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Parisian CineNordica At Five

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The Cine Nordica Film Festival in Paris (March 20-24, 2013) will be blowing its fifth candle this year in the presence of Nordic directors Kristina Lindström (co-director of *Palme*), Dheeraj Akolkar (*Liv & Ingmar*), honorary guest Anja Breien and French actor/director Jean-Marc Barr who will discuss his long-time collaboration with Lars von Trier.



Backed by Nordisk Film & TV Fond, the Nordic film festival has been steadily increasing its profile and number of visitors since its launch in 2008. Over 20 Nordic titles selected by Festival director Maria Sjöberg-Lamouroux will screen at Paris' Cinema du Pantheon, including several titles that will premiere ahead of their French national release. Those include the opening film and multiple Guldbagge winner *Eat Sleep Die* (ASC Distribution), *A Hijacking* (Ad Vitam), *Liv & Ingmar* (KMBO Films) and *The Deep* (Bac Films April 24 release). "The Scandinavian wave continues and French distributors who suffer from a saturated domestic market are trying to specialise and some of them have found their niche with Scandinavian films", says Sjöberg-Lamouroux.

For the second year in a row, Cine Nordica will pay tribute to the Nordic Council Film Prize with the screening on March 21 of the 2012 winner *Play* (Sweden) and nominated films *A Royal Affair* (Denmark), *Either Way* (Iceland), *The Orheim Company* (Norway) and *The Punk Syndrome* (Finland). "Between *The Punk Syndrome*, *Palme*, *Liv & Ingmar* and *Searching for Sugar Man*, we have our largest ever line up of Nordic documentary films and this reflects the growing interest worldwide for the genre", notes the festival director.

Other highlights of the festival include a tribute to Norway's prominent director/writer Anja Breien and to Danish director Nicolas Winding Refn with a special *Pusher* night and the screening of the French documentary about Refn named *NWR*.

