

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017  
SWEA INTERNATIONAL, INC. – NEW YORK CHAPTER**

<b>Period</b>	January 1 – December 31, 2017																								
<b>Meetings</b>	The Board of Directors met six times during the year.																								
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	The Annual meeting for 2016 was held on February 15, 2017 at the Swedish Residency, 600 Park Avenue, New York, NY																								
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<b>Membership</b>	<b>SWEA New York had 206 paid members in 2016</b> , including 6 porto members. The annual member ship fee was \$60 for members and \$30 for porto members. The membership fee for members under the age of 25 was \$30. <b>From 2014, we have seen a 31% increase of members.</b> Out of 72 Chapters, SWEA New York is the 6 <sup>th</sup> largest.																								
<b>Financials</b>	SWEA New York had at the end of 2017 assets totaling \$63,450.92. Please see enclosed Financial Report.																								
<b>SWEA Bladet (SWEA NY Magazine)</b>	SWEA Bladet has, thanks to a new skillful and creative team of editors, undergone a transformation with a <b>new lay-out, style and name: “SWEA New York Magazine”</b> . The first issue of SWEA NY Magazine was published electronically in PDF format in July 2017.																								
<b>Newsletter</b>	SWEA New York members received a monthly newsletter via email, excluding the months of July and August.																								

## Programs and Activities

In total, SWEA New York organized 50 events in 2017.

The following 18 member events were arranged in 2017:

7 Feb	SWEA NY watches the NY Rangers at MSG
15 Feb	Annual Meeting at the Swedish Residence
28 Feb	Semla and book exchange at FIKA
31 Mar	Swedish Festival at The Morgan Library & Museum
8 Apr	Spring lunch at the Bronx Botanical Garden
2 May	Preview of the Exhibition "Swedish Art Jewelry Today"
9 May	Welcome Evening for new members
10 Jun	SWEA New York runs the NYRR New York 10K
14 Jun	A special ELYX girls Afterwork with CEO Jonas Tåhlin
23 Jun	Annual Midsummer celebration in Battery Park
13 Sep	Annual Crayfish Party at Battery Gardens Restaurant
14 Sep	NY Fashion Week event with J. Lindeberg
17 Sep	"New in NY" event with the Church of Sweden
8 Oct	Fall Cruise on Hudson River
12-14 Oct	Nordic International Film Festival
8 Nov	Concert with SWEA NY scholar Karin Petersdotter
12 Nov	SWEA New York planning day for 2018
10 Dec	Annual Lucia Celebration at Tudor City

The following 3 SWEA New York Professional events were arranged in 2017:

26 Jan	An evening with Captain Ann-Charlotte Lyman
4 May	An evening with fashion editor and stylist Angelina Jolin
12 Oct	An evening with SACCNYS President Anna Throne-Holst

In addition, 8 Månadslunchen at Smörgåschef and 9 "After Work" were held, and three different book clubs took place on a monthly basis, excluding the months of July and August.

Furthermore, 12 theatre visits were organized:

11 Jan	Teaterklubben: "Cagney"
7 Feb	Teaterklubben: "The Glassmenagerie"
12 Apr	Teaterklubben: "The Great Comet"
29 Apr	Teaterklubben: "Oslo"
17 May	Teaterklubben: "Sunset Boulevard"
25 May	Teaterklubben: "A Dollhouse part 2"
5 Jul	Teaterklubben: "Hello Dolly"
9 Jul	Teaterklubben: "War Paint"

20 Sep	Teaterklubben: "Prince of Broadway"
20 Sep	Teaterklubben: "Swanlake"
25 Oct	Teaterklubben: "JUNK"
15 Nov	Teaterklubben: "The Parisian Woman"

**Donations  
and Scholarships**

Two of the "SWEA New York Mona Johnsson 2016 Scholarship" were awarded in 2017, both in the amount of \$2000.

SWEA New York Mona Johnsson Scholarship 2016, in the amount of **\$2,000, was awarded to STHLMNYC** to facilitate a 2-day conference in New York in October as part of Archtober. The purpose is to represent and showcase Swedish architecture and urban design culture. The social focus and inclusiveness of Swedish architecture and urban design are strongly embedded in Swedish culture, society and tradition.

SWEA New York Johnsson Scholarship 2016, in the amount of **\$2,000, was also awarded to Karin Petersdotter Eriksson** to study the history and compositions of selected Swedish composers from Swedish folk music to classical music written in our century, partially focusing on female composers.

**SWEA New York also supported the Nordic International Film Festival (NIFF) with a donation of \$1,000.** The festival was held at Scandinavia House in New York in October 2017 to showcase Swedish filmmakers and increase exposure of Swedish culture to people in the New York area. SWEA New York also had the honor to present the "Best Female Actor" award at the NIFF Gala.

In addition, SWEA New York donated \$300 to the Church of Sweden in New York.

**SWEA International,  
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SWEA New York's Chairman, Lisa Laskaridis, and SWEA New York's Chair of the Program Committee, Rebecca Hedlund, represented SWEA New York Chapter at the SWEA International World Meeting in Perth, Australia, October 19 - 22, 2017.

New York City, January 28, 2018

Lisa Laskaridis  
President, SWEA New York