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NEWSLETTER VOL. 2

A delayed Happy New Year

and welcome to the second Cultural Frontrunner newsletter - CF News vol2!

The newsletter has been divided into three categories to give you a better and easy overview of the CF News:

- Cultural News
- Account from a Frontrunner
- Events for You

"Cultural News" gives you news, updates, status and reminders from the diplomatic representations in D.C. and N.Y.

"Account from a Frontrunner" is the place for knowledge sharing. A platform for your great ideas and fantastic experiences - good and bad.

"Events for You" covers events that **you, as a CF'er**, can get in **dialogue with** and **help foster** their US outreach.

In this issue, we would like to highlight the news arti-

cle about The Danish Film Institute's 2014 film package which has arrived in both D.C. and New York. We encourage you to use this wonderful opportunity to screen great Danish films in your region!

Greetings from Washington D.C and New York - let's warm ourselves with inspiring cultural experiences during this cold time! And always remember that CF News is about co-creation. *Everyone* can contribute. The editorial plan for is on page four.

CULTURAL NEWS

2014 DFI FILM PACKAGE

The Danish Film Institute (DFI) 2014 **film package** comprises 17 films that can be **used for screenings** at EU film festivals, film clubs, smaller film festivals and similar events.

The screenings should be non-commercial in the sense that only a token fee to cover the expenses related to the screening is allowed. The format of the films is Blu-ray and they can be played in the original Da-

nish version or with English subtitles. Selected titles will have other language versions (TBC).

Feature film:

The Hunt (*The Oscar & Golden Globes nominee*)
The Shooter
A Royal Affair
A Hijacking
Marie Kroyer

Children's Film:

The Great Bird Race
Marco Macaco

Documentaries:

The Human Scale
Expedition to the End of the

World
The Ghost of Piramida
Moon Rider
Mercy Mercy

Short Fiction Youth Films:

Belinda Beautiful
Damn Girl
Piggy
The Flame and the Cotton Ball

If you wish to screen one or more films, please contact Jette Elkjær (jetelk@um.dk) or Maiken Derno (maider@um.dk)

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ACCOUNT FROM A FRONTRUNNER

As a completely green CF'er, it was with some excitement that I was approached by Danish artist Julie Sass (juliesass.dk) shortly before she was to exhibit in one of the satellite shows in connection with Art Basel week in Miami (December 3-8, 2013). Julie Sass and her curator Laura Ifversen were unaware of the CF-network, but Maiken Derno in New York facilitated the contact. Unfortunately Julie and Laura only contacted me one week before the Opening of the exhibit. They wanted to see if I would be able to assist them in various ways, and would have welcomed any kind of sponsorship or financial help.

Since it was with very short notice – and on top of that, it was the week of Thanksgiving – I had to tell them that as far as sponsors were concerned, that was not likely to happen.

However, of course I was able and willing to assist in any practical matters that I could. I happened to be in town anyhow, so I was glad to assist. So it is not all about finances and sponsorships, but sometimes an issue of 'Where do we get two chairs for our booth'? I had two Danish Ant (Myre)-chairs that were just perfect for the purpose (and even matched the artwork).

Next task, also important, was to get some Aquavit to serve during the Release Party. As a visitor, without a car, this was not an easy task for Julie or Laura, but for me it of course was no big deal.

The exhibit went well – the artist and curator clearly basked in the 'over the top' art week of Art Basel here in Miami, and it seemed that good contacts and networks were developed.

I personally enjoyed meeting the artist and her curator, and enjoyed learning more about Julie's work.

I know that the small amount of assistance that was rendered was very much appreciated. Hopefully next time, we can do some more.

If anyone comes down to this corner at any time, it might be of interest to stop by the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale, where until May 18th, 2014, there is an exhibit about the Cobra Art Movement. The museum has quite a few of the pieces in their permanent collection, but has curated an excellent and informative exhibit (learn more: <http://www.moaf.org/museum#!/current-art-exhibitions/cobra>)

Regards from Miami and Tine Hestbæk

Events for You

- Help foster their US outreach

THE NIELSEN PROJECT - NEW YORK 2012-15



Carl Nielsen

One of the world's leading symphony orchestras, legendary New York Philharmonic lead by famous maestro Alan Gilbert, have embarked on the awe-inspiring task of recording all of Carl Nielsen's symphonies and concertos for Denmark's national record label Dacapo Records. The project started in 2012, leading up to the 150th anniversary of the birth of Carl Nielsen in 2015.

During this period, Gilbert and the New York Phil will be giving live in-concert-recording performances of Carl Nielsen's six symphonies and three solo concertos. The result of this tour de force will be the release of a total of four CDs, the first of which was released in the fall of 2012 featuring Nielsen's symphonies No. 2 and No. 3, and the last of which is expected in 2015.

In 2014, the highlights of the project will be in March and October, where two concert

recordings and related programming will take place. Stay updated on the following websites for further events in connection with the Nielsen Project:

Follow the Nielsen Project and stay updated on Danish music production in a contemporary perspective: <http://www.dacapo-records.dk/en/>

NY Philharmonics website on the Carl Nielsen project with concert dates, buy recordings, history and more: <http://nyphil.org/nielsenproject>

BEST-SELLING DANISH AUTHOR CHRISTIAN JUNGENSEN HAS NEW US RELEASE



Christian Jungersen

Danish best-selling and literary-award winning author Christian Jungersen has a new novel coming out in the States this year. "YOU DISAPPEAR" will be published on January

7, 2014 (Nan A. Talese/Double Day). The book is an unnerving and riveting psychological drama that challenges notions of how we view others and how we construct our own sense of self.

Mr Jungersen will be in the US several times throughout 2014 (including in January, May and September), and he is very interested in traveling to author events, also on the

West Coast. Please contact Cultural Attaché Maiken T. Derno, if you are interested in programming such an event (for example a reading, book talk, Q&A, reception or book signing) in your local area, preferably with local cultural institutions or bookstores as partners.

Please contact Maiken T. Derno, on: maider@um.dk

PLAYFUL LIVING ... Through dying

– the work of Kierkegaard in physical practice

Dear Frontrunners

I am a Kierkegaard communicator (or "Kierkegaard parasite" the man himself might have called me). For more than a decade I have made a living sharing with others how I experience the work of Kierkegaard can make me live my life with more imagination and wholeheartedness.

From April to November 2014 I have been appointed research fellow at the Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN). I believe it is the World's absolute leading Kierkegaard research center and I will use this opportunity to finish my new book – PLAYFUL LIVING THROUGH DYING – with hopefully challenging feedback from the many international Kierkegaard-scholars gathered there.

While in Minnesota I would like to present my work around the USA. I will be happy to give talks and/or workshops at universities, in public libraries, in

churches, etc. More than anything I will love to perform my Kierkegaard Comedy Show, but this is a slightly more financially demanding affair and requires a theatrical space with lighting etc. (see www.ENTEN-ELLER.dk or www.eitherANDor.com).

If you feel like trying to make any of this happen or have questions, I will be most grateful to hear from you.

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THE TRUE TALE OF THE 3 LITTLE PIGS

(told by the wolf)

Acclaimed Danish actor and story-teller Claus Mandøe retells this old tale. A puppet show for the smallest places - for kids from 5 years and up.

"Finally comes the unvarnished tale about how the 3 little pigs (the swine!) tried to trick the kind and friendly wolf – and

how the two little pigs unfortunate end and the third pig's sly and cunning ways have put the wolf in a very bad light ever since!"

The reviewers say
"★★★★★ 5 star bacon for the kids!"

"... one of the finest things in Mandøes art of performing is that his performances always emerge as if they were just

invented - between him and his audience."
Anne Middelboe Christensen, Teateravisen, January 2011.

Info
The show is presented at EURO KIDS Festival in Washington DC and is available for US touring between October 6. – 25. 2014

For more information please contact lisbeth@refleksion.dk



The True Tale of the 3 Little Pigs

HANSEL AND GRETEL ON TOUR 2015

In 2015 the Danish theatre group, Teatret Gruppe 38 is coming to the United States to perform theatre play 'Hansel and Gretel'. If interested, the show can come to your area.

The play

"Tomorrow morning we will take the children into the forest where it is thickest. We will light a fire and give them each a piece of bread. Then we'll go to our work and leave the children behind the children will not be able to find their way home alone and then we will be rid of them! A grim story of Hansel and Gretel's encounter with a won-

derful pancake house... and an extremely wicked witch." The play was nominated for Reumert of the Year 1999. The most prestigious theater award in Denmark.

The reviewers say
"Even if you've heard it a thousand times before, Teatret Gruppe 38's performance still makes the hair on the back of your neck stand on end." The Vancouver Sun, Canada

"A testimony to elegant staging, where every detail has been calculated and revealed." The Advertiser, Australia

"The penetrating gaze of Bodil Alling grips the audience from the outset, compelling them to listen. Her version of the tale is

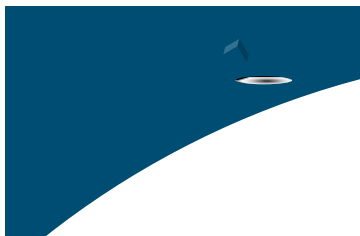
rich, with unexpected details and does not flinch from the nasty bits. A magical, intimate piece of theatre for children." The Herald, Scotland

Info
If you are interested in having Teatret Gruppe 38 coming to your area in 2015 and perform the acclaimed theatre Play 'Hansel and Gretel' please contact Jens Birkholm from Teatret Gruppe 38:
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Watch a video teaser here:
<http://vimeo.com/17915652>



Hansel and Gretel



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Inspirational webpages

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www.cku.dk/en/

Danish Agency for Culture:
www.kulturstyrelsen.dk/english/

Danish Architecture Centre:
www.dac.dk/en/front-page/

Danish Arts (funding):
www.kunst.dk/english/

Danish Crafts:
www.danishcrafts.org/visForside.uk.asp?artikelID=1837

Danish Design Centre:
www.ddc.dk/ (currently no English version available)

Danish Film Institute:
www.dfi.dk/Service/English.aspx

Ministry of Culture, Denmark:
www.kulturministeriet.dk/da/English/

The Danish Cultural Institute:
<http://www.dankultur.dk>

Practical Information

Films

Denmark has a long tradition of upholding a diverse film production that embraces powerful artistic expressions as well as broadly appealing stories for all ages. The Danish Film Institute publishes every year an Embassy Film Box with films you can borrow from both the embassy and consulate general. The films can e.g. be shown at cultural events or film festivals at no charge.

Visit Denmark

VisitDenmark is the official tourism organization promoting Denmark as a travel destination across the United States. Our website www.visitdenmark.com/usa is a great resource of information for travelers interested in visiting Denmark. For specific questions about travels to Denmark or to request our yearly Denmark Magazine publication, our call center accepts calls on week days 9.30 am – 4.30 pm EST or send an email to info@goscandinavia.com.

Editorial Plan 2014

Deadlines

Vol. 2 issue 2: April 14, 2014

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