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WINNER OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2023

The Nordic Council Film Prize 2023 goes to the Danish film «Empire»

The Nordic Council Film Prize 2023 goes to the Danish film *Empire (Viften)* by director Frederikke Aspöck, screenwriter Anna Neye and producers Pernille Munk Skydsgaard, Nina Leidersdorff and Meta Louise Foldager Sørensen. The award was announced Tuesday evening, October 31st during the Nordic Council prizes ceremony in the Opera in Oslo.

Empire celebrated its world premiere at the Göteborg Film Festival 2023 and had its national premiere in Denmark April 20. The film was selected among six Nordic candidates by a jury consisting of one member from each of the Nordic countries, including Greenland.

The Jury's motivation for choosing *Empire*: "It is a rare thing to come across a film that is so confidently and thoroughly thought through in every single detail, and where such an extraordinarily clear vision from the filmmakers behind it shines from every frame. They serve a beautiful, sweet, and colorful treat laced with bitter poison and low intensity rage. The film is complex and thought-provoking, and the filmmakers do not stumble once while telling their tale about an ugly part of history.

The coveted Nordic Council Film Prize is one of the most honorable film awards in the Nordics and Denmark has previously won with outstanding films as *Flee* (2021), *Queen of Hearts* (2019) and *The Hunt* (2013).

The Nordic Council Film Prize comes with DKK 300,000, which is shared among the director, writer, and producers. Read more about the prize: [CLICK HERE](#).

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For press kit and photos from the award ceremony:

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