

FIVE BEST NORDIC FILMS NOMINATED FOR THE NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2016

Five of the most outstanding Nordic films have been selected and nominated for the coveted NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2016.

Several of the films have already won numerous awards at international world festivals such as Toronto, Cannes and San Sebastian. The nominees include some of the Nordic region's most renowned filmmakers such as Joachim Trier, Rúnar Rúnarsson and Martin Zandvliet. One unifying theme in all films is variable, complex view on manhood.

The five nominees 2016 are:

Finland: **The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Mäki** (Hymyilevä mies)
by Juho Kuosmanen (director, script), Mikko Myllylahti (script) and Jussi Rantamäki (producer).

Denmark: **Land of Mine** (Under Sandet)
by Martin Zandvliet (director / script) and Mikael Rieks (producer).

Iceland: **Sparrows** (Prestir)
by Rúnar Rúnarsson (director / script) and Mikkel Jersin (producer).

Norway: **Louder than Bombs**
by Joachim Trier (director / script), Eskil Vogt (script) and Thomas Røsbak (producer).

Sweden: **The Here After** (Efterskalv)
by Magnus von Horn (director / script) and Madeleine Ekman (producer).

About the Nordic Council Film Prize

The purpose of the Nordic Council Film Prize is to raise interest in the Nordic cultural community as well as to recognise outstanding artistic initiatives. Each film has been selected and nominated because of their deep roots in Nordic culture, their high artistic quality and originality, and for the way they combine and elevate the many elements of film into a compelling and holistic work of art.

The DKK 350,000 prize will be shared equally among the screenwriter, director, and producer, underscoring how film as an art form is brought about by the close collaboration of these three main contributors.

Last year's winner of the NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE was the Icelandic film **Virgin Mountain** by Dagur Kári. Previous winners include Benedikt Erlingsson (*Of Horses and Men*), Thomas Vinterberg (*The Hunt*), Ruben Östlund (*Play*), Pernilla August (*Beyond*), and Lars von Trier (*Antichrist*) among others.

The winner will be announced on **Tuesday November 1st 2016**, during the Session of the Nordic Council in Copenhagen.

To the editors:

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