



# GALA EVENING « SOIREE FRANCO-SUEDOISE »

## 27<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2017

**18 : 00 AT PETIT PALAIS -  
MUSEE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE LA VILLE DE PARIS**

*In the presence of Her Excellency the Swedish Ambassador to France,  
Veronika Wand-Danielsson*

*18:00-19:30 Private visit of the exhibition Anders Zorn – “the Master of Swedish art”*

*19:00-20:00 Cocktail*

*20:00 Swedish gastronomic dinner created by the French-Swedish Chef Danyel Couet*

*Award Ceremony “Prix d’Excellence”*

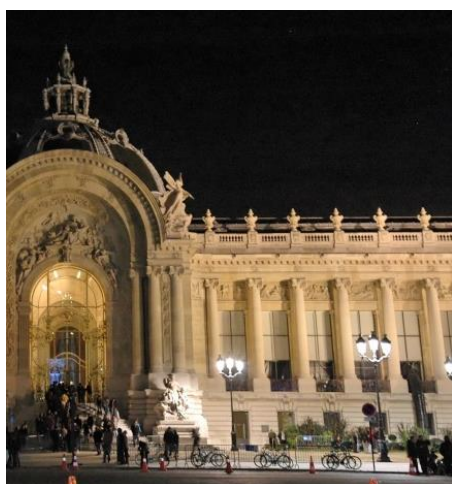
*The Swedish soprano Amanda Liljefors*

*Saint Lucie by the Choir of the Swedish Church in Paris  
led by Björn Åkerhage*

The Swedish Chamber of Commerce in France is delighted to invite you to participate in the traditional **French-Swedish Evening** with the award ceremony of **Prix d’Excellence** at the Petit Palais - Musée des Beaux-Arts of Paris. Devoted to enterprises from the French-Swedish business community, you will find among the guests figures from both countries’ economic, cultural and political sphere. **Prix d’Excellence** will be awarded to Swedish companies in France selected by the Jury for their outstanding performances on the market.



## PRIX D’EXCELLENCE



On this occasion we have the great pleasure of **showing you the vast exhibition dedicated to Anders Zorn (1860-1920), “The Master of Swedish art”**. A central figure of Scandinavian painting from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, Anders Zorn (1860-1920) was tremendously famous in his time as a watercolourist, portraitist and printmaker. He was one of the most high-profile proponents of the cosmopolitan style, both modern and virtuoso, in which fiery brushwork combines with daring perspectives and lighting.

Celebrated on the 13th of December, the longest night according to the old Julian calendar, **Saint Lucie's Day** is a religious event coinciding with the return of light after the Winter Solstice. Since 1927, the Swedes have adopted and made a tradition of Saint Lucie as we know it today, with a young lady dressed in a simple white dress, wearing a crown of candles. She leads a procession of followers, also dressed in simple white dresses and sings the light in the winter darkness. The choir of the **Swedish Church in Paris**, under the direction of Björn Åkerhage, will offer an exceptional concert in the Galerie Sud du Palais.



We are also happy to welcome **Amanda Liljefors**, a young soprano currently in her final year of the bachelor's programme at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm. She has also studied at Vadstena folkhögskola and graduated as a pianist from Lilla Akademien music school in 2012. As a soloist Amanda is internationally active and has appeared in concerts in Berlin, Paris, Brussels, Vienna and Lisbon.



The dinner is specially composed by the great French-Swedish Chef **Danyel Couet**. Famous restaurant owner in Sweden, silver medallist Bocuse d'Or, co-founder of the «GruppF12», member of «Masterchef» jury, blogger..., Danyel knows how to capture time and uses the trendiest ingredients in his cuisine. Of tremendous reputation in Sweden, he is indeed influencing the gastronomic scene in Stockholm. Danyel is also widely inspired by traditional techniques of the French cuisine. The evening's gourmet menu will be created together with the Chefs of Lenôtre.

We are looking forward to welcoming you!

President,  
The Swedish Chamber of Commerce in France