

The American Scandinavian Foundation of Los Angeles

**“Take 2”**  
the second annual

**ASFLA SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**

January 26, 27 & 28, 2001

The Writer's Guild Theater  
135 South Doheny  
Beverly Hills, California

Celebrating the work and influence of Scandinavian film  
and filmmakers and bringing “the best” of Scandinavian  
film to audiences in “the film capital of the world”  
pivoting around but not limited to screenings  
of as many as possible of the Nordic submissions  
for Academy Award “Best Foreign Film” nomination

with documentary and short subject films and special guests --  
filmmakers from Scandinavia including

**Swedish Director Roy Andersson  
Danish Academy Award winning Producer Kim Magnusson  
Finnish Filmmaker Juha Wuolijoki and others**

## Welcome from ASFLA President

Dear Friends of film and friends of Scandinavia:

Northern lights, camera, action! Welcome to the second annual ASFLA Scandinavian Film Festival. Film shapes the way we look at things—ourselves, others, life, the world, and beyond. Let's have a look at life through the eyes of Nordic filmmakers—at the offerings and influence of the cinema of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Last year our dream of a Scandinavian film festival in “the film capital of the world” became a reality. We are so pleased to be back and to offer a cultural event that affords those who love film and those who share either a connection to or a curiosity about Scandinavia a special opportunity to see the world through the eyes and aesthetic sense and sensibility of artists whose vision has been shaped by their Nordic homelands. You are part of a very special audience—the L.A. audience—a town where people actually watch the credits to see the names of colleagues, friends, and neighbors. I hope you enjoy the films, and the wonderful opportunity for networking with filmmakers and friends of film.

The American Scandinavian Foundation of Los Angeles is an organization with an international spirit founded in 1939 to promote cultural and educational exchange between the United States and the five Scandinavian countries affirming that any celebrating of ethnicity is a celebration of diversity. We are an all volunteer non-profit foundation that is proud of a growing scholarship program that has helped among others, many young filmmakers learning their “craft” and entrusting their “art” to the academic settings of Los Angeles.

With decided cultural and commercial benefits we hope to perpetuate this festival and continue to take you north on flights of fancy attended by the creative genius of Scandinavian filmmakers—placed in focus at the ASFLA Scandinavian Film Festival.

Sincere thanks for being here!

With best wishes

Jim Koenig  
President ASFLA

# **ASF LA Scandinavian Film Festival**

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**James Koenig, Founder/Director  
Dorette Egilsson, Co-Director**

with

The Honorable Martin Kofod Consul General of Denmark  
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the Norwegian Film Institute, and the Swedish Film Institute

# **P R O G R A M**

## **Friday -- January 26**

Opening Reception and Gala Buffet **6:30 p.m.**  
Screening **8:30 p.m.** -- Champagne dessert table following

Anders Thomas Jensen/Kim Magnusson Academy Award Winning  
**Valgafthen (Election Night)**

Danish feature film – Kaspar Rostrup  
\* **“A Place Nearby”**

## **Saturday -- January 27**

**12:30 p.m.** Swedish Academy Award winning short film  
**“Miracles Great and Small”**

**1:00 p.m.** Swedish feature film – Roy Andersson  
\* **“Song from the Second Floor”**  
introduced by the director – Q&A following the screening

**3:00 p.m.** Icelandic feature film – **“Fiasco”**  
Thorir Snaer Sigurjonsson, Skuli Malmquist  
& Fridrik Thor Fridriksson

**5:00 p.m.** Danish feature film – Anders Thomas Jensen  
**“Flickering Lights”**

**7:00 p.m.** short film **“Paulie”**  
introduced by Finnish Director Juha Wuolijoki  
with a special appearance by leading actor of the film Michael Badalucco

**8:00 p.m.** Finnish feature film – Aku Louhimies  
**“Restless”**  
with special appearance by  
one of the leading actors in the film Irina Björklund

## **P R O G R A M**

**Sunday, January 28**

**2:30 p.m.** short film **“thursday afternoon”** Clay Westervelt  
produced by Mark Olsen former ASFLA Scholarship Recipient  
and Rashel Mereness

**3:00 p.m.** documentary film from Norway  
Erling Borgen  
**“Immortal Ibsen”**

**4:30 p.m.** Norwegian feature film  
Stein Leikanger  
Petter Borgli and Thomas Backström  
\* **“Odd Little Man”**

**7:00 p.m.** Danish feature film  
Kaspar Rostrup  
\* **“A Place Nearby”**

\* Submitted for Academy Award nomination consideration in “Best Foreign Film” category.

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networking and noshing

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