

Press release

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The Stena Foundation celebrates 25 years with a jubilee gala at the Gothenburg Concert Hall. The show will be streamed and can be seen free of charge via GSOPlay

The Sten A Olsson Foundation for Research and Culture celebrates its 25th anniversary with a gala at Gothenburg Concert Hall on 3 December. During the gala evening, some of the foundation's former culture scholarship recipients will perform. There will be a spectacular line-up of artists featuring some of Sweden's foremost musicians, opera singers and performing artists. The jubilee gala will be recorded and streamed free of charge via GSOPlay from Saturday 4 December.

Performers include:

- Actress **Alicia Vikander**, honorary scholarship recipient 2021, will perform in a surprisingly new context.
- Soprano and conductor **Barbara Hannigan**, culture scholarship recipient 2021, will sing and conduct at the same time.
- Artist **Emanuel Röhss**, culture scholarship recipient 2021.
- Some of the country's foremost musicians in various genres such as classical music, jazz and rock/blues.
- Two acclaimed opera singers.
- A Swedish actor currently involved in several international film projects.
- One dance company.
- A high-class choir.
- A singing magician.
- Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra.



The evening opens with a festival overture, a piece commissioned by the Stena Foundation, in celebration of the 25 years jubilee and the many events of the evening also feature a demonstration of Universeum's new Visualization Laboratory.

See the show via GSOPlay

The entire jubilee gala will be recorded and streamed free of charge on GSOPlay from Saturday 4 December at 6.00 pm CET until Saturday 18 December.

The Sten A Olsson Foundation for Research and Culture was founded in 1996. As of 2021, the foundation has distributed over SEK 540 million in support of specific projects. All 155 former cultural scholarship recipients, as well as representatives of the foundation's various projects, are among those invited to the gala and some will be on stage during the evening. The performances will be

interspersed with glimpses of some of the foundation's most significant donations. More information about the [Jubilee Year 2021 | The Sten A Olsson Foundation](#)

GSO PLAY

GSOplay is a free digital service that the Gothenburg Concert Hall launched, with financial support from the Sten A Olsson Foundation, already in 2012 as an opportunity to give a larger audience access to sold-out concerts. During the pandemic, GSOplay has grown tremendously in importance, number of concerts and reached audiences. The technology has been developed continuously and, since last year, the concerts are filmed in 4K, a high-resolution format also called Ultra HD.

GSOplay is available as an app and at www.gsoplay.se. The service is free to use. Visitors come from all over the world, and everyone is welcome to experience live concerts, recorded concerts and performances, interviews and other background material.

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About the Sten A Olsson Foundation for Research and Culture

The Sten A Olsson Foundation for Research and Culture celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2021. The Sten A Olsson Foundation was founded in 1996 in connection with the shipowner Sten A Olsson's 80th birthday. Through the foundation, the family provides support for research and cultural activities, primarily in Gothenburg and western Sweden. The foundation promotes scientific research and development, as well as all forms of arts and culture, the humanities and Christian communities. The first donation amounted to SEK 51 million and formed the basis for the Chalmers Innovation Foundation. The development of a centre for innovation activities at Chalmers was thus made possible. From 1996, when the Sten A Olsson Foundation was founded, until 2021, decisions have been made to distribute over SEK 540 million as support for specific projects, including a total of 155 scholarships in the cultural field and 320 master's scholarships as travel grants. www.stenastiftelsen.se/en