

Children's World Day in Ås is a free family festival. It is a colorful gathering where you can experience different cultures. The whole family can participate in various workshops, taste food from many corners of the world, listen to great music or relax during story time. The festival takes place at the Ås Music and Arts School, Old Åsgård, Midtgard, and in carpark between the buildings. Welcome to an active day filled with aromas and sounds from around the world!

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2017:

Dance from Uganda with Herbie (see image above): The charming and charismatic dance teacher Herbie Skarbie leads participants onto the dance floor and where they learn some really cool dance steps. When Herbie mixes African traditional dance and street dance with the moonwalk, you are guaranteed to have a lot of fun!

Herbie Skarbie learned to dance by looking at his own shadow in the light of a light bulb in the district he lived in Kampala, Uganda. He had no dance partner, just the light bulb. There is probably no doubt that Michael Jackson has been one of his great influences. Now he lives in Norway, has built an orphanage in Uganda, where he has financial responsibility for the home.

A taste of New Circus with Diego: Diego Belda is self-taught, and his specialty is juggling. He has traveled around circus festivals throughout the world for many years. He has also worked with many other projects where the main participants have been kids. On Children's World Day he will teach you some simple tricks so that you can start juggling.

Afrika Mini (0 - 3 years): Through sound, color, movement, and music, Raymond Sereba creates a sensational and fascinating experience for the youngest children. In this workshop kids will be involved and engaged through movement and rhythms. The workshop ends with a cacophony of sound when the children are let loose on the instruments and find their own free style. Raymond Sereba is a musician, dancer, and narrator. He is from Côte d'Ivoire and has lived in Norway since 1983. Sereba has toured with Concerts Norway since 1989 with a number of different productions, both as a solo artist as well as with different groups and performers. He has also been in South Africa at the World Conference on ISME, and held a workshop for children and adolescents in the Palestine. Raymond has broad experience as an educator and has taught a series of courses in drums and dance. He has also worked a lot with little kids at kindergartens and in connection with the Norwegian Cultural Council's *Klangfugl* project. Raymond has also worked as an actor and choreographer for various compositions at The Nordic Black Theatre, and he is a member of the band Zikalo.

I found I found: art from recyclables: Morten Gran and Mona Grønstad are artists from Follo. Stretch your imagination and make art out of what's forgotten and left behind by giving it a new, aesthetically functional life.

Kjerringrokk: Join the captivating landscape of folk music and let yourself be swept away! The famous Kerringrokk workshop has been reinvented! Through exuberant, joyful and professional experience, participants will learn how to dance Norwegian folk dance: *Halling Dance*.

Animation: In this workshop you can create your own characters in plasticine and learn how to make them come alive. The workshop is led by Håvard Berstad.

See the results of the film here on the website after Children's World Day.

<http://www.as.kommune.no/barnas-verdensdager-i-asinternational-childrensdays.354991.no.html>

Story time, this year, will be presented under the umbrella of the HAV project: HAV is collaboration between Ås International Cultural Center, Ås Kulturhus and the initiative group. The goal is to create bonds of friendship through great cultural experiences as well as helping to reduce xenophobia.

The story will be read by is presented by the newly appointed drama teacher for Ås Music and Arts School - Lise Andrea Marie Grimeland-Kjelsen. This year's story is called *I walked over the sea and land*, which is a children's book that addresses topics such as cultural disparity and identity.

International food: Sudan! Tanzania! Indonesia! You'll probably be hungry by having so much fun - but have no fear! As usual, you'll be able to buy some delicious food.

Ethiopian coffee ceremony: Coffee is an everyday drink in Ethiopia, and it is also a ceremony. Every day, the family gathers around the coffee pot. Now you can taste and experience how fresh coffee is really made from scratch. During Children's World Day in Ås you can taste traditional coffee from Ethiopia. In addition, it will be possible to buy traditional food and cakes from Ethiopia. All income goes unabridged to a good cause.

World Day Scene: We are so grateful that there are so many arts-hungry people in Ås :) On the world stage you will see a whole bunch of them!

- International band
- Ås accordion orchestra
- The music workshop
- Musical and dance students from Ås Arts and Music School
- and more!

Free entry!!

Also on the 23rd of September there will be a Jubilee Concert for the Save the Children association in Ås. 50 years ago, people in Ås began this important work – and that's well worth celebrating!
Read more here: Save the Children's Anniversary Concert

<http://www.askulturhus.no/redd-barnas-jubileumkonsert.6010814-255083.html>

Saturday 23rd Sept. 12 – 4 p.m. Åsgård Quarter. Free entrance.