

FIVE NORDIC FILMS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2019

Haugesund International Film Festival, August 20th.

Today five films from the five Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) have been announced as candidates at The Haugesund International Film Festival for the Nordic Council Film Prize 2019 – a much-coveted prize that has been awarded 16 times.

In the field we see several films, which have premiered in some of the most important international film festivals during the last year, such as *A WHITE, WHITE DAY* (Cannes 2019), *QUEEN OF HEARTS* (Sundance 2019) and *BLIND SPOT* (San Sebastian 2018).

The nominees for the Nordic Council Film Prize 2019 are:

Denmark: **QUEEN OF HEARTS** (Dronningen)

by May el-Toukhy (director / script), Maren Louise Käehne (script), Caroline Blanco, René Ezra (producers)

Finland: **AURORA** (Aurora)

By Miia Tervo (director / script), Max Malka (producer)

Iceland: **A WHITE, WHITE DAY** (Hvítur, Hvítur Dagur)

by Hlynur Pálmason (director / script), Anton Máni Svansson (producer)

Norway: **BLIND SPOT** (Blindsone)

by Tuva Novotny (director / script), Elisabeth Kvithyll (producer)

Sweden: **RECONSTRUCTING UTØYA** (Rekonstruktion Utøya)

by Carl Javér (director / script), Fredrik Lange (script / producer)

ABOUT THE NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE

Purpose of the Nordic Council Film Prize, which is the most coveted award in the Nordic countries, is to raise interest in the Nordic cultural community as well as to recognize outstanding artistic initiatives. The films are selected and nominated because of 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 in Nordic culture. 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 Film Prize was the Icelandic film "Woman at War" by Benedikt Erlingsson. Previous winners include Selma Vilhunen's "Little Wing", Joachim Trier's "Louder than Bombs", Benedikt Erlingsson's "Of Horses and Men", Thomas Vinterberg's "The Hunt", Dagur Kari's "Virgin Mountain", Pernilla August's "Beyond" and Lars von Trier's "Antichrist" among others.

The winner will be announced Tuesday, October 29th 2019 with the Nordic Council Autumn Session in Stockholm, Sweden.

TO THE EDITORS:

For downloadable jury motivations, production notes, pictures and general information on The Nordic Council Film Prize please visit <https://bit.ly/2ZXUFNg>

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