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Per Morten Ekerhovd
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Dear Per Morten Ekerhovd, Ronny Skaar and Anne Gine Hestetun,

I am reaching out to invite you to the Grand Opening celebration of the new Nordic Museum in Seattle on May 4th and 5th, 2018.

The nearly 5,500 square meter new Museum is located on the working waterfront in the heart of Seattle's Ballard neighborhood. The vision for the new Museum is to be an internationally recognized institution, where people of all backgrounds are welcomed to be inspired by the values, traditions, art, and spirit of the Nordic peoples. As a landmark destination for Nordic culture in the United States, the Museum will host international exhibitions, events and conferences, and will be a platform for Nordic innovation.

The new building will also feature a new core exhibition that tells an expanded story of 12,000 years of Nordic history. The exhibition would not have been possible without the support of hundreds of museum colleagues, scholars, academics, and design professionals. We've had terrific support from leading museums in the Nordic countries who have committed to loan historic and prehistoric objects that will help tell the new Museum's expanded story. We are most grateful to our collaborators and invite you to celebrate this major milestone for the Museum and the Pacific Northwest's Nordic community.

Together with the five Nordic Embassies and the Nordic Council of Ministers, we have extended this invitation to Nordic heads of state, royals, and other senior government officials.

The Grand Opening celebration will include a series of events and we would be honored by your presence at the following signature events:

*-Special gathering for cultural leaders and museum professionals,
May 4th, 10:00am-11:30am*

-The Official Public Grand Opening Ceremony, May 5th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

You will receive a formal invitation in the new year.

I hope you will join us for these exciting events, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Eric Nelson
Chief Executive Officer

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