

## Did you know that . . .

- ... during a year, Malmö Konsthall has more than 200,000 visitors?
- ... 600-700 activities carried out in Malmö receive support from Malmö Kulturstöd?
- ... Malmö Museer has 500,000 objects in its collections?
- ... the original of the Malmö coat of arms from 1437 is held at Stadsarkivet?
- ... Malmö Konsthall, with 2,000 square metres of floor area, is one of the largest rooms in Europe for contemporary art?
- ... the largest picture at Malmö Konstmuseum is "The Resurrection of the Dead" by Joakim Skovgaard from 1924-27 (10 x 4.5 metres)?
- ... the smallest picture at Malmö Konstmuseum is a miniature portrait of Queen Sofia Magdalena by J G Heinrichen from the 18th century? (2.4 x 2.1 cm)?
- ... Stadsbiblioteket has almost 1 million visitors every year?
- ... you can search Stadsbiblioteket's catalogue on your mobile?
- ... KulTurbussarna drive Malmö's pre-school and school children for free to various cultural activities?
- ... the most poisonous frog in the world is found at Malmö Museer?
- ... Kulturskolan's Pröva På operation means that 2,274 7-year olds get a taste of animation, image, form, music and theatre?
- ... Kulturskolan has a recorder that is almost 2 metres long?
- ... Malmö has Sweden's largest number of late Mediaeval brick Buildings?

Malmö also has four cultural institutions: Malmö Dramatiska Teater, Malmö SymfoniOrkester, Malmö Opera och Musikteater and Skånes Dansteater. The latter two are owned by Region Skåne. You can find more information about them on their websites:

- Malmö Dramatiska Teater [www.malmodramatiska.se](http://www.malmodramatiska.se)
- Malmö SymfoniOrkester [www.mso.se](http://www.mso.se)
- Malmö Opera och Musikteater [www.malmoopera.se](http://www.malmoopera.se)
- Skånes Dansteater [www.skanesdansteater.se](http://www.skanesdansteater.se)



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# The Culture Department



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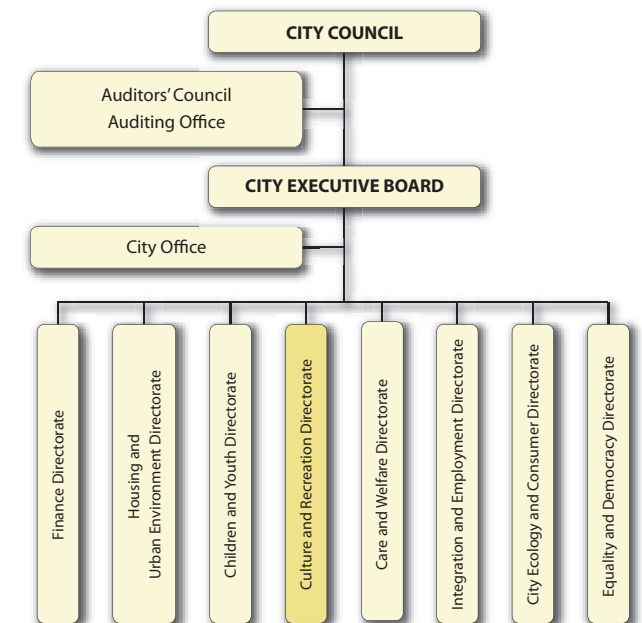
## The Culture Department

The Culture Department consists of eight institutions: Malmö Konsthall (Art Gallery), Malmö Konstmuseum (Art Museum), Malmö Kulturmiljö (Heritage), Malmö Kulturskola (School of Culture), Malmö Kulturstöd (Cultural Grants), Malmö Museer (Museums), Stadsarkivet (City Archive), Stadsbiblioteket (City Library), and the Culture administration's overriding management.

Bengt Hall is the director of the Department and the overriding management of the administration is located in the Flensburgska huset and works with strategic development within the cultural area, prepares cases for the Culture Committee and takes care of overriding issues for the institutions and operations of the administration in relation to finance, staff and information.

The co-ordination of the "culture block" Kulturhuset Mazetti is also organized by the Culture Department.

The Culture Department employs archaeologists, librarians, drama teachers, administrators, curators, art historians, cultural affairs secretaries, music teachers, art teachers, museum teachers, public relations professionals and many others.





## Malmö Konsthall

The art gallery Malmö Konsthall was opened in 1975 and has one of Europe’s largest rooms for contemporary art. The architect Klas Anshelm has here created an exhibition hall with great flexibility, generous space and fantastic light. The prime task of Malmö Konsthall is to exhibit both international and national art from the classics of the modernist era to contemporary experiments. Over the years, exhibitions have been held with works by, among others, Munch, van Gogh, Kandinsky, Klee, Miró, Giacometti, César and Haring. The borders between the different arts are kept open using peripheral events: theatre, film, poetry, video, multimedia, children’s events, music, lectures and debates. Mellanrummet houses a book shop, restaurant and lecture theatre.

## Malmö Konstmuseum

At the art museum Malmö Konstmuseum, you can explore Nordic contemporary art and wander through time and space showing the history and development of painting and furniture-making. The museum puts on around ten exhibitions per year.

Malmö Konstmuseum has one of the largest art collections in the country. It contains primarily art from the Nordic countries. The foundation consists of Herman Gotthardt’s donation of art from the 1910s to the 1940s. Over the last 15 years, the museum has built up Sweden’s largest collection of Nordic contemporary art, which is continually added to through purchases and donations. The museum’s profile is additionally strengthened by a series of special collections, such as the comprehensive Carl Fredrik Hill collection, a unique collection of Russian art from the turn of the 20th century, as well as the collections of art by Christian Berg, Max Walter Svanberg, Gunnar Norrman and Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd. Lately, important donations have been made by the artists Torsten Andersson, Barbro and Holger Bäckström and Dan Wolgers.

During spring and autumn, chamber music concerts are held in the Skovgaard Hall.

## Malmö Kulturmiljö

The heritage department Malmö Kulturmiljö is responsible for the heritage within Malmö City, and works with archaeological investigations and antiquarian commissions, marine archaeology, planning and development matters, building and church antiquarian matters, issues about cultural landscapes, communication and intermediation.

The gathering of knowledge about the history of the city, the countryside and the region are central to the operation, in which commissioned archaeology constitutes the greatest part. Since 1999, the area of responsibility also covers the municipalities of Burlöv, Svedala and Vellinge. School programmes, shows and lectures are arranged in conjunction with schools, local associations, libraries and study associations. Through participation in research projects and teaching, there is also close co-operation with universities and higher education institutions in southern Sweden and in Denmark. The department publishes books and reports, and also produces exhibitions in co-operation with the other heritage institutions in the city of Malmö.

Malmö Kulturmiljö has the task of working to preserve and develop our heritage, and to function as a knowledge bank for the general public and for experts.

## Malmö Kulturskola and Pröva På

The culture school Malmö Kulturskola is located in Kulturhuset Mazetti. Kulturskolan works within all forms of art, for children and young people in Malmö, aged between 8 and 19 years. Kulturskolan offers teaching in image and form, dance, film, music, cartoon drawing and theatre. All pupils at Kulturskolan are given the opportunity to participate in ensembles, orchestras, choirs and various cultural projects.

The Pröva På (“Try It”) teachers, who each represent all the art forms meet all 7-year olds in Malmö and let them encounter and experience culture in a playful manner.

## Malmö Kulturstöd

Malmö Kulturstöd consists of three parts: the cultural grants unit Kulturstödet, the summer stage performances Sommarscen Malmö, and Kultur för Barn och Unga, aimed at children and young people.

Malmö Kulturstöd has the task of distributing various forms of support to independent cultural life in Malmö. The independent cultural life covers independent cultural organizations and artists within all

areas of art, who operate outside the cultural institutions. The majority of the support is given to operations at professional level. Several of those who regularly arrange concerts, performances, exhibitions, etc, are given an annual operational grant. Project support is given to cultural arrangements and projects carried out on an ad hoc basis, or during project period of at most one year. Individual culture workers can apply for cultural grants once a year, and it is then also possible to nominate someone who has worked and made great contributions to cultural life in Malmö over a long period.

Sommarscen Malmö presents a broad artistic programme during the summer months. The events take place in the open air, with free entry to around thirty performance areas. The largest stages are Pildammsteatern and Hedmanska Gården. The offering covers all stage art forms - music, dance, theatre and artistry - often in genre-bridging presentations. Film shows, poetry and art are also included in the programme. Sommarscen Malmö works to awaken curiosity in stage arts, to create opportunities for everybody to take part of the entertainment and the cultural range, and to profile Malmö as a city of culture.

Kultur för Barn och Unga is a unit of its own in Malmö Kulturstöd. Kultur för Barn och Unga is the culture administration’s resource, co-ordination and development unit for culture for children and young people aged 0 to 19 years.

The operation covers artistic and pedagogic ideas development, purchasing and distribution of the cultural offering, co-ordination and further education. The unit includes the operations Idébanken, Unga Filmfabriken, the culture bus service and the culture consultant.

## Malmö Stadsbibliotek

The city library Stadsbiblioteket consists of three buildings. The castle Slottet (built 1901, architect John Smedberg) as well as Cylindern and Ljusets kalender, “the Calendar of Light” (built in 1997, architect Henning Larsen Tegnestue). The new buildings were awarded the Kasper Salin Prize in 1997. The library houses more than 500,000 books in around 60 languages, more than 2,000 magazines and daily papers, music CDs, recorded books and DVD films. The library has themed libraries on subjects such as design, health, environment and travel. Using the library catalogue, which is available on the Internet and via WAP, it is possible to order material and extend the lending period. The library subscribes to databases within areas such as business economics, geography, law, history of literature, family research, statistics and grants.

The library arranges free programmes for both children and adults. People with long-term illness or disabilities or who for other reasons

cannot visit the library themselves can contact “Boken kommer”, for free home delivery of books and other library material. The library has a mobile library, which makes its rounds according to a special timetable. There are also branch libraries in the different areas of the city.

## Malmö Museer

Malmö Museer is the largest museum in southern Sweden, with comprehensive collections of, among other things, textiles and photography. The operation of the museum reflects the culture and nature of Malmö and the region, with focus on the contemporary. Here you can find the oldest remaining Renaissance castle in the Nordic countries, Malmöhus, a real submarine, flesh-eating piranhas and lots more, to suit all tastes. The themes of the exhibitions vary from Stone Age to modern history.

In Teknikens och Sjöfartens Hus, the science and maritime museum, those with an interest in science can get their fill. Sida’s youth project Zenit can be found at Kommendanthuset. Ever-changing exhibitions with varying themes are presented, and Malmö Museer offers guided tours, seminars and activities in conjunction with current exhibitions.

Malmö Museer also covers the charming Ebbas Hus on Snapperupsgatan and Wowragården in Södra Sallerup, with fine collections of Scanian farming implements. The museum tramline Museispårvägen, the fishing buildings Fiskehoddorna, the tannery Garveriet and the mill Slottsmöllan are also part of Malmö Museer.

## Malmö Stadsarkiv

The city archives, Stadsarkivet, are a part of the national cultural heritage. At Stadsarkivet there are archives and collections that reflect 600 years of social development associated with Malmö. The oldest document is a letter of privilege, issued by King Magnus Eriksson in 1353. The depositories hold around 14,000 shelf metres of archives from national, municipal, and individual organizations and companies. Apart from text documents, there are also considerable collections of photographs, drawings, maps, posters and films. These collections are made available through, among other things, archive listings and registers, research services and pedagogic operations. Stadsarkivet is the supervisory authority in the archiving area for the municipal authorities and companies, and for some governmental authorities.