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UVA Film Festival in Denmark and Sweden

The First University of Virginia/Virginia Film Festival Film Program

Film Around the World Denmark and Sweden • May 12-19, 2007

Registration Deadline: **March 28**

<http://www.virginia.edu/travelandlearn/2007film.html>

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www.virginia.edu/travelandlearn

Join us in Copenhagen, one of Europe's oldest yet cosmopolitan capitals, for this cinema insider's visit to Denmark and Sweden. We

will explore the past and present world of Scandinavian filmmaking, which recently spawned the influential Dogme95 movement and its Vow of Chastity which seeks to refocus film on the narrative. Two Danish films were among this year's Oscar nominees: Susanne Bier's *After the Wedding* and Søren Pilmærk's *Helmer and Son*. And, of course, Swedish filmmaking is legendary.

Journey with us as we meet with the best Danish filmmakers, including Vinca Wiedemann and Lone Sherfig; visit Danish film studio Zentropa (Lars

Von Trier's studio) and Nordisk (the oldest in Europe); converse with scholars at the Danish Film Institute and the University of Copenhagen; screen the best of the Danish and Swedish films; spend a day in the Medieval town of Lund, Sweden and visit the film program at the University of Lund; and enjoy the beauty of a Scandinavian spring.

Richard Herskowitz

Director of the Virginia Film Festival
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Calendar of Events

- **Prayers of Kierkegaard**
Performed by the Charlotte Symphony with the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte
Belk Theater at Blumenthal PAC
130 North Tryon Street
March 30 & 31
8:00 pm
- **ScanFest Planning Social**
Living Saviour Lutheran Church
6817 Carmel Road
Sunday, April 15
4:00 pm
- **UNCC Int'l Festival**
Featuring Café Scandinavia
Barnhardt Student Activity Center
September 29
- **ScanFest 2007!**
Wachovia Atrium
301 S. Tryon Street
Saturday, November 3

SACC To Hold 5th Annual Classic Golf Invitational



The Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce of the Carolinas is pleased to announce that they will be holding their 5th Annual Classic Golf Invitational on Friday, May 18, 2007. The event will be held at the Stoney Creek Golf

Club in Burlington, NC, using a Foursome Scramble format. Breakfast and registration begin at 9:00 am, with Shot Gun starting at 10:00 am. Lunch and an Awards Ceremony will immediately follow the game. Detailed

invitations will be sent out soon.

For more information, contact:

members@saccofnc.org
or visit:

www.saccofnc.org.

Enjoy Spring In Scandinavia!

From the Scandinavian Tourist Board

Come and welcome the return of spring in Scandinavia, where the countries celebrate their traditional festivities honoring the sun, birds, the color green and nature itself in its overpowering majesty. Plan your spring break now and take advantage of the Early Bird Specials offered.



ICELAND

<http://www.icelandtouristboard.com/>

Sumptuous Feasts and Small Delicacies

The Reykjavik Arts Festival opens on May 10th. The first days overlap the with the French Culture Festival featuring magnificent street theatre. The Arts Festival offers variety of events; such as performances by the **San Francisco Ballet**, recitals by **Bryn Terfel** and **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** and the Icelandic premiere of **Hafliði Hallgrímsson**'s opera.

<http://www.artfest.is>

Hot Bath, Shining Stars and Northern Lights

Reykjavik's thermal pools and baths are a natural source of health, fitness and well being. Visitors can enjoy a swim in geothermal water of 84F, even in winter, under shining stars and dancing northern lights. At the same time they can meet the people of Reykjavik or take advantage of the many spa treatments available.

<http://www.spacity.is>

A Season for Puffin

Bird watchers and nature lovers alike flock every spring to the Westmann Islands (20 miles south of Iceland) to view the return of the Puffin, or Lundi in Icelandic, from its long winter at sea. During this time millions of Puffins, the clowns of the sea, return to nest with their life-mates, and lay eggs.

<http://www.icelandtouristboard.com>



FINLAND

<http://www.gofinland.org/>

The Sibelius Centennial

Half a century after his death in 1957, Jean Sibelius remains the dominant icon of Finnish classical music and a great figure in global terms. His popular seven symphonies are re-recorded and performed regularly in Finland and across the world. Jean Sibelius tours in Finland, read:

[http://www.visitfinland.com/w5/index.nsf/\(Pages\)/Jean_Sibelius_Summer_Tours_2007](http://www.visitfinland.com/w5/index.nsf/(Pages)/Jean_Sibelius_Summer_Tours_2007)

Hotel GLO Opens in March

A new hotel property opens its doors in Helsinki in March 2007. Its immediate location to Hotel Kämp's Galleria - the luxurious shopping center, gives it some real added value. Guests have access to a health club, spa services, two restaurants and a lobby bar with a parking lot next door. More:

<http://www.palacekamp.fi/etusivu.asp?lang=fi&rest=hotelGlo>

Idoli

An exhibition that creates unique experience and opens up the special connection between nature and Finnish Design, Idoli stand out with its fineness in the midst of Lapland. Finnish idols represent, above all, the best current trends in Finnish design. For the most part, their products are produced exclusively in Finland. More:

<http://www.idoli.fi/eng/index.html>



DENMARK

<http://www.visitdenmark.com/usa/en-us/Menu/turist/turistforside.htm>

Castle-Hopping in Sealand

Denmark is proud of its royal heritage - it is, after all, the oldest continuous monarchy in Europe. Royal historic sites are everywhere. Even though Rosenborg Castle in Copenhagen will be closed for renovations throughout

2007 there are many more castles to see in Denmark. Here are some suggestions:

<http://www.visitdenmark.com/usa/en-us/Menu/presse/nyheder/nyheder/Castle-Hopping%2Bin%2BSealand.htm>

The SAS Late Flight is Back

May 20, SAS, the flagship airline to Scandinavia, starts its popular late-night service from New York/Newark to Copenhagen. Non-stop flights leave Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:25 pm, and arrive 1:15 pm the next day - making it easy to sleep on the plane and awake refreshed on arrival. Return flights depart Copenhagen at 6:35 pm and arrive at 9:05 pm the same day. More:

<http://www.flysas.com/en/us/General/Banner-Group-Container-flysasus/15296/Default-teaser-3/SAS-Late-Flight/?vst=true>



SWEDEN

<http://www.visitsweden.com/>

Songs for Spring and Sweden

Be sure to visit Sweden on April 30th. On that date, known as Valborgsmässoafton (Walpurgis Eve), huge bonfires are lit at dusk. As the fire grows, local singers come forward to sing songs that celebrate the end of winter and herald the arrival of spring. In Stockholm there are several places to join the festivities and one of the most popular being at Skansen open air museum. More:

<http://www.skansen.se/eng>

"Kingdom of Crystal"

This region in south-west Sweden is easy to reach from Stockholm and is just 2 hours 20 minutes by train from Copenhagen. Visit all 14 glassworks in the Kingdom of Crystal for one low price - US\$12 - with the Glasriket Pass. Pass holders have access to guided tours, and exclusive discounts on glassblowing, painting/etching activities, Hyttsill feasts and glassware from factory shops. More:

<http://www.glasriket.se/>

Can You Say RØDGRØD MED FLØDE?

Submitted by Eva Stokkebye

We hardly ever eat this dish anymore, except for when we wish for others to taste something very typically Danish. It used to be a very common dessert, but these days most Danes prefer our berries fresh. The clincher about rødgrød med fløde is that only Danes can pronounce it properly. Supposedly it was even used to test people trying to enter the country during the war, to verify their claims that they were indeed "real" Danes. We still get a kick out of asking foreigners to say it out loud, so oddly enough it is one of the few phrases non-Danes know well. (Right after "Skål" og "jeg elsker dig")

RØDGRØD MED FLØDE (Red-berry Pudding)

Serves 8

- 1 pound raspberries, strawberries, or blackberries
- 4 cups water
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/4 cup almond slivers – toasted
- 1 cup whipping cream
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Bring berries to boil in water. Simmer for 5 minutes. Press through a sieve to remove pulp. Discard seeds. Measure



juice and pulp. Add water to make 5 cups. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch with 2/3 cup juice from pulp, making thin paste. Pour remaining juice and pulp into saucepan; boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in sugar, salt, and cornstarch paste. Stir vigorously to keep pudding smooth, cook until thickened. Cool in covered pan 20 to 30 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with almonds. Pour whipping cream into a small pitcher. Serve pudding warm or cold, with cream.

Spring In Scandinavia (con't)

New Restaurant in famous Grand Hotel in Stockholm

Well known chef, Mathias Dahlgren will run the new restaurant at Grand Hotel. The restaurant will open early spring this year (check exact dates) and will be located on the ground floor of Boliderska Palatset. A first class hotel like the Grand must be able to offer its guests a first class restaurant and this one will be one of Europe's finest.

http://www.grandhotel.se/in_english/default.asp



NORWAY

<http://www.visitnorway.com/>

Icelandair Flies to Bergen

Starting on May 18, Icelandair will expand service to Norway with one of the hottest destinations in

Scandinavia, Bergen. Bergen is Norway's second largest city and the starting point for visits to the beautiful fjords, now on UNESCO World Heritage List. Icelandair offers flights from its gateways in Minneapolis, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Orland and Halifax starting \$600 pp round trip.

<http://www.icelandair.com>

Catch An Early-Bird Special to Norway

Norwegian Coastal Voyage now offers savings of \$125 - \$275 per person on select 2007 cruise departures, plus up to \$600 savings per person on new shorter vacations off regular brochure rates. When booking flights to Norway fly Icelandair and receive a special offer on North American flights to and from Bergen.

<http://www.norwegiancoastalvoyage.us>

Would you like to see your friends and family in *The Midnight Sun*? We would, too! Send your photo or recipe submissions to Jenn@ScandinavianConnection.org by Friday, April 13.

The Grieg Anniversary Year

The entire 2007 will be the 100 year commemoration of the death of composer Edvard Grieg. There will be celebrations all over Norway with exhibitions, concerts and festivals, such as the Bergen International Festival in May, a Gala Event in Oslo on Grieg's 164th birthday and the Edvard Grieg September Festival in Bergen.

<http://www.grieg07.no>

For more information on Scandinavia and to order brochures visit:

<http://www.goscandinavia.com>.

Iceland Beats China

The Icelandic women's team in football (soccer) landed in the ninth place at the Algarve-Cup in Portugal yesterday by beating China 4-1 in an exciting game.

"This was in my opinion one of the best results for the women's team from the start [of the existence of the team]," Iceland's coach Sigurdur Ragnar Eyjólfsson told *Fréttabladid* after the game.

No goals were scored in first half of the game, but after the break the Icelandic team scored four goals in a row. The Chinese team scored only one goal, in the last minute of the game.

Iceland's uncrowned goal queen, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir, scored two of the goals in yesterday's game.

From Iceland Review Online

ScanFest 2007 Planning Continues

You are warmly welcome to help us plan ScanFest 2007!

Whether you are festival visitors, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, Scandinavian-American organizations, or simply just curious about Scandinavia, we welcome everyone to join us as we plan and go over the whole production of **ScanFest 2007**. This is your opportunity to be part of the planning, and your chance to ask questions and give us your thoughts and suggestions for making **ScanFest 2007** a great success. Remember that this is your festival and your input and help is very important and greatly appreciated!

PLACE: Living Saviour Lutheran Church, 6817 Carmel Road, Charlotte NC 28226

TIME: Sunday, April 15, 4:00pm

The planning socials will start at 4:00pm on the third Sunday of each month, with the exception of the month of June. (Note: our meeting room will also be available 3:00pm-4:00pm for any ScanFest committees who wish to meet prior to the planning social.) "Save the date!" for future ScanFest 2007 planning socials:

- - May 20
- - July 15
- - August 19
- - September 16
- - October 21

If you wish to attend any of the scheduled planning socials, please RSVP to Sanna Tucker, sanna@scandinavianconnection.org

Swedish Interpreters Needed

I am contacting you because I am looking for potential Swedish interpreters.

A bit about our company: Lionbridge Interpretation offers freelance interpreters the opportunity to accept assignments as independent contractors on an as-needed basis. Assignments are Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Lionbridge interpreters provide on-site interpretation for Immigration hearings across the country, as well as telephonic interpretation for Asylum interviews.

We offer free interpretation training including legal terminology education, court room etiquette, immigration court case viewings, and continued education throughout your career. As independent contractors, our interpreters have the ability to set their own hours or work from home in any location. Lionbridge also offers competitive pay, excellent travel opportunities, and the opportunity to learn about the court proceedings of the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security.

If you are interested, please contact me soon as possible at the following:

Danish Instructor Needed

Inlingua is currently looking for a part-time, Native Danish instructor to teach at their center from April 9-June 5. They are looking for someone on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-12pm and from 1pm-4pm.

Anyone interested, please contact Colleen Blanchard.

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Mission Statement

SAGA of the Carolinas, a non-profit organization, is organized to promote cultural exchange between the United States and the Nordic Countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden; to preserve and enjoy the Scandinavian traditions, customs, history and cultural heritage; to increase understanding of the Nordic people and societies among Americans; and to provide a forum where people interested in Scandinavia can meet and enjoy Nordic culture and activities.

Calling all Scan-Am Groups!

If your group or organization would like to have your events or news included in the next issue of The Midnight Sun, please send your submission of 100-200 words to Jenn@ScandinavianConnection.org by Friday, April 13.

Dane Tops NFL Scoring Chart

Morten Andersen broke the NFL scoring record and will likely be inducted into the Hall of Fame

Morten Andersen's unlikely career in American football reached its zenith on December 21, 2006, as the 46-year-old Atlanta Falcons kicker became the NFL's all-time scoring leader.

There were no field goals for Andersen on this Sunday, just four single extra points - but his second was enough to put him past Gary Anderson as number one on the celebrated list with 2437 points.

Andersen had never dreamed of an NFL career when he came to the US as an exchange student, and only gave kicking a shot after a high school coach in Indianapolis, Indiana convinced him to try.

But after a 24-year career and his most memorable game, Andersen was humbly proud of his achievements.

'It may be a pretty big deal back there in Denmark. I'm proud to be Danish. I hope

they're celebrating back home,' Andersen told American television station Fox.

The magic extra point occurred after an Atlanta touchdown with 6:30 left in the second quarter, Anderson calmly splitting the uprights. He received a long standing ovation from the home Georgia Dome crowd and was mobbed by his teammates and Atlanta head coach Jim Mora.

Unfortunately for Andersen and the rest of the Falcons, the jubilation was short-lived as the team lost the game 38-28 to the Dallas Cowboys.

'It's tough to talk about individual records when you lose the football game. This is bittersweet for me. My priority is always to win the game, and I just wasn't a factor tonight.'

Still, Andersen said the record was important to him - so much so that he kept training in 2005 despite not being hired by any team during that season. His persistence paid off, however, when Atlanta's

earlier kicker had a terrible start to the 2006 season and was let go, allowing him to return to the team where he had spent six previous seasons.

Andersen's feat almost certainly guarantees his selection into the NFL's Hall of Fame, an honour of which few non-Americans can boast. There are currently only eight foreign-born NFL Hall of Famers, and it is likely that both Andersen and Anderson - a South African - will make it 10.

Andersen said his next goal is to be the oldest player ever in the NFL. He trails only legendary Oakland Raiders kicker-quarterback George Blanda in that category. Blanda played until he was 48.

'My next goal is to play until I'm 50. I know people snicker at that - they've been snickering at it for 10 years now. But if I can play at a high level and stay healthy, I think I can do it.'

From The Copenhagen Post