

Press release Göteborg Film Festival/Nordisk Film & TV Fond
January 10, 2018

Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize nominees and jury unveiled

Five Nordic drama series have been selected to compete for the SEK 200,000 (€20, 000) Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize, which will be presented at TV Drama Vision in Göteborg.

The award for outstanding writing of a Nordic Drama series, funded by Nordisk Film & TV Fond, will be handed out for the second time in Göteborg. One drama series each from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, is nominated for the award, which goes to the main writer(s) of the series. The first two episodes of the nominated series will be shown to audiences at the Göteborg Film Festival, and the winners will be announced at the festival's TV Drama Vision conference on January 31, 2018.

This year's jury consists of **Sofia Helin**, Sweden, actress (*Bron/The Bridge*); **Walter Iuzzolino**, Italy/UK, TV executive/curator of the streaming service *Walter Presents*; and **Kirpi Uimonen Ballesteros**, Finland, entertainment journalist, board member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association TV committee.

Petri Kempainen, CEO of Nordisk Film & TV Fond, said: "Initiating this prize a year ago was a great success. Buzz and debate rose on the appreciation of scriptwriters, creators of story layers and characters, and now we have a chance to witness how the writing has evolved. I think we need to look deeper into the process of mastering this skill, and highly trust TV Drama Vision and the Göteborg Film Festival in their efforts to create a great festival and professional conference."

Cia Edström, Head of Industry at Göteborg Film Festival, said: "We are proud to again this year be presenting the Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize at TV Drama Vision. As we all know, good scripts are key to successful TV drama, so we are especially happy that this award puts a spotlight on and rewards this profession."

2018 NORDISK FILM & TV FOND PRIZE NOMINEES

BORDERLINER (Grensland)

Norway, 2017

8 x 60'

Nominated writers: Megan Gallagher, Alexander Opsal, Bjørn Ekeberg

Created by: Megan Gallagher, Alexander Opsal

Director: Gunnar Vikene

Producers: Håkon Briseid, Bård Fjulsrud

Produced by Monster Scripted for TV2

International Distributor: DRG

Faced with a tragedy in his family, honest Oslo cop Nikolai (Tobias Santelmann) decides to cover up a murder case to protect them. But when co-investigator Anniken (Ellen Dorrit Petersen) suspects foul play, he is trapped in a dangerous game on duty.

DEADWIND (Karppi)

Finland, 2018

12 x 52'

Nominated writers: Rike Jokela, Kirsi Porkka, Jari Olavi Rantala

Director: Rike Jokela

Producers: Riina Hyytiä, Jojo Uimonen

Produced by Dionysos Films for YLE

International distributor: About Premium Content (APC)

Deadwind is a crime drama series mixing crime investigation and personal drama. The main character is Sofia Karppi (Pihla Viitala), a female detective in her 40's who has just lost her husband and is left alone with two children to take care of.

THE LAWYER (Advokaten)

Sweden, 2017

10 x 44'

Based on an idea by Jens Lapidus, Hans Rosenfeldt, Michael Hjorth

Nominated writers: Karin Gidfors, Charlotte Lesche

Directors: Geir Henning Hopland, David Berron

Producers: Nicklas Wikström Nicastro, Joakim Hansson

Produced by SF Studios for Viaplay/TV3

International distributor: Studiocanal

Frank Nordling (Alexander Karim) is a young and exceptionally promising defense lawyer. When he learns the truth behind his parents' death, his whole world unravels. When he finds out who was responsible, he feels compelled to seek revenge.

RIDE UPON THE STORM (Herrens veje)

Denmark, 2017

10 x 60'

Nominated writer: Adam Price

Director: Kaspar Munk

Producer: Camilla Hammerich

Produced by DR Drama for DR

International distributor: Studiocanal

The character-driven drama explores good and evil and the spiritual journey towards seeking a greater meaning in life. The story centres on a family of priests that traces its roots back more than 250 years.

STELLA BLÓMKVIST

Iceland, 2017

3 x 90' or 6 x 45'

Based on the best-selling crime novels written under the pseudonym Stella Blómkvist

Nominated writer: Jóhann Ævar Grímsson

Director: Óskar Þór Axelsson

Producer: Kjartan Thor Thordarson

Produced by Sagafilm for Síminn/Viaplay

International distributor: Red Arrow International

Stella Blomkvist (Heida Reed) a ruthless and cunning lawyer, takes on mysterious and often dangerous murder cases and only loves rules when she's breaking them.

Screenings of the nominated series at Göteborg Film Festival:

<https://program.goteborgfilmfestival.se/sections/nordic-light-tv-drama>

For more information:

Petri Kemppinen, CEO Nordisk Film & TV Fond, petri@nordiskfilmogtvfond.com

Press photo: www.nordiskfilmogtvfond.com/press

Cia Edström, Head of Industry, Göteborg Film Festival, cia.edstrom@goteborgfilmfestival.se, +46 70 872 23 73

