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The Nobel Prize will reach more people as Laureates' achievements are celebrated during an unusual 2020 Nobel Week

During this unique year in the history of the Nobel Prize, all the Laureates will receive their medals and diplomas in their home countries. On the Nobel Day, 10 December, these ceremonial presentations will be woven together with speeches and presentations about the 2020 prizes from Oslo and Stockholm. During the week, the Laureates will be honoured in ways that range from light installations and digital exhibition to a concert and in-depth conversations. Because the Nobel Week events are assuming new formats and can be followed online, they will also be accessible to many more people.

“This year it feels especially important to pay tribute to science, literature and peace efforts during the Nobel Week. We have reconfigured our programme to ensure that we can honour the Laureates in a safe manner in their home countries. We will also be providing many opportunities for people around the world to enjoy the lectures, award ceremonies, concert, exhibition and inspiring conversations via live broadcasts and TV productions,” says Lars Heikensten, Executive Director of the Nobel Foundation.

The 2020 Nobel Week will include some innovations. The Nobel Prize Concert, featuring the renowned pianist Igor Levit, will be broadcast live worldwide for the first time. The same is true of the Nobel Week Dialogue, a scientific conference that will deal this year with education and learning in light of the pandemic. Speakers will include Emmanuelle Charpentier, 2020 Laureate in Chemistry, along with seven pre-2020 Laureates and various experts. On Nobel Day, 10 December, two new podcasts will also be released, featuring 2020 Laureates Andrea Ghez (Physics) and Emmanuelle Charpentier (Chemistry). Many sites and buildings in Stockholm will be decorated with magical light installations in honour of the Laureates. In this year's production of the Laureates' round-table TV discussion *Nobel Minds*, which will be broadcast on Nobel Day, a representative of the organisation receiving the Peace Prize will also participate in the conversation.

The 2020 Laureates have prepared their Nobel lectures, which will be made available on 7 and 8 December via the official Nobel Prize digital channels. On the same days the

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Laureates will receive their medals and diplomas in Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States, thanks to close collaboration with Swedish diplomatic missions. The Nobel Peace Prize will be received in Rome, Italy, by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme. These ceremonial presentations will be videotaped so that they can be interwoven with TV broadcasts being made in collaboration with Swedish Television (SVT) and the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK). This year the Nobel diplomas and medal cases have been given a new design, in line with a visual identity that has drawn its inspiration from the Nobel medal itself.



This year the new visual identity of the Nobel Prize has also been incorporated into the Nobel diplomas and medal cases that will be presented to the Laureates in their home countries.

They were handcrafted by Leonard Gustafssons Bokbinderi.

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In Stockholm, the Nobel Foundation will pay tribute to this year's Laureates in a ceremony that will take place for the first time in the Golden Hall at the Stockholm City Hall. Here Carl-Henrik Heldin, Chairman of the Nobel Foundation, will give a welcoming address and members of the prize-awarding institutions will present the discoveries and achievements being rewarded with the 2020 Nobel Prize. H.M. the King of Sweden will participate in the form of a digital greeting, and we will be able to watch how the Laureates receive their Nobel Prize medal and diploma in their respective home countries. Stefan Forsberg, Executive and Artistic Director of Konserthus Stockholm (Stockholm Concert Hall) will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, which will be framed by musical interludes featuring soloists Magnus Lindgren, Jacob Kellermann, Edda Magnason, Elisabeth Meyer, Anna Gréta Sigurðardóttir, Amalie Stalheim and Sofie Sunnerstam.

“Because of this year’s special circumstances, we are trying to find a new path that connects the solemn ceremonial aspects of the traditional prize award ceremony in the Concert Hall with the somewhat freer format and genre of the divertissements that are presented during the banquet in the Blue Hall. Our seven participating artists and musicians represent a fantastic breadth and vitality. We will perform music ranging from Mozart, Debussy, Kurt Weill and David Bowie to music specially composed for the occasion by Magnus Lindgren,” says Linus Fellbom, director in charge of the programme.

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Magnus Lindgren is an award-winning world artist who has participated in two previous Divertissements. As a composer, arranger and soloist – with the tenor saxophone, clarinet and flute as his main instruments – he has built up an impressive track record. He has composed a new work for this year’s award ceremony. Singer Edda Magnason won Sweden’s Guldbagge (“Golden Beetle”) Award for best actress in her film role as jazz singer Monica Zetterlund and has performed at the Göteborg Opera and Malmö Opera. Soprano Elisabeth Meyer was awarded the 2018 Birgit Nilsson Scholarship and has appeared on all of Sweden’s major opera stages. Cellist Amalie Stalheim was awarded the 2018 Soloist Prize and has appeared with orchestras and ensembles in many different countries. This is also true of violinist Sofie Sunnerstam, who recently joined the first violin section of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra. The young jazz pianist and composer Anna Gréta Sigurðardóttir received the 2019 Monica Zetterlund Scholarship. Jacob Kellermann has established himself as one of Sweden’s most active and sought-after guitarists and appears internationally as a soloist and chamber musician.

The florist is Per Benjamin, who has been in charge of the floral decorations at the Nobel Banquets for the past five years.

It will be possible to follow the broadcast from the Stockholm City Hall worldwide via the official Nobel Prize digital channels and SVT. During the evening, SVT will honour this year’s Laureates in a two-hour live broadcast from the Golden Hall that can be watched by Swedish audiences.

Below are more details about the Nobel Lectures, the Nobel Prize Award Ceremonies and ceremonial presentations. The complete Nobel Week programme is presented at <https://www.nobelprize.org/ceremonies/nobel-week-2020/>.

Due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation and restrictions in various countries, the programme may be changed.

The Nobel Prize Award Ceremonies, Oslo and Stockholm

10 December

Nobel Peace Prize Award Presentation, Oslo

10 December, 13.00 CET

The Nobel Peace Prize Award Presentation includes a Presentation Statement by the Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Berit Reiss-Andersen, an Acceptance Speech by the Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), David Beasley, and the presentation of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize to WFP. The broadcast will

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also show the ceremonial presentation of the medal and diploma to the year's Peace Prize Laureate in Rome, Italy.

The broadcast can be watched via NRK and the official Nobel Prize digital channels. [Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

More information can be found at <https://www.nobelpeaceprize.org/Press>

Nobel Prize Award Ceremony, Stockholm

10 December, 16.30 CET

In Stockholm, the Nobel Foundation will pay tribute to this year's Laureates in a ceremony in the Golden Hall at the Stockholm City Hall. Speeches by Carl-Henrik Heldin, Chairman of the Nobel Foundation, and by members of the prize-awarding institutions will be interwoven with the ceremonial presentations in the Laureates' home countries. H.M. the King of Sweden will participate in the form of a digital greeting. The ceremony will be framed by musical interludes. Stefan Forsberg, Executive and Artistic Director of Konserthuset Stockholm (Stockholm Concert Hall) will serve as master of ceremonies, with the performances directed by Linus Fellbom.

The broadcast from the Golden Hall at the Stockholm City Hall can be watched worldwide via the official Nobel Prize digital channels and SVT.

[Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

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Ceremonial presentations

The Laureates will receive their medals and diplomas in their home countries. Media attendance is restricted.

7 December

Berlin, The Swedish Ambassador's Residence

7 December, 19.00 CET

The diploma and medal will be presented to **Emmanuelle Charpentier**, Laureate in Chemistry by Ambassador Per Thöresson.

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8 December

London, The Swedish Ambassador's Residence

8 December, 13.00 GMT

The diploma and medal will be presented to **Roger Penrose**, Laureate in Physics, by Ambassador Torbjörn Sohlström.

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Washington, The National Institutes of Health (NIH)

8 December, 14.00 EST

The diploma and medal will be presented to **Harvey J. Alter**, Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, by Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter.

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San Francisco, Residence of Barbro Osher, Swedish Honorary Consul General

8 December, 16.00 PST

The diplomas and medals will be presented to **Andrea Ghez**, Laureate in Physics, **Jennifer A. Doudna**, Laureate in Chemistry, and **Paul R. Milgrom** and **Robert B. Wilson**, Laureates in Economic Sciences. The diplomas and medals will be presented by Honorary Consul General Barbro Osher.

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Munich, Bavarian State Chancellery (Bayerische Staatskanzlei)

8 December, 16.00 CET

The Nobel diploma and medal will be presented to **Reinhard Genzel**, Laureate in Physics by Ambassador Per Thöresson.

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New York, Residence of Annika Rembe, Swedish Consul General

8 December, 17.00 EST

The Nobel diploma and medal will be presented to **Charles M. Rice**, Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, by Consul General Annika Rembe.

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Louise Glück, Laureate in Literature, and **Michael Houghton**, Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, will receive their diploma and medal in their respective homes.

The Nobel Peace Prize will be received in Rome, Italy, by David Beasley, the Executive Director of the **World Food Programme**.

Nobel Lectures

This year most Laureates will hold a Nobel Lecture during the Nobel Week concerning the discovery or achievements they have been rewarded for. With few exceptions, this has been done since the first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901.

This year the Nobel Lectures will be broadcast live via nobelprize.org and on SVT Play.

7 December

13.00 CET Nobel Lectures in Physiology or Medicine

[Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

17.00 CET Nobel Lecture in Literature

A text version of the lecture will be published at nobelprize.org, see:

<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/2020/gluck/lecture/>

8 December

09.00 CET Nobel Lectures in Physics

[Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

11.00 CET Nobel Lectures in Chemistry

[Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

13.00 CET Prize Lectures in Economic Sciences

[Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

The 2020 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to the United Nations World Food Programme. David Beasley, WFP Executive Director, will hold a Nobel Lecture at a later date.

Press conference

At 16.00 CET on 9 December, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences will hold a digital press conference featuring three of this year's Laureates in Physics, Chemistry and Economic Sciences. One Laureate from each respective prize discipline will speak via

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video link: Andrea Ghez (Physics), Emmanuelle Charpentier (Chemistry) and Paul Milgrom (Economic Sciences). The discussion will be moderated by Göran K. Hansson, Secretary General of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

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Nobel Prize Concert

The Nobel Prize Concert at Konserthuset Stockholm (the Stockholm Concert Hall) will feature conductor Stéphane Denève leading the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra. The soloist is pianist Igor Levit. The flowers that will decorate Konserthuset Stockholm are a gift from Sanremo, Italy. The florist is Helén Magnusson.

8 December, 19.00 CET

The concert will take place with no audience attending and will be streamed live worldwide via nobelprize.org, Nobel Prize's YouTube channel and SVT Play. [Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

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Nobel Week Dialogue

The theme of this year's Nobel Week Dialogue is "The Challenge of Learning". The coronavirus pandemic has posed major challenges to educational systems worldwide. The difficulties and opportunities that the current crisis is causing for various forms of learning will be discussed as Nobel Laureates and other experts meet.

9 December, 13.00–16.30 CET
[Streams during Nobel Week 2020](#)

The Nobel Week Dialogue will be held with no audience attending and will be broadcast live via the official Nobel Prize digital channels from the Film House (Filmhuset) in Stockholm.
www.nobelprize.org/challenge-of-learning

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Digital version of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize Exhibition

In cooperation with Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK), the Nobel Peace Center has made a digital version of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize Exhibition. One of Africa's most acclaimed photo artists, Aida Muluneh, has made a photo essay on food and war on commission from the Nobel Peace Center.

The exhibition will be available from 10 December after 13.00 CET via:

<https://www.nobelpeacecenter.org/en/exhibitions/nobel-peace-prize-exhibition-2020>

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Podcasts featuring 2020 Laureates

On Nobel Day, 10 December, two podcasts will be released, featuring 2020 Laureates Andrea Ghez (Physics) and Emmanuelle Charpentier (Chemistry), respectively. These podcasts are part of the Nobel Prize Conversations series, in which host Adam Smith provides an in-depth look at some of the Nobel Laureates.

All podcasts in the series can be accessed here:

<https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel-prize-conversations/>

Nobel Minds

Since the 1960s, the Laureates have gathered during the Nobel Week to hold a round-table discussion for television, entitled *Nobel Minds*. In this year's discussion, the Laureates will be meeting digitally to talk about research, what we can learn from the pandemic, the mysteries of life and the future. The 2020 Nobel Laureates Michael Houghton (Medicine), Emmanuelle Charpentier (Chemistry), Andrea Ghez (Physics), Paul Milgrom (Economics) and, representing the World Food programme, Valerie Guarnieri (Peace) will participate digitally.

10 December, 18.30 CET

Nobel Minds is a production of Swedish Television and BBC World News. The programme can be watched on the official Nobel Prize digital channels and on SVT 2.

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Performance Lecture: About Our Time on Earth

What will our children's and our grandchildren's planet look like? What can we do today to prevent the worst catastrophes? And is there a light at the end of the tunnel, leading to a sustainable and attractive world? Johan Rockström, Professor of Earth System Science, will present a dramatised lecture from Stockholm's Royal Dramatic Theatre in collaboration with Nobel Prize Museum.

Director: Ada Berger

Actors: Sanna Sundqvist and Andreas Rothlin Svensson.

10 December on SVT Play (also to be broadcast on SVT1, 3 January, 21.35 CET)

Nobel Week Lights – A beacon of light in the darkness

Nobel Week Lights is an artistic tribute to this year's Nobel Laureates and will take place in Stockholm during the Nobel Week. Several of the light installations being shown around the Swedish capital were inspired by the discoveries of achievements of Nobel Laureates for the greatest benefit to humankind. About fifteen locations in Stockholm will be illuminated up by light installations that you can view at a safe distance from others, outdoors and for free.

5 - 13 December, at locations including the Stockholm City Hall, Sergels torg, Konserthuset Stockholm, the Royal Dramatic Theatre, the Stockholm City Museum and Nobel Prize Museum.

<https://nobelweeklights.se>

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Nobel Peace Prize Forum

The theme of this year's forum is "Transnationalism and Global Governance in the Wake of the Corona Pandemic"

UN Secretary-General, António Guterres will deliver the keynote speech, followed by a panel discussion. Participants include World Food Programme's Executive Director, David Beasley, former Director-General of the World Health Organisation, Gro Harlem Brundtland, President and CEO of the International Crisis Group, Robert Malley, and Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ine Eriksen Søreide. The panel discussion will be moderated by journalist and TV presenter Christian Borch.

11 December, 15.00

Forum will be live streamed at the official channels of the Nobel Prize.

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New exhibition about the Nobel Banquet

Just in time for Nobel Week, the first-ever major exhibition about the Nobel Banquet will open at Nobel Prize Museum. Here you will meet chefs, university standard bearers, Swedish royalty, performers, florists, Nobel Laureates and everyone else who does their utmost to create a celebration like no other. The museum is closed due to the COVID-19 situation, but we hope to reopen soon and welcome you to the new exhibition.

<https://nobelprizemuseum.se>

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The Nobel Prize diplomas and medals

Each Nobel Laureate receives a Nobel Prize diploma and a medal delivered in a case. Some of the diplomas include original art works. The art work on the diplomas for this year's Laureates in Physics was created by Stanislaw Zoladz, and the art work on the diplomas for the Laureates in Chemistry is by Gunnel Moheim. Elsebeth Malmsten produced the art work on the diplomas for the Laureates in Economic Sciences and Vanessa Baird for the diploma for the Laureate in Peace.

The calligraphy for the Physics diplomas was created by Marianne Pettersson Soold and Marie A Györi together. The calligrapher for the Chemistry and Economic Sciences diplomas is Marie A Györi. The calligrapher for the Literature and Physiology or Medicine diplomas is Susan Duvnäs. The calligraphy for the Peace diplomas was created by Christopher Haanes.

Julius & Ørenberg Bokbinderi crafted the diplomas and medal cases for the Peace Prize. All other diplomas and medal cases was crafted by Leonard Gustafssons Bokbinderi. The Nobel Prize medals were made by Svenska Medalj in Eskilstuna.

The diplomas and medal cases have a new design

During 2018 the Nobel Foundation launched a new, coherent graphic expression for the activities connected to the Nobel Prize. It is based on Erik Lindberg's medal from 1901 and its timeless typography. A word mark soon emerged – The Nobel Prize. Along with gold and a colour scale that has drawn its inspiration from the era when the prize was established, the new typography created a visual identity that has now also been incorporated into the Nobel Prize diplomas and medal cases.

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The official Nobel Prize digital channels

The official Nobel Prize digital channels aim to engage, inspire and inform people about the Nobel Prize and the major issues of our era related to science, humanism and peace. During the Nobel Week, the website nobelprize.org is the hub for the live streaming broadcasts from the prize award ceremonies, the Nobel Lectures, the Nobel Prize Concert and conversations in various formats.

The official Nobel Prize digital channels are as follows.

Website: www.nobelprize.org

Twitter: @Nobelprize

Facebook: facebook.com/Nobelprize

YouTube: www.youtube.com/nobelprize

Instagram: www.instagram.com/nobelprize_org

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/nobelprize/

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