

# Jussi Björling Memorial and Centennial events: 2011

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## **January 13 (11:00).**

Vienna, Opera House, Pausensaal.  
Jussi Björling exhibition opened by  
Lars Björling (exhibition to remain for six  
weeks).

Interview with Lars Björling in  
Vienna available on the web:  
[http://sverigesradio.se/sida/default.aspx?  
ProgramId=1012](http://sverigesradio.se/sida/default.aspx?ProgramId=1012).

## **January 13 (19:00).**

Vienna, Großer Festsaal der Industriellen  
Vereinigung.  
Jussi Björling memorial gala including  
tenors Piotr Beczala and Lars Björling.  
Presentation: Rudolf Wallner. Reception  
for invited guests after the gala at the  
home of Ingela Bruner, President of the  
Austrian-Swedish Society.

## **January 17 - 21 (15:03).**

Swedish Radio P1 (SR P1).  
"Nordegren i P1 (Nordegren in P1)".  
Thomas Nordegren devotes part of his  
program to a "Jussi Björling Festival".

## **January 22 (18:00).**

Malmö, Palladium.  
Jussi Björling memorial concert with  
Raymond Björling & Rickard Söderberg  
(ten) & Karin O Bäckström (mezzo);  
Joakim Andersson, piano. Introductory  
talk by Raymond Björling about his  
grandfather.

## **January 28 (18:30).**

Stockholm, Italienska Kulturinstitutet  
(Italian Cultural Institute).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert with  
Raymond Björling (ten), Anna-Lena  
Engström (sop), Antonio Sarnelli de Silva  
(bar) & Elisabeth Wärnfeldt (sop); Paolo  
Scibilia (piano).

## **January 29 (19:00).**

Swedish Television (SVT1).  
Repeats (SVT24): Jan. 30 (5:30),  
Jan. 31 (12:35)  
& Feb. 1 (23:15).  
Broadcast from the Dec. 12 concert in  
Örebro with Nya Björlingkvartetten &  
Stockholms gosskör.

## **January 30 (16:00).**

Stockholm, Högalidskyrkan (Högalid  
Church).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert, including  
Raymond Björling (ten) & Antonio  
Sarnelli de Silva (bar).

## **January 31 – February 4,**

**February 7 – 11 (10:04).**  
Swedish Radio P2 (SR P2).  
"Klassisk förmiddag (Classical Morning)".  
Part of the program (on February 2 the  
whole program) devoted to Jussi Björling's  
recordings.

## **February 1**

(11:00). Borlänge, Maximteatern  
(Maxim Theatre).  
(14:00). Falun, Folkets hus, Smultronstället  
"Jussi i våra hjärtan (Jussi in Our Hearts)".  
Preview of a film by Torbjörn Lindqvist,  
including interviews with Jussi's children  
and colleagues. (72 minutes. A trailer is  
available on the web: [http://www.folketsbio.  
se/filmer/filmer/1008.](http://www.folketsbio.se/filmer/filmer/1008.))

**February 1 (16:00-18:00 Israeli time,  
15:00-17:00 Stockholm, 09:00-11:00  
New York).**

Israeli radio, "Kol Hamusica" channel (can  
be heard on the "Kol Hamusica" website).  
Jussi Björling memorial program by Mati  
Zeiti-Elboim.

## **February 1 (18:00).**

Stockholm, Konserthuset, Grünewald-  
salen (Concert Hall, Grünewald  
Auditorium).  
"Välkommen till Jussi Björlings värld  
(Welcome to Jussi Björling's World)".  
Lecture by Jacob Forsell based on his  
book *Jussi - sången, människan, bilderna*.

## **February 2**

(18:00). Borlänge, Maximteatern.  
(20:00). Falun, Folkets hus, Smultronstäl-  
let (and other Swedish digital cinemas).  
"Jussi i våra hjärtan (Jussi in Our Hearts)".  
Première for a film by Torbjörn Lindqvist.

## **February 2**

Falun, Dalarnas Museum.  
Jussi Björling program with Harald  
Henrysson at the annual meeting of  
Humanistiska Föreningen (Humanistic  
Society).

## **February 2 (19:00).**

Orem (UT, USA), Public Library.  
"Jussi Bjorling: The Unassuming Super-  
star". Broadcaster Walter Rudolph cele-  
brates the life and music of Jussi Bjorling.

**February 4 (19:00 Irish time, 20:00 Stock-  
holm, 14:00 New York).**

Irish radio, RTÉ Lyric fm channel  
(can be heard on their website)  
"The Lyric Feature: Beloved Jussi".  
Program by Liz Nolan including interviews  
with John Steane, Anne-Marie O'Sullivan,  
Sue Flaster and Harald Henrysson.

## **February 5 (11:30-13:30).**

Stockholm, Operan, Guldfoajén  
Opera House, Golden Foyer).  
"Jussi—folkets sångare sett ur aspekten  
mediautveckling" (Jussi, the People's

Singer—from a perspective of media development). Seminar with Katarina Aronsson, Stefan Johansson and others.

**February 5** (15:00).

Borlänge, Missionskyrkan (Mission Church).

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten).

The concert is preceded (13:15) by the Scandinavian Jussi Björling Society's annual meeting at the JB Museum. After the concert release and presentation of Bluebell 3-CD issue of Jussi Björling's complete Gröna Lund recordings.

**February 5** (15:00).

Köping, IOGT-NTO-huset (IOGT-NTO House), Teatern Forum.

"Till minnet av Jussi Björling" (In memory of Jussi Björling)". Presentation by Bertil Bengtsson and Yrsa Stenius.

**February 5** (17:00).

London (UK), Ulrika Eleonora Swedish Church.

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Raymond Björling (ten).

£20 entry. Contact

www.swedishchurch.org or Robert Manderson 01480860902.

**February 5** (19:00, repeat Feb. 6 & 7).

Swedish Television, Channel 2 (SVT2).

"Musik Special: Sagan om Jussi" (Music Special: The Story of Jussi). A film by Johan von Sydow, including interviews with Jussi's children and colleagues.

**February 5**

Cantanzaro (Italy).

Special meeting by Amici dell'Opera Lirica "Jussi Björling".

**February 5**

Montreal (Canada).

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Manrico Tedeschi (ten).

**February 6** (15:05).

Deutschlandradio

<http://www.dradio.de/dkultur>.

"Interpretationen: Der einzige Nachfolger Carusos (Interpretations: Caruso's Only Successor)". Program by Ruth Jarre with Jürgen Kesting as guest.

**February 6** (16:00).

Oslo (Norway), Operaklubben Arie (Arie Opera Club).

"Vi feirer 100 års dagen til verdens største tenor (We celebrate the centenary of the world's greatest tenor). Jussi Björling memorial program including playing of DVD with him, sale of books and CDs and concert by Andreas Hoff Eriksen (ten).

**February 6** (18:00).

Göteborg (Gothenburg), Konserthuset (Concert Hall), Stenhammar Auditorium.

Kammarkonsert: Jussi Björlings 100-årsjubileum (Chamber concert: Jussi Björling's Centenary). Mats Carlsson (ten) & Love Derwinger (piano). Presentation: Bertil Bengtsson.

**February 23** (19:30).

Stockholm,

Konserthuset (Concert Hall).

"Bryn Terfel – Bad Boy". Concert devoted to Jussi Björling's memory with Bryn Terfel (bar), Gustaf Sjökvist's Chamber Choir & The Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. Gareth Jones.

**March 3.**

Uppsala.

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) and the Manifestum chorus. With JB presentation by Bertil Bengtsson.

**March 4** (13:00).

Kallhäll, Folkets Hus.

"Jussi 100 år". Jacob Forsell presents his book "Jussi: sången, människan, bilderna". Arrangement by Seniorakademin (ABF).

**March 4**

Strängnäs, Paulinska Aulan.

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) and the Manifestum chorus. With JB presentation by Bertil Bengtsson.

**March 5**

Mariehamn (Åland, Finland).

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) and the Manifestum chorus. With JB presentation by Bertil Bengtsson.

**March 12** (15:00).

Aalborg (Denmark), Utzon Center.

"Tonerna". Jussi Björling memorial concert (during Aalborg Opera Festival) by Mats Carlsson (ten) & Anders Ahnfelt-Rønne (piano). JB presentation by Ahnfelt-Rønne.

**April 1** (preliminarily).

Helsinki/Helsingfors (Finland).

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) and the Manifestum chorus. With JB presentation by Bertil Bengtsson.

**May 6**

Borlänge, Forum Kvarnsveden.

"Jakten på Jussi" (The Hunt for Jussi).

Public performance of Forssaklack School's musical about Jussi Björling

**May 12**

Eskilstuna.

Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) & musicians from Scenkonst Sörmland.

**May 14**

Borlänge, Hagaskolan (Haga School).

Värfestival (Spring Festival), "in memory of Jussi", with local orchestra, choirs and four soloists, incl. Gwyn Hughes Jones (ten), & Carolina Bengtsdotter Ljung (alto).

**May 16-26**

9 places in Sörmland province.  
Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) & musicians from Scenkonst Sörmland.

**June 9**

Helsinki/Helsingfors (Finland), Hanaholmen, Lecture about Jussi Björling (probably by Yrsa Stenius) and recital by Mats Carlsson (ten).

**June 14 – August 17**

Borlänge, Kommunbiblioteket (Public Library).  
Jussi Björling memorial exhibition.

**June 18 (21:00).**

Hamar (Norway), Domkirkeruinene (Cathedral Ruin).  
Jussi Björling memorial tenor concert as part of Kirsten Flagstad Festival. Participants include Henrik Engelsen, Thomas Ruud & Gong Yinjia. Introductory presentation of JB.

**June 20**

Riga (Latvia).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten). Presentation: Bertil Bengtsson.

**June 21 – August 27**

Stockholm, Konserthuset (Concert Hall).  
Jussi Björling Memorial Exhibition (arranged in co-operation with Folkets Hus och Parker, which organization will later let the exhibition tour the country).

**June 22-26**

St. Peter (MN, USA), Gustavus Adolphus College.  
Conference with Jussi Björling Society-USA, featuring presentations by Sherrill Milnes, Stephen Hastings, Seth Winner, Dan Shea, Jacob Forsell, Andrew Farkas, Harald Henrysson, Richard Copeman, Paul Galbraith. Cocktail reception at Anders Björling's home.

**June 24**

Concert with Royal Court Singer Ingrid Tobiasson (mezzo), Mats Carlsson (ten), Johnathan White (ten), Bengt Krantz (bar), Nathan Matticks (bar), David Templeton (bar).

**June 26**

Gala dinner.

**June 28 – July 2**

Borlänge, "Peace & Love" festival. Jussi Björling lecture and a cross-over concert with a tenor. Details not yet known.

**July 9**

Stora Tuna kyrka (Stora Tuna Church).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert with soloists from the Opera på Skäret Carmen production.

**July 11**

Voxna kyrka (Voxna Church).  
"Jussi days" concert including Tyler Duncan (bar), & Christer Bladin (ten).

**July 12**

Voxna.  
"Jussi Days" program continues.

**July 28**

Stockholm, Konserthuset (Concert Hall).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert by Kungliga Filharmonikerna (Royal Philharmonic Orchestra).

**August 5**

Kopparberg, Opera på Skäret.  
Jussi Björling celebration by three international tenors.

**August 13**

Stockholm, Skansen, Solliden.  
Jussi Björling memorial concert including Gwyn Hughes Jones (ten). Jussi presentation by Bertil Bengtsson.

**August 14 (preliminarily)**

Strängnäs, Mälsäkers slott (Mälsäker

Palace). Jussi Björling memorial concert by Mats Carlsson (ten) & musicians from Scenkonst Sörmland.

**September 2**

Stockholm, Operan (Royal Opera House).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert.

**September 3-4**

Stockholm.  
Jussi Björling conference (in English).

**September 5-6**

Borlänge.  
Jussi Björling conference continues (in Swedish and English).

**September 10**

Strömsbruk, Strömshall. "Jussifest" concert with Ingrid Tobiasson (mezzo), Nils Olsson (ten) & Bengt Krantz (bar).

**September 11**

Strömsbruk.  
"Jussifest" lecture by Yrsa Stenius.

**September 26**

Zürich (Switzerland), ZKO-Haus.  
Jussi Björling memorial concert with Malin Hartelius (sop), Mats Carlsson (ten) & Bengt Krantz (bar). Introductory Jussi Björling presentation (in German) by Harald Henrysson. Host: Stefan Olmars.

**October/November dates not yet established.**

Calgary (Canada) / Red Deer (Canada) / Ann Arbor (MI, USA) / Washington (DC, USA), Kennedy Center / Washington (DC, USA), House of Sweden / East Greenwich (RI, USA).

Jussi Björling memorial concerts by Mats Carlsson (ten) & Love Derwinger (piano). JB presentation by Bertil Bengtsson.

**November 18**

Stora Tuna kyrka (Stora Tuna Church).  
Jussi Björling memorial concert with soloists and the Dalarna Sinfonietta.