

**Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers**  
Perform at Bygdelagenes Fellesraad's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
May 7, 2016

One of the outstanding Norwegian folkdance troupes will be featured when Bygdelagenes Fellesraad, the national council of *bygdelag*, celebrates the second day of its centennial May 7, 2016 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN.

Colorful flowing bunads, smiling faces, and abounding energy will greet us as we watch the precision and humor of the Stoughton High School Dancers. For sixty-three years, the community of Stoughton, Wisconsin has supported the Norwegian dance culture. The group is comprised of twenty high school dancers and three high school keyboardists, who wear authentic customs, shoes, and jewelry imported from



Norway. This venue will give an opportunity for the male dancers to show off their strength and athleticism, especially during the famous "Halling" dance and for the girls to demonstrate their countless spins. They are dedicated to the continuation of the Norwegian folkdance heritage while touching people's lives and brightening their days.

With the support and assistance of talented community members, school personnel and parents, the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers have become "good will ambassadors," performing for millions of people all over the United States. In 1968 they danced for King Olav of Norway when he visited Madison, Wisconsin. In 1972 they were invited to perform in Norway in and around Bergen and Oslo.

The Fellesraad is excited to invite you to an energy-packed and inspiring morning with the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers. Promptly at 8 a.m. they will be teaching folk dances to young students or young at heart. Following the "Opening Ceremony" they will be giving a full performance of authentic folk dances from Norway.

The theme for the three-day 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is "Norway to America: Memories & Dreams." Registration is open and information about the many amazing festivities will be posted at: [www.fellesraad.com/centennial](http://www.fellesraad.com/centennial) so you can choose the activities you prefer.

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