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Prestigious American Swedish Institute is Culinaire's Newest Account

Culinaire took over food service operations at the American Swedish Institute September 9th. The American Swedish Institute is a vibrant arts & cultural center and museum. The historic Turnblad Mansion first became home to the organization in 1929. The new LEED certified Nelson Cultural Center addition opened in June 2012 and added a welcoming reception area, café, gallery, event center, studio craft classroom, terrace, courtyard, and new Museum Shop space.



In 1908, the Turnblads—a Swedish immigrant family—completed the construction of their castle-like mansion on Minneapolis' Park Avenue. Just twenty-one years later, they gave it all away to the community, founding the organization that would become the American Swedish Institute.

Visitors can tour the Turnblad Mansion,



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enjoy exhibitions in the mansion and Osher Gallery, experience contemporary Swedish and Nordic culture alongside Minneapolis history, find unique Nordic designed products in the Museum Shop, relish the award-winning New Nordic cuisine at FIKA, and share stories and experiences. FIKA is well regarded as a destination restaurant in Minneapolis, and has been favorably reviewed by the *New York Times*, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, and lauded for featuring one of the best sandwiches in America by *Travel and Leisure*. FIKA is named for the longstanding Swedish tradition of the daily coffee break and spending quality time with co-workers and family.

This fall we will be launching Slate & Stone, the American Swedish Institute's in-house catering division to accommodate the huge demand for weddings, social and corporate events in this one-of-a-kind landmark.

