

## National Day Celebrations 2021

Given the challenges the country continues to face, together with the rest of the world, this year's National Day celebrations on 6 June will be both special and important, as they were in 2020.

The Foundation, which is chaired by the Speaker Andreas Norlén, believes that the event, which is usually celebrated at Solliden, Skansen, with the participation of the Royal Family, the Government, the Riksdag, foreign ambassadors, representatives of authorities and organisations, and members of the public, should be celebrated in a different form this year.

Regrettably, as it will not be possible for there to be a large live audience at Skansen this year, we will not be able to invite the diplomatic corps. Instead, we will invite the Doyen of the diplomatic corps as a representative of the whole corps.

The Foundation looks forward to having the possibility of arranging dignified national day celebrations at Skansen, including the hoisting of the flag, ceremonial speeches, the presentation of banners, the National Anthem and performances by various artists. The celebrations can be viewed on Swedish television (SVT2 at 20:00–22:00 and SVTPlay).

In this way, we will all be able to mark and celebrate our National Day at close quarters, while maintaining physical distance from each other.

We look forward to seeing the King and Queen, the Prime Minister and the Speaker of the Riksdag in the television broadcast. The specially invited speaker this year will be Cecilia Malmström, former European Commissioner. The Foundation will also invite a smaller group of representatives of the Royal Family, the Government, the Riksdag and representatives of civil society to Skansen. Furthermore, there will be representatives of ten organisations who will receive a banner from the Foundation, presented by H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria.

The programme, which will be hosted by Anne Lundberg and Tara Moshizi, will also feature the Central Band of the Swedish Army and artists from throughout the country.

The National Day and the television broadcast will be concluded in the traditional way with the Central Band of the Swedish Army sounding the tattoo from the Royal Palace.

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