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Dear guests!

This year's topic of our Nordic film festival is alcohol. This intoxicating substance with the chemical formula C_2H_5OH has been miscredited, celebrated and banned throughout history, probably as long as it has been made and consumed by human beings.

Alcohol is an integrated part of society, politics, culture and art. A famous saying from the Old Norse poem *Hávamál* is «The more the sons of men drink, the less they can think». In the classic Holberg play *Jeppe on the Hill* (1722), the drunkard peasant Jeppe gets entangled in a comic situation because of his drinking. The psychological question asked in the play is why Jeppe drinks, something which is still being debated to this day.

This idea came to us during a meeting with Radka Stahr who is doing research on the portrayal of alcohol in Nordic literature. Then we thought – how is alcohol portrayed in Nordic film?

We don't know if we can answer this question. But hopefully we can shed some light on how we perceive alcohol as societies, both Nordic and Czech, and reflect on this liquid's place in our cultures.

Cheers, skål and na zdraví

Jens Nielsen & Johannes Eske Andersen

Program Thursday October 31st room 104

- 12.10: Opening by Johannes Eske Andersen and Jens Nielsen
- 12.30: Lecture by Radka Stahr on alcohol: cultural and political phenomenon and narrative strategy
- 13.00: Short pause
- 13.10: Birthday Girl (DK) [Danish with English subtitles]
- 14.45: Pause. Refreshments and group work
- 15.45: Talk about Salaviinanpolttajat / Moonshiners with Yrjö Lauranto and Lenka Fárová
- 16.15: Salaviinanpolttajat / Moonshiners (FIN) [English subtitles]
- 16.30: End of program

Program Friday November 1st room 104

- 10.30: Opening talk by writer Ásgeir Ingólfsson on Icelandic cinema
- 11.00: Remote Control (IS) [Icelandic with English subtitles]
- 12:20: Pause. Refreshments and group work
- 13.15: Talks with actor and Swedish embassy employee Martin Severýn and Jens Nielsen: Czech film
- 13:30: Exit, E2 S1 (NO). [Norwegian with English subtitles]
- 14.10: Group work and presentations
- 15.00: End of program

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Birthday Girl (DK)

Michael Noer, Jesper Fink (2023). Trine Dyrholm, Flora Ofelia Hofmann Lindahl & Herman Tømmeraas.

Nanna has invited her daughter Cille and her best friend to celebrate Cille's 18th birthday on a cruise ship bound for the Caribbean. But the first evening of the dream vacation itself turns into a nightmare.



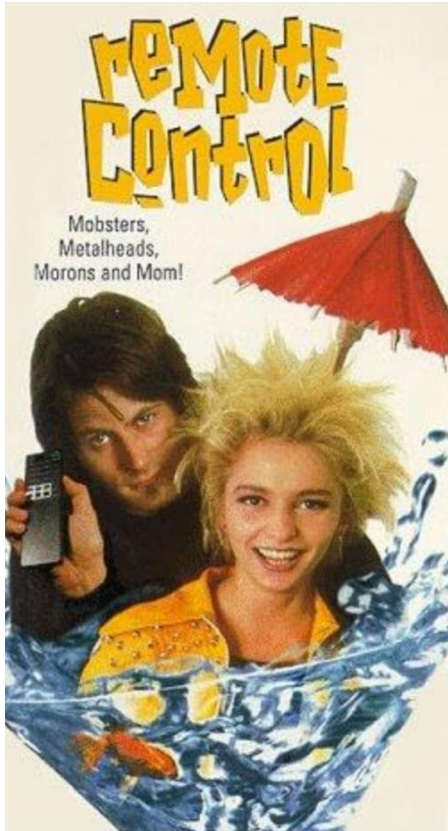
Salaviinanpolttajat / Moonshiners (FIN)

Juho Kuosmanen (2017). Jaana Paananen, Juha Hurme & Tomi Alatalo.

A remake of the first fictional Finnish film, *Salaviinanpolttajat* (1907), made in 1907. The new version of this lost film is based on the synopsis of the original film.

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Remote Control / Sódama Reykjavík (IS)

Óskar Jónasson (1992). Björn Jörundur Friðbjörnsson, Þórarinn Eyfjörð Thorarinn & Oskar Thorarinnsson.

Since his mother wants to watch TV, Axel, a young auto-mechanic, must recover her remote control, accidentally taken by his punk sister Maja. During his quest, he becomes involved in the conflict between Moli, the liquor smuggler, and Aggi, a night club owner who wants to be Iceland's first mafia boss.

Exit (NO)

Øystein Karlsen (2019). Simon J. Berger, Agnes Kittelsen, Pål Sverre Hagen, Tobias Santelmann & Jon Øigarden.



A dark drama series based on true stories from Norway's financial scene. Episode 2 from season 1 «Hummer og horer på Hankø» (Lobster and hookers at Hankø) takes us to William's summer party by the sea where things quickly escalate.

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Information

True North is a small film festival organised by the Scandinavian department at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University. The festival aims to promote and debate Nordic culture and film.

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