

FIVE NORDIC FILMS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2017

Oslo, August 22 - Today five films from five Nordic countries have been selected and nominated for the Nordic Council Film Prize 2017 – a prize that this year is awarded for the 14th time.

In the field we see many upcoming talents, such as Selma Vilhunen an Oscar-nominated Finnish filmmaker and the Icelandic director Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson who has won more than 50 international prizes at film festivals.

The nominees for the Nordic Council Film Prize 2017 are:

Denmark: **Parents** (Forældre)

by Christian Tafdrup (director / script) and Thomas Heinesen (producer).

Finland: **Little Wing** (Tyttö nimeltä Varpu)

By Selma Vilhunen (director / script) and Kaarle Aho (producer).

Iceland: **Heartstone** (Hjartasteinn)

by Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson (director / script) and Anton Máni Svansson, Lise Orheim Stender, Jesper Morthorst, Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson (producers).

Norway: **Hunting Flies** (Fluefangeren)

by Izer Aliu (director / script) and Khalid Maimouni (producer).

Sweden: **Sámi Blood** (Sameblod)

by Amanda Kernell (director / script) and Lars G. Lindström (producer).

About the Nordic Council Film Prize 2017

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. The films are 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 Film Prize was the Norwegian film "Louder Than Bombs" by Joachim Trier.

Previous winners count Benedikt Erlingsson for "Of Horses and Men", Thomas Vinterberg for "The Hunt", Dagur Kári for "Virgin Mountain", Pernilla August for "Beyond", and Lars von Trier for "Antichrist" among others.

The winner will be announced Wednesday, November 1st 2017 in Helsingfors, Finland.

To the editors:

For jury motivations, production notes, pictures and general information on The Nordic Council Film Prize check: <http://www.nordiskfilmogtvfond.com/events/nordic-council-prize/2017>, www.nordiskfilmogtvfond.com, www.norden.org, <https://www.facebook.com/nordiskfilmogtvfond>

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