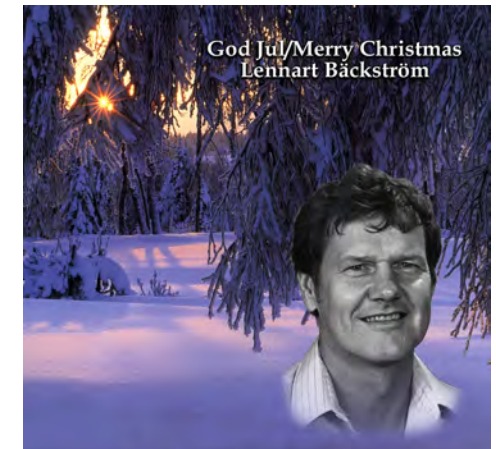
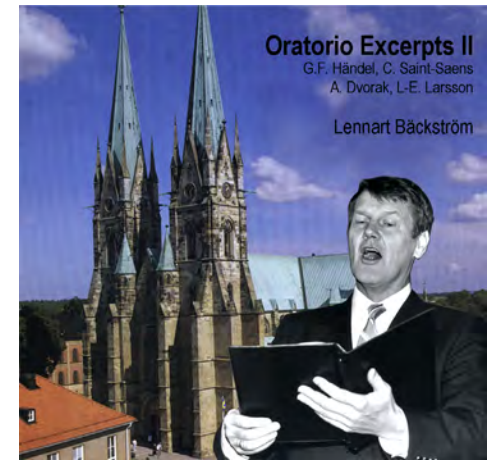
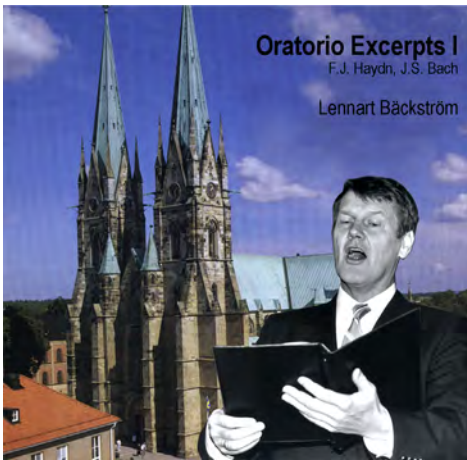
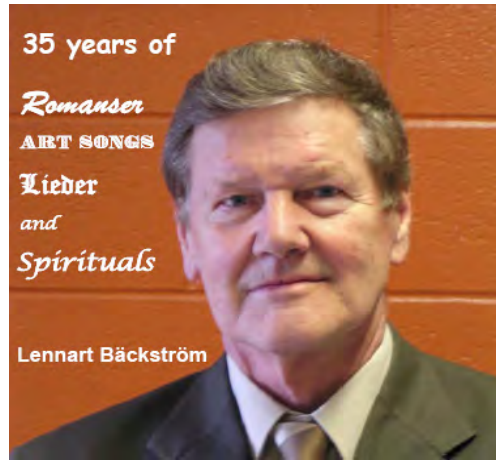


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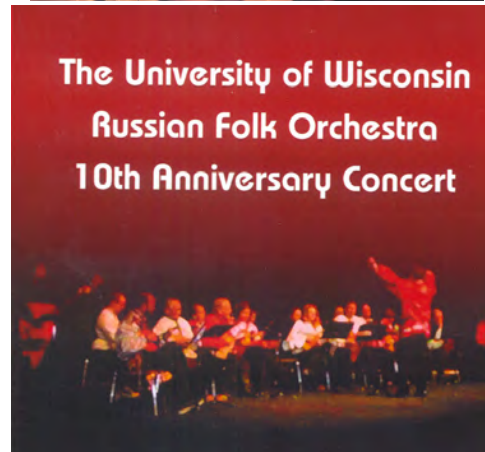
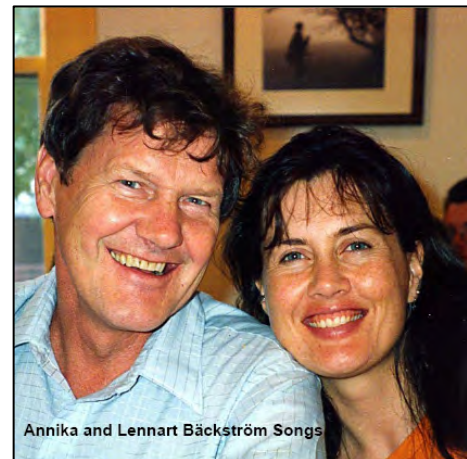
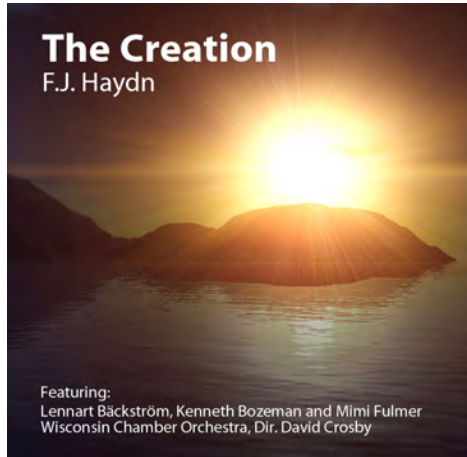
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## **Lennart Bäckström, baritone**

A native of Sweden, Lennart showed an early interest in music, becoming an accomplished pianist and sought-after choral singer, e.g. with the Stockholm Symphony, OD (Orphei Drängar) and the famous Swedish Broadcasting Co. 'Radiokören'. At the age of 23 he was admitted to the **Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm**, where he was awarded the prestigious Kristina Nilsson stipend. During this period he expanded his repertoire and all-round recognition in art and folk songs and oratorios (Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, etc.). Later, as a student at the **National Drama and Opera School in Gothenburg**, Lennart's international operatic career took off with his debut as the Toreador in Carmen at the Gothenburg Lyric Opera (conducted by Jeffrey Tate from the Metropolitan Opera). His repertoire of principal roles now includes numerous operas, operettas and musicals such as *Carmen*, *Don Giovanni*, *Falstaff*, *Don Carlos*, *A Masked ball*, *Cavalleria rusticana*, *Andrea Chénier*, *Czardas Fürstin* and *South Pacific*, among others.

**CD poster:** Lennart has been a frequent vocal soloist with the UW Russian Folk Orchestra since its start in 1997, and much earlier with other balalaika orchestras and BDAA conventions (Illinois, Detroit, Kentucky, Vancouver, Madison), including a two-week "Strings of Russia Festival" Volga tour in 1993 to Moscow, St Petersburg and Jaroslavl (see **CD poster**). However, the 24 CDs poster also shows Lennart's music career on a much larger scale, featuring excerpts from different themes and styles recorded live in operas, oratorios and concerts, totaling more than 25 hours of music. The album "**Songs through Times and Lands**" then brings all together with 26 of Lennart's all-time favorite songs in nine different languages, presented as a journey thru life from his birthplace railroad station in northern Sweden to railroad songs with the Wisconsin Chamber orchestra at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. A résumé and booklet with pictures for each song are included.

As indicated in the poster, Lennart is also recognized as "**The Singing Veterinarian**". Throughout his dual careers, veterinary medicine has been his focus in academia, with D.V.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the **Royal College of Veterinary Medicine in Stockholm**. In 1979, after many years of teaching, research and clinical work in Sweden, he was offered a professorship in large animal medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois. In 1984 he was appointed professor at

the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was awarded emeritus status in 2002. He has published more than 400 research and other articles in books and journals, many with the focus on herd environmental causes of disease and production losses in swine production, air pollutions, antibiotics, animal welfare, etc.