

## FIVE POPULAR NORDIC FILMS ARE NOMINATED FOR NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2015

### Five of the most popular Nordic films and their directors are nominated for Nordic Council Film Prize 2015.

Five Nordic films and their directors, scriptwriters and producers has been nominated for the coveted NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2015, which will be announced on Tuesday 27 October, during the Session of the Nordic Council in Harpa, Reykjavík.

Among the nominated directors are **Bille August**, **Dagur Kári**, **Mikael Marcimain**, **Ole Giæver** and **J.-P. Valkeapää**. They are all in a tough competition with outstanding films, one from each of the Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The five nominees 2015 are:

- Finland: ***They have escaped*** (org: [He ovat paenneet](#))  
by [J.-P. Valkeapää](#) (director), J.-P. Valkeapää, [Pilvi Peltola](#) (script), [Aleksi Bardy](#) (producer).
- Denmark: ***Silent Heart*** (org: [Stille Hjerter](#))  
by [Bille August](#) (director), [Christian Torpe](#) (script), [Jesper Morthorst](#) (producer).
- Iceland: ***Virgin Mountain*** (org: [Fúsi](#))  
by [Dagur Kári](#) (director, script), [Baltasar Kormákur](#), [Agnes Johansen](#) (producer).
- Norway: ***Out of Nature*** (org: [Mod Naturen](#))  
by [Ole Giæver](#) (director, script), [Maria Ekerhovd](#) (producer).
- Sweden: ***Gentlemen*** (org: [Gentlemen](#))  
by [Mikael Marcimain](#) (director), [Klas Östergren](#) (script), [Fredrik Heinig](#), [Mattias Nohrborg](#), [Johannes Åhlund](#) (producers).

#### About the Nordic Council Film Prize 2015

The purpose of the Nordic Council Film Prize is to promote the range and diversity of films produced in all of the Nordic countries, enhance the Nordic sense of cultural affinity, develop the Nordic Region as a home market for culture and boost the international standing of Nordic film.

To be nominated for the prize, worth DKK 350.000, the films must have deep roots in Nordic culture, be of high artistic quality, distinguish themselves with artistic originality, and combine and elevate film's myriad elements into a compelling and holistic work of art. The prize is shared equally by the scriptwriter, director and producer, underlining that film as an art form is the result of close collaboration between these three main contributors.

Previous winners of the film prize are Benedikt Erlingsson for "Of Horses and Men" (2014), Thomas Vinterberg for "The Hunt" (2013), Ruben Östlund for "Play" (2012), Pernilla August for "Beyond" (2011), Thomas Vinterberg for "Submarino" (2010), Lars von Trier for "Antichrist" (2009), Roy Andersson for "You, the Living" (2008), Peter Schønau Fog for "The Art of Crying" (2007), Josef Fares for "Zozo" (2006), Per Fly for "Manslaughter" (2005) and Aki Kaurismäki for "The Man without a Past" (2002).

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