

# 19th Annual European Union Day

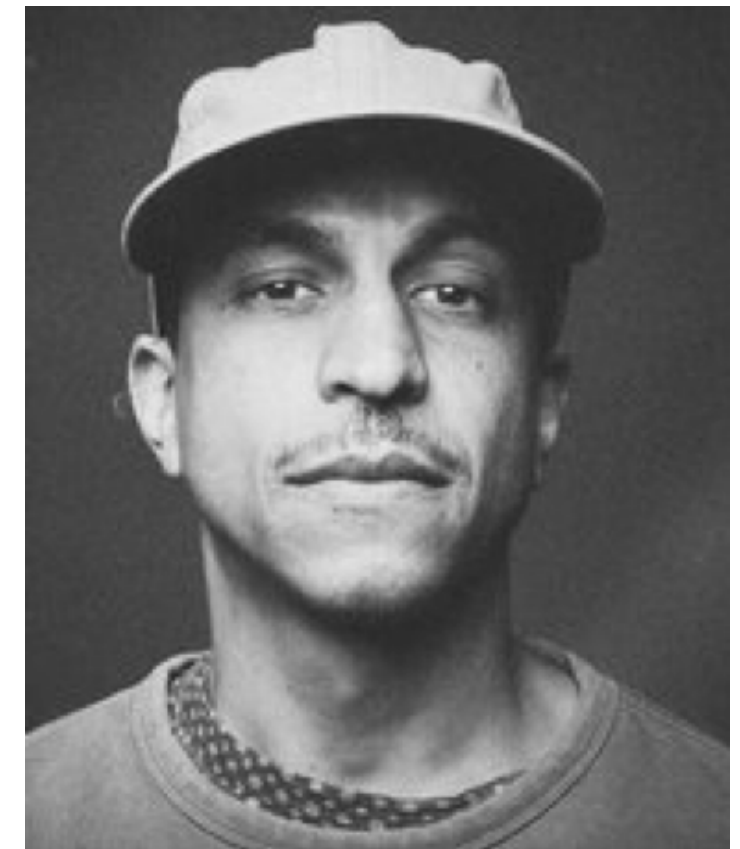


H.E. Karin Olofsdotter,  
Ambassador of Sweden to the United States

The European Union Center is excited to announce the schedule of events for its 19th Annual European Union Day celebrations on February 25-26 and March 5, 2021. This year, we are honored to be joined by **Her Excellency Karin Olofsdotter, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States**, who will give the keynote address ("Rights, Representation, and Resources: Gender Equality in Sweden and the EU") on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 12 P.M. CST. Ambassador Olofsdotter will outline Sweden's approach to gender equality; how generous childcare and gender-neutral parental leave have benefitted the GDP of Nordic countries; and why women's equal access to rights, resources, and representation should be hard foreign policy concerns. Please find the event program [here](#).

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In addition, on Thursday, February 25 at 3 P.M. CST, we will host a moderated discussion with Swedish hip hop artist **Jason "Timbuktu" Diakit ** about his music, his recent memoir (A Drop of Midnight), and his current podcast project which he produces with celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson ("This Moment"). A Drop of Midnight is a remembrance of the journey that Mr. Diakit 's parents made from Harlem, New York to Lund, Sweden in the 1960s, and his reconnection and engagement with his family's identity as an adult in Sweden. His podcast with Marcus Samuelsson began just after the murder of George Floyd, and deals with transatlantic perceptions of issues involving the Black Lives Matter movement, how the two speakers talk to their children about racism, effects of COVID-19 on their respective industries, and future trends in creative economic sectors.



Jason "Timbuktu" Diakit 



Out of Chaos Theatre

On March 5 at 2 P.M. we will host an interactive performance of Aeschylus's "The Suppliants" by **Out of Chaos Theatre**. "The Suppliants" tells the story of the Danaids who fled their native Egypt to escape forced marriage. Arriving as refugees in Greece, they supplicate the gods and the king of the city of Argos, seeking a refuge and a new home. The post-performance discussion features a panel of speakers on the topics of refugees in Greece and the Mediterranean, on federal approaches to U.S. immigration, and on the work of local immigration activists. The full program may be found [here](#).

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## EU Day 2021 Schedule of Events

February 25, 2021

3:00 pm CST – A Conversation with Swedish Hip Hop Artist Jason "Timbuktu" Diakit 

February 26, 2021

12:00 pm CST – Keynote by Karin Olofsdotter, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States

March 5, 2021

2:00 pm CST – Performance of Aeschylus's "The Suppliants" by Out of Chaos Theatre and Post-Performance Panel  
Introductory Remarks by Andreas C. Cangellaris, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost