

## THE FIVE BEST NORDIC FILMS ARE NOMINATED FOR NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2017

Five Nordic films have been selected and nominated today for the coveted award, NORDIC COUNCIL FILM PRIZE 2017. All films are directorial debuts, first feature length films by all directors.

The five nominees 2017 are:

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

by Selma Vilhunen (director, script) Producers: Kai Nordberg, Kaarle Aho.

Denmark: **Parents** (org: *Forældre*)

by Christian Tafdrup (director, script). Producer: Thomas Heinesen.

Iceland: **Hjartasteinn** (English title: *Heartstone*)

by Guðmundar Arnar Guðmundssonar (director, script). Producers: Anton Máni Svansson, Lise Orheim Stender, Jesper Morthorst og Guðmundur Arnar Guðmundsson.

Norway: **Hunting Flies** (org: *Fluefangere*)

by Izer Aliu (director, script). Producer: Khalid Maimouni.

Sweden: **Sami Blood** (org: *Sameblod*)

by Amanda Kernell (director, script). Producer: Lars G. Lindström.

### 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. Each film 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 winner of the Film Prize was *Louder Than Bombs* by Joachim Trier. Icelandic films have received the prize twice: for *Virgin Mountain* (Fúsi) by Dagur Kári in 2015 and *Of Horses and Men* (*Hross í Oss*) by Benedikt Erlingsson in 2014.

The winner of the prize 2017 will be announced on Wednesday, 1 November 2017, during the Session of the Nordic Council in Helsinki.

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