



## Invitation to SNOBS 34th Open Championships, 2014

Dear Friends,

SNOBS is proud to invite you to our annual singing weekend, SNOBS 34th Convention and Open Championship. This year we will hold the event April 24-27, 2014 at Culturum (Nyköping), Sweden, located 100 kilometres south of Stockholm. From Stockholm Central Train Station it is a 1hour ride on the SJ train.

As usual we will see many well-known SNOBS groups attending this year. The 2012 World Quartet Champions are from the ranks of SNOBS – **Ringmasters**, as well as the 2012 World College Quartet Champions, **Lemon Squeezy**. We also have the world's best chorus outside of North America, the 4<sup>th</sup> place medallist chorus **zero8** and Europe's currently biggest male chorus **the EntertainMen**, among other great acts. We will also see the 2014 Top10 Sweet Adelines chorus **Stockholm City Voices** – and there'll be an International flavor with our special guests from Germany, the female **Harmunichs** chorus plus other groups from Spain and Germany, so we hope you will be able to join in on the fun!

We are eager to showcase the growth of our youth movement and new quartets in the quartet contest, as well as an exciting chorus contest with the best we have.

We are also very pleased to host our judging panel from the USA. In the Music category - Jeff Taylor and Steve Tramack, in the Singing category - Dale Comer and Chris Peterson and last but not least in the Presentation category - John Coffin and George Gipp. Altogether a great panel! We also expect to have many of the Sweet Adelines Region 32 quartets in attendance as guests as they warm up for their convention a few weeks later. As you can see, for your enjoyment in just three days loads and loads of fun and talent!

The all-events pass is available for just 99 EUR (900 SEK) per person. This includes access to all shows, classes and contests, **except** the Thursday night benefit concert, the "Olle Nyman Memorial Concert". That year this will be a very special event, which you don't want to miss, since our most prominent groups will be performing, as well other super high caliber SNOBS and Sweet Adelines groups. This is one of the occasions you can see **Ringmasters** during the convention weekend. So again – do **NOT** miss this opportunity to see Ringmasters in concert, up close and personal! Tickets are available through [www.nykoping.se/culturum](http://www.nykoping.se/culturum) and at the door for only 200 SEK.

The HQ Hotel will be Clarion Collection Kompaniet, strategically located just a few hundred metres away from Culturum and all the other downtown action. We have managed to negotiate favorable hotel room prices for all convention participants (see more information on the following page).

If you are travelling by airplane, Skavsta is the nearest airport, but only operates flights from within Europe. So, if you are traveling from another European Union country you may be able to use Skavsta Airport, to which Ryanair operates, and it's only 15 minutes transfer to the HQ Hotel. Arlanda is the nearest major International airport. There are good transportation options between Stockholm/Arlanda (as well as the rest of Sweden) and Nyköping.

We are indeed looking forward to spending time with all of you and are eagerly awaiting your reply and registration submission. Please let us know by March 15, 2014, when our registration office closes, that you are planning to attend! Forms and other additional information can be found at our website [www.snoobs.org](http://www.snoobs.org).

In Harmony,  
Best regards

*Henrik Rosenberg*

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## CONVENTION HOTEL INFO

### *Clarion Collection Hotel Kompaniet*

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## BOOKING

***All hotel room bookings will have to be made directly to the hotel. Use SNOBS13 as booking code.***

## PRICING

<b><i>Single rooms</i></b>	<b><i>875:- / room and night</i></b>
<b><i>Standard double room</i></b>	<b><i>975:-/ room and night</i></b>
<b><i>Superior double room</i></b>	<b><i>1075:-/room and night</i></b>

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – changes may be made

### **Thursday April 24**

19.00-21.00 Olle Nyman Memorial Concert

### **Friday April 25**

10.00 Stage Test - quartets  
15.00 Quartet Semifinals  
17.00 Judge Evals - semifinal quartets  
19.00 Chorus Contest  
21.00 Dinner w afterglow

### **Saturday April 26**

09.00 Judge Evals – choruses  
11.00 Education/class  
15.00 Quartet Final  
16.30 Judge Evals – final quartets  
18.30 Show of Champions  
21.00 Dinner w Afterglow

### **Sunday April 27**

10.15 SNOBS Meeting