

PRESS RELEASE

Full line-up for the 65th Nordic Film Days Lübeck confirmed and available online

Lübeck, October 10, 2023. At today's press conference for the 65th Nordic Film Days Lübeck at the Haus der Kaufmannschaft, festival directors **Susanne Kasimir** (festival management) and **Thomas Hailer** (artistic director) joined Lübeck's mayor, **Jan Lindenau**, the city-state's senator of culture and education **Monika Frank**, and the curators of the individual sections on the podium to present the full programme for the festival that turns Lübeck into the European hub for Nordic and Baltic films From November 1 to 5.

The programme is now available online at www.nordische-filmtage.de.

More than **180** films will be shown in almost **250** public screenings at Lübeck venues during the Nordic Film Days. And more than 50 percent of that line-up will be available for streaming by audiences all over Germany.

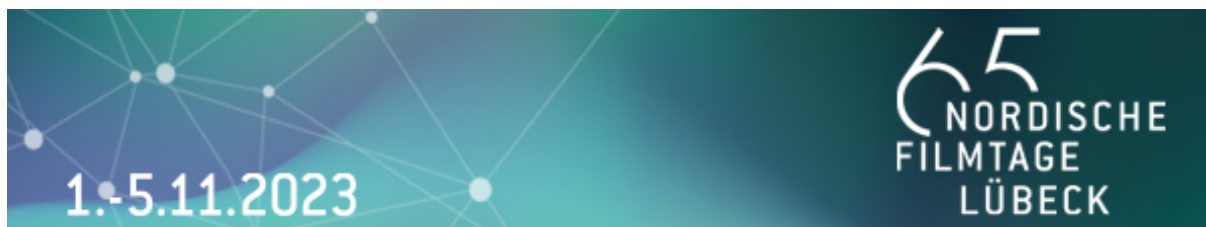
A total of twelve jury prizes, with a total endowment of 65,000 euros will be awarded, including the audience prize, and the Honorary Award, which this year goes to Swedish director and screenwriter Roy Andersson. The Honorary Award will be presented at the **opening night ceremony** on November 1, while the rest of the awards will be presented on November 5 during the **gala Prize Night** at **Theater Lübeck**.

"Our anniversary year gathers together all the forms and genres of Nordic filmmaking", says **Thomas Hailer**, artistic director, "an impressive year filled with work that will resonate and occupy our thoughts long after the final credits have rolled".

Festival manager **Susanne Kasimir** adds, "The sustained support of our patrons and sponsors once again guarantees a vibrant presence for the Nordic Film Days and enables us to take further steps in the areas of sustainability and inclusion".

The film programme is divided into nine sections, comprising films, episodic television, and immersive works from northern and northeast Europe. The **Narrative Film Competition** and the **Documentary** section will each present 14 films. **Nordic Shorts** will showcase 23 new short films in five compilation blocks, while the **Filmforum** section will present 37 productions from Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg, encompassing eight narrative features, seven documentaries, and 22 shorts. For audiences as young as four, the **Young Audience** section has 27 films for viewing both in the regular programme and in additional school class screenings.

The **Series** section will screen episodes from seven new television productions. And the **Immersion 360°** section presents 22 selected works in the Infinity Dome at Klingenberg square, a mobile dome with an exterior diameter of almost 20 metres.



This year's **Retrospective** remains "Forever Young", with 17 films, including two documentaries and two shorts, that render vivid stories of youth culture in the Nordic and Baltic countries from the 1920s to the turn of the millenium. The NFL **Homage** to Honorary Award recipient Roy Andersson will screen four of his most important films, two rarely-seen shorts, and seven of his legendary commercials, alongside two documentaries about his unusual way of making movies.

In addition to the public screenings, the Nordische Filmtage mounts a host of side-bar events for industry professionals. The **Lübeck Meetings** series provides an industry forum for German and international guests.

The opening night film at the 65 Nordic Film Days Lübeck (Nov. 1, 7pm) will be the 2023 Swedish-Danish comedy "Together 99" ("Tilsammans 99"), directed by Lukas Moodysson. The festival screening will be the film's German premiere.

Advance ticket sales begin on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 3 pm at the CineStar Filmpalast Stadthalle cinema, online at the festival website and at www.cinestar.de. The films on the streaming platform will be available from 7 pm on November 1 through the end of the festival.

Press material

Film stills for the festival films will be available by writing to Presse@nordische-filmtage.de and successively in the [download section of the website](#). Details of the films and the complete screening schedule is available on the festival homepage www.nordische-filmtage.de. Additional information and news can be found on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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