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100th Anniversary Celebration of Lyngblomsten's Mid-Summer Festival

Local senior housing and services organization to celebrate a community tradition with arts, music, food and games

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (June 4, 2013) – The Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Thursday, July 18, 2013. Although it has taken various forms over the past century, the roots of the Mid-Summer Festival began in 1913 as an event to pay tribute to the founder and first president of Lyngblomsten, Anna Quale Fergstad. The festival's focus today is to invite the community together for an intergenerational day of arts performances, artist demonstrations, and creative activities with some of Minnesota's finest arts organizations and artists. Admission is free and food, games, and creative activities are priced for affordable fun, not for profit. This 100-year community tradition will be held from 2-9 PM in the Como Park neighborhood on the Lyngblomsten campus at 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN. In the event of rain or inclement weather, a rain date has been scheduled for July 19.

The Mid-Summer Festival will host three stages of live entertainment, music, and dance representing many cultures, including more than 80 entertainers and exhibiting local artists. Some featured entertainment will include: Teddy Bear Band, Sounds of Hope, Ticket to Brasil, Minnesota Opera, Heart of the Beast Theatre, and MacPhail Center for Music.

Festival-goers will also have the opportunity to participate in hands-on creative activities for all ages—18 months to 100+ years—as well as help create a public art piece. In addition to entertainment and arts, there will be a variety of food and games. The festival is wheelchair accessible and ASL interpreters will be available.

About 2,000 guests are expected to attend the Mid-Summer Festival this year. Complete festival details are available at www.lyngblomsten.org/MSF2013.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota state legislature and by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional support provided by Lyngblomsten.

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Lyngblomsten's mission: Influenced by Christ, Lyngblomsten provides a ministry of compassionate care and innovative services to older adults in order to preserve and enhance their quality of life.

Believing that artistic expression and enjoyment has no age limits, Lyngblomsten's "Artful Living with Lyngblomsten" program gives older adults access to the arts, thereby enhancing lives, igniting creativity, and supporting living full and healthy lives. The Mid-Summer Festival extends this access to the whole Twin Cities community.

Lyngblomsten is a Christian nonprofit organization affiliated providing quality care to seniors of all faiths and cultures through its healthcare and housing facilities as well as through its community-based outreach programs for seniors living independently. Lyngblomsten is partnered in ministry with 30 Minneapolis/St. Paul-area congregations. Learn more at www.lyngblomsten.org.

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Editor's Note: If you would like to access to official festival logos, photos, and a video, please visit www.lyngblomsten.org/msf2013/media.