



Announcing!

**Free Swedish fiddle workshops at the
American Swedish Institute**

**Sundays: October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2017
1:00pm to 3:00pm**

The American Swedish Institute Spelmanslag (fiddle club) will sponsor a special opportunity for stringed instrument players to come and learn traditional Swedish fiddle tunes. Though this workshop especially targets young fiddlers, there is no age requirement and fiddlers young at heart and willing to learn are also welcome. We will learn a new tune each week as well as the history of the music.

Instructors

- Oct. 1: Jennifer Olsen and other members of the ASI Spelmanslag
- Oct. 8: Maria and Anders Larsson of Malmö, Sweden. Maria is a Rikspelman and had her own fiddle school in Malung, Sweden. Her husband Anders is an accomplished singer and accompanist and will help Maria teach the tunes.
- Oct. 15: Members of the ASI Spelmanslag
- Oct. 22: Paul Dahlin, founder of the ASI Spelmanslag and National Heritage Award winner
- Oct. 29: Come and meet Margaretha Mattsson and youth fiddlers of the *Vikarbyns lilla spelmanslag* who will be on tour in Minnesota and will lead the workshop.

Registration encouraged. <https://www.asimn.org/programs-education/events/announcing-lillalag> or call Suzanne at: (651) 633-1607. Please come even if you don't get a chance to sign up.

There is no cost for this course. Our hope is to share our love for this rich musical tradition and create a new youth fiddle group—a *lillalag*-- based at the American Swedish Institute. Check out the ASI Spelmanslag's web site: <https://www.asispelmanslag.org> Teachers are especially encouraged to come with their students and learn the tunes too. Folk music is best learned by ear so this will be our approach. Learning CDs and other materials will be provided free of charge. Very young players should have some proficiency on their instruments—at least through Suzuki book #1. Course material will be tailored to the skill level of the players. Parents are welcome to stay and observe, or play if they have a fiddle.