

## **Nordic Council Film Prize 2019 Nominees to be revealed in Haugesund**

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The announcement will take place on August 20, 2019 at the opening ceremony of the Norwegian International Film Festival's industry sidebar New Nordic Films.

For the third year running, the event will be co-organised by Nordisk Film & TV Fond - administrator of the Nordic Council Film Prize on behalf of the Nordic Council- and the Norwegian International Film Festival in Haugesund.

Festival director Tonje Hardersen said: "We are once again thrilled and proud to host the announcement of the Nordic Council Film Prize nominations at the Norwegian International Film Festival. This year we will also host a Nordic reception the day after the announcement, together with the Danish and Icelandic consuls, followed by a screening of all the nominated films. We look forward to welcoming and celebrating all the nominees and their marvellous films in Haugesund in August."

Petri Kempainen, CEO at Nordisk Film & TV Fond said: "New Nordic Films gathers around 350 key industry people working with Nordic films: buyers, sales agents, producers, funders and the trade press. I see New Nordic Films' opening ceremony as a perfect platform to announce the exciting five films from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, nominated for the Nordic Council Film Prize."

The Nordic Council Film Prize is the most prestigious film award in the Nordic region, celebrating a unique filmmaking vision deeply rooted in Nordic culture. The prize is endowed with a sum of DKK 350,000, shared between the film's screenwriter, director and producer.

To be eligible, films must have premiered at a festival or in national cinemas between July 1st, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

This year's national juries responsible for selecting each nominated film are:

- Denmark: Per Juul Carlsen, Jakob Wendt Jensen, Eva Novrup Redvall
- Finland: Jaana Puskala, Harri Römpötti, Mikaela Westerlund
- Iceland: Hilmar Oddsson, Börkur Gunnarsson, Helga Pórey Jónsdóttir
- Norway: Inger Merete Hobbelstad, Kalle Løchen, Britt Sørensen
- Sweden: Kristina Börjeson and Emma Gray-Munthe

The winner of the Nordic Council Film Prize will be announced at the autumn session of the Nordic Council, during an awards ceremony to be held in Stockholm on October 29, 2019. The Nordic Council Literature Prize, the Children and Young People's Literature Prize, the Music Prize and the Environment Prize will be bestowed the same evening.

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Last year's winner was Iceland's *Woman at War*, directed by Benedikt Erlingsson.

The 47th Norwegian International Film Festival will be held August 17-23, 2019.  
New Nordic Films August 20-23, 2019.

For further information check:

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