

2026 PUBLIC PROJECTS

THE CEDAR CULTURAL CENTER

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Cedar Cultural Center received support to host the Swedish-Estonian band Fränder at its Minneapolis venue on January 24, 2026. Formed in 2015, Fränder is recognized as one of today's most innovative Nordic folk ensembles, blending traditional Swedish and Estonian melodies with contemporary acoustic and rock influences.

This performance introduced audiences to vibrant Nordic folk music and fostered greater appreciation for folk arts and cultural traditions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIO & CURATORIAL PROGRAM

BROOKLYN, NY

Nordic Fiddles and Feet received support to bring Swedish nyckelharpa instructor Arvid Furmark from Luleå, Sweden, to teach beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes during the 2026 summer camp, held July 4-11 at Geneva Point Center in New Hampshire.

His participation strengthened cross-cultural exchange, expanded access to high-quality Scandinavian folk music instruction in the US, and deepened appreciation for Nordic music and dance traditions.

LINCOLN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

NEW YORK, NY

Lincoln Center received support to host its new festival Nordic Next from January 8-10, 2026, at Lincoln Center's David Rubenstein Atrium. This new festival showcased diverse music and performing arts from seven Nordic countries—Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Co-curated with support from Nordic consulates and embassies, Nordic Next strengthened cultural connections, increased visibility for Nordic artistry, and created lasting bridges between the region and New York audiences.

NORDIC FIDDLES AND FEET

PHOENIX, AZ

International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP) received support for Finnish artist Hans Rosenström, who ran a solo exhibition at ISCP from June 23-October 9, 2026.

This exhibition featured site-specific sound installations with glass and transducer speakers to explore the delicate balance between nature and industry while also deepening New York City's appreciation of contemporary Finnish art.