to members and friends from all parts of the country and Canada, and hopes your visit here will be most enjoyable. We have met for a common motive, to foster Scandinavian songs in America, as did those who organized the Singers' Union in 1892. With this in mind let us blend our voices in harmony and praise to God and our beloved country.

We wish to acknowledge and thank all officials, the press, radio and T.V., and express appreciation to our Auxiliary and to everyone who has given of his time and means to make this convention a success.

THE DULUTH MALE CHORUS

Committee Officers: Dr. Robert Ekstrom, General Chairman; William Berglof, Vice Chairman; R. Vern Eckman, Honorary Chairman; Rob Roy Ekstrom, Convention Secretary. **Committee Chairmen:** Dan Wagner, Registration; Albert Klopp, Finance; Paul Sandberg, Housing; Russell Wagner, Transportation; Hugo Hannula, Reception; Ernest Liljedahl, William Anderson, Gust Olson, Veterans; Ray Haaker and Dennis Roberg, Publicity; Lawrence Maki, Banquet; John Wikelius and Richard Freimuth, Concert; Carl Loff and Wm. Nash, Program Booklet, Blair Zibell, Song Books; Tom McNeally, Entertainment.

GREETINGS

It is with great pleasure that we join with the Duluth Male Chorus and the citizens of Duluth in extending a warm welcome to the hosts of singers who are here in Duluth under the auspices of the Central Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers.

We are proud of our Duluth Male Chorus, and view its accomplishments extending over many decades with pardonable pride. It continues to hold high the traditional love of Swedish people for music and all other cultural activities.

Since the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway for ocean going traffic, we here in Duluth are tied ever closer to "Old Mother Europe." Daily, ships arrive and leave from Duluth, for European ports, and we frequently welcome Swedish vessels. Truly, Duluth is rapidly becoming the hub of world commerce for America, and we invite our visitors to view this panorama while here.

On behalf of the Royal Swedish Consulate General, Olof Landenius, of Minneapolis, we extend to you a friendly greeting and our best wishes for a most enjoyable visit in our city.

Very truly yours,
R. Vern Eckman, Vice Consul of Sweden

To the Central Division of American Union of Swedish Singers:

I wish to express my hearty welcome and appreciation for the opportunity for the Duluth area to hear and enjoy Scandinavian music which is so near to the heart and soul of the Finnish people, and I am sure they will enjoy the music which expresses unification and musical and cultural relationship of all Scandinavian people in America. My hope is that some day the Finnish, Danish, Norwegian, Icelandic and Swedish can join in large American Union of Scandinavian Singers.

Alex Kyyhkynen
Consul of Finland

As Mayor of the City of Duluth, I am proud and happy to welcome the participants to the convention of the Central Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers.

Your choice of Duluth as the site of this year's convention bears witness to the growing recognition of Duluth's superlative climate, fine facilities, and all-around excellence as a convention center.

It is our hope that during your stay here you will have time to visit some of the many points of interest in and around Duluth, "The World's Largest Inland Seaport."

We trust that your meeting will prove so successful and your stay so enjoyable that you will plan to return to Duluth in the near future.

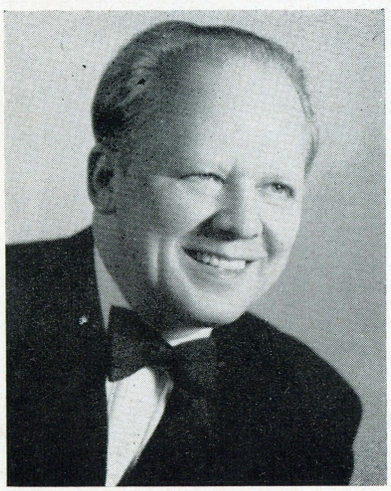
George D. Johnson
MAYOR



Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director-in-Chief

Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director-in-Chief of the Central Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers is General Chairman of the Convention. He is Asst. Director-in-Chief of the A.U.S.S. and National Director-in-Chief of the Norwegian Women Singers League of America. He obtained his Doctor's Degree at the University of Southern California and the Master's and Bachelor's Degrees at the University of Minnesota.

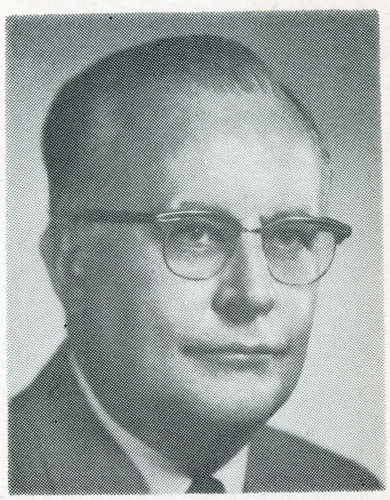
He has appeared on radio, stage, television and in motion pictures. He was Director of music for the City of Los Angeles, Professor of Music at Pasadena City College, sang in the Hollywood Bowl and directed music in the Rose Bowl. He was a member of the Roger Wagner Chorale, made recordings for Capitol Records, sang for the coronation of the Queen of England and has toured Europe twice. In Duluth he is a teacher. He also directs the Duluth Male Chorus, the Daughters of Norway Chorus and the Messiah Lutheran Church Choirs.



Dr. Viktor Hedgren
Honorary Director-in-Chief



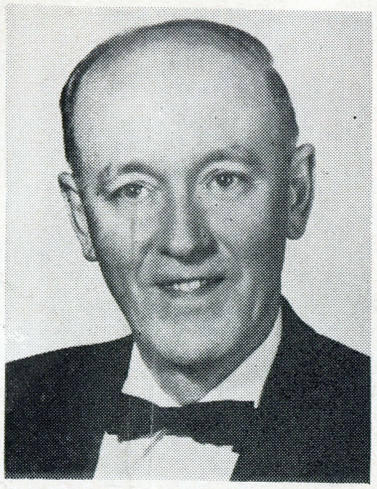
Knute Hansen
AUSS Director-in-Chief



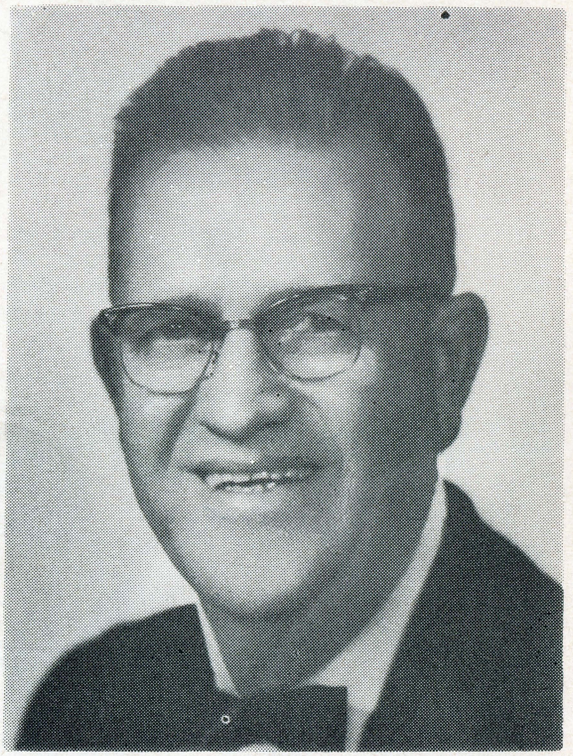
Bernhardt Westlund
Assistant Director-in-Chief



Paul Haglund
President Central Division



Martin Ahlm
Vice President AUSS



Erland Levine
President AUSS

Again we have the opportunity to gather, celebrating another Singing Festival of the Central Division American Union of Swedish Singers.

On behalf of the officers of the Central Division may I extend to the Duluth Male Chorus and its Ladies Auxiliary our most sincere thanks and appreciation for accepting the responsibility to be hosts for this our Central Division 1964 Convention. Because of your unselfish work I know the success of the Convention is assured.

I wish to extend to the Singers my best wishes and heartfelt thanks for their interest in Swedish Song. It is always encouraging and inspiring to know that the cultural heritage which our forefathers brought across the ocean is kept alive and that the traditions from our homeeland are still maintained. I am glad to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable Convention.

PAUL F. HAGLUND
President Central Division

I'm sure I am speaking for all singers when I say we are looking forward to another glorious singing festival of the Central Division in Duluth, Minn.

On behalf of my office may I extend my personal best wishes, as well as those of the A.U.S.S. for a successful and harmonious singing festival.

Med varm Sangarhälsning,
ERLAND LEVINE, President A.U.S.S.



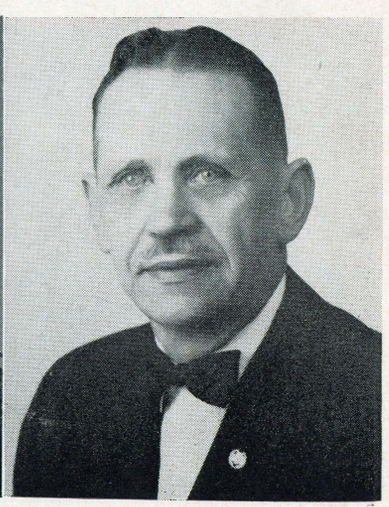
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Eric Lindberg
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Ernest Gunnarsson
Secretary

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 8

1:00 p.m. Registration in the lobby of Hotel Duluth.

7:00 p.m. Reception in the Hotel Ballroom.
Lunch, program, dance and honoring of dignitaries.

Thursday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal at Duluth Armory, 13th Ave. E. & London Road.

12:00 Noon Box Luncheon in Leif Erickson Park, across the street. Bus for ladies leaves at 12:00.

12:30 p.m. Fashion show and Luncheon at the Flame for ladies. Foot of 5th Ave. W.

1:00 p.m. Rehearsal at Armory.

4:30 p.m. Parade from Hotel Duluth to City Hall in uniform with flags.

8:00 p.m. Individual chorus concert at Denfeld Auditorium (44th Ave. W. & Grand Ave.).
Busses leave hotel at 6:15, 6:30 & 6:45.

10:00 p.m. Modern dancing in the Moorish Room. (Hotel Duluth).
Old Time dancing at Svithiod Hall (21st Ave. West and Third St.).

12:00 p.m. Informal choral singing at Canal Park by the Pier near Aerial Bridge.

Friday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal at Armory.

10:00 a.m. Style show and visit through Nelson Knitting Mills for ladies. (21st Ave. W. & Superior St.,).
Bus leaves at 9:40 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Skyline Drive trip and boat rides around Duluth Harbor. Boat leaves dock at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Busses leave Hotel at 1:15 p.m. for boat and 1:30 p.m. for Skyline. People will interchange at end of each trip.

8:00 p.m. Grand Concert in the Duluth Armory.

10:30 p.m. Dancing in the Moorish Room (Hotel Duluth).

12:00 p.m. Lobby sing.

Saturday, July 11

9:00 a.m. Meeting of delegates at Young Old Timers Hall, 21st Ave W. & Superior St.
Meeting of veterans at Woodman Hall, 21st. Ave. W. & 1st St.
Bus leaves at 8:45.

12:00 Noon. Delegates and Veterans' luncheon, (Svithiod Hall) 21st Ave. W. & 3rd St.
Helicopter rides at Canal Park for $3.50 with badge anytime during day.

2:00 p.m. Outing at Park Point (end of Lake Avenue) on Lake Superior. (Take your swimming suit.) Busses leave hotel at 1:00 p.m. for Canal Park first, then Park Point.

6:30 p.m. Banquet at Hotel Duluth Baollroom. Dance to follow.

Individual Chorus Program

American Union of Swedish Singers Central Division
Thursday, July 9th, 1964, 8:00 P.M.
Denfeld Auditorium — Duluth, Minnesota

ORGANIST ..... Virginia Ekstrom
STAR SPANGLED BANNER
DU GAMLA DU FRIA

Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director

VÄNTAN ..... H. Colleen
LILLA MOR ..... J. A. Stang

Arpi Swedish Male Chorus of Detroit, Michigan Ivar G. Anderson, Director

SELECTED

Chicago Swedish Male Chorus Dr. Edgar Nelson, Director

SANGARVALS ..... Wahlin
THE CREATION ..... W. Richter

Duluth Male Chorus
Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director Gail Keranen, Accompanist

SPINN SPINN ..... Swedish Folk Song
DE SANDMAN

Lyran Singing Society of(Rockford, Illinois
Richard Johnson, Director

SLA UT DINA VINGAR, SVENSKA SANG ..... Tonten Rantzen
ROCK - A - MY SOUL ..... Spiritual

Orhphei Singing Club, Chicago
E. Arnold Alenius, Director

SELECTED

Saint Paul Swedish Male Chorus
Edwin G. Amundson, Director

HERDENS SÖNDAGS SANG ..... Kreutzer
I FURUSKOGEN ..... Berger

Svithiod Singing Club, Chicago
Knute Hansen, Director

WIEGENLIED .....Johannes Brahms, arr. Gerald Grey
TO AMERICA ..... John F. Thomas

Svithiod Male Chorus of Rockford, Illinois
Jim Person, Director

JUNINATT
SANG TIL DALERNA

Swedish Glee Club, Chicago, Illinois
Dr. Harry T. Carlson, Director

KEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ..... Bartholomew
NED I VÄSTERSALAR ..... During

Swedish Glee Club of Waukegan, Illinois
Dr. Viktor Hedgren, Director

LINNEAN
HJÄRTATS SAGA

The Veterans Chorus Martin Ahlm, Director

MIDSOMMARDANS ..... Myrberg
AURA LEE ..... Poulton

Viking Male Chorus of Chicago John A. Carlson, Ass't. Director

Grand Concert

American Union of Swedish Singers Central Division
Friday, July 10th, 1964, 8:00 P.M.
Armory — Duluth, Minnesota

DR. ROBERT EKSTROM ..... Director-in-Chief
PIANISTS—Gail Keranen and Nancy Duerr . . . ORGANISTS—Virginia Ekstrom and David Dahlgren

Program

STAR SPANGLED BANNER ..... Audience
DU GAMLA DU FRIA ..... Audience
HÖR OSS, SVEA ..... G. Wennerberg
ENGELBREKT'S MARSCH ..... Old Swedish Melody
VIKINGARNE (Solo part by Sigurd Normark) ..... Frieberg
TILL MITT HEM ..... Kromer
SVERGES FLAGGA ..... Hugo Alfven
UNDED RÖNN OCH SYREN ..... H. Palin
PSALM 150 ..... G. Wennerberg

Combined Chorus Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director

BLOW HIGH, BLOW LOW ..... Rodgers and Hammerstein
I NEVER WILL MARRY ..... Folk Song, arr. Roby
CAMELOT ..... Lerner and Loewe

Duluth Boys' Chorus
A. Richard oRby, Director — Accompanied by Christine Buck

CARMENA ..... Wilson

Dorothy Evenson, Soprano Soloist

LET THERE BE MUSIC ..... F. Williams
DEAR LAND OF HOME ..... J. Sibelius
ON THE SEA ..... D. Buck
THE LOST CHORD ..... A. Sullivan

(Bernhard Westlund, Director)

NOW LET EVERY TONGUE ADORE THEE ..... Bach

Combined Chorus Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director

INTERMISSION

DE MUNTRA MUSIKANTERNA ..... A. Riccius

Dr. Viktor Hedgren, Director

SANGARFANEN ..... Friberg

Knute Hansen, Director

O GUD SOM STYRER ..... G. Wennerberg

Bernhardt Westlund, Director

VART LAND ..... J. Josephson
STANDARSANG ..... G. Wideen
BON I STORMEN ..... Durrner

Combined Chorus Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director

MIN SKOL, DIN SKOL ..... S. Sedores
HÄLSA DEM DÄR HEMMA ..... E. Worsing
HEY LOOK ME OVER ..... C. Coleman

Duluth Boys' Choruses A. Richard Roby and eGorge Mead, Directors

ONE KISS ..... S. Romberg

Dorothy Evenson, Soprano Soloist

BROTHERS SING ON ..... E. Grieg
STOUTHEARTED MEN ..... S. Romberg
MARCHING ON ..... Welsh, arr. F. Wick
BELLS OF ST. MARYS ..... A. Adams
BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC ..... Steffe, arr. Ringwald

Combined Chorus Dr. Robert Ekstrom, Director

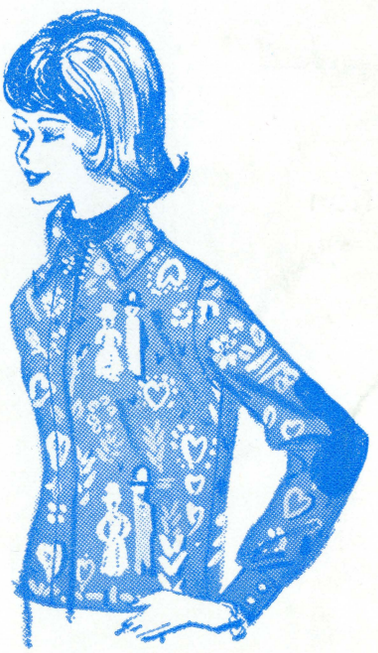
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