

Nominasjon for 2023, Magiske Lanterner Stavanger filmklubb

Magiske Lanterner Stavanger filmklubb definitively deserves to become filmklubb of 2022! Reason one: We are probably the most diverse filmklubb in Norway. Striving to become diverse is one thing, being diverse is another.... And MLF can proudly say that we are diverse! We have a board / volunteer crew of eight persons in total. All come from a different country, and from two different continents: Portugal, Poland, France, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Norway and the Netherlands. Our crew is also nicely divided in 50/50 men and women. Not to forget our Swedish/Bosnian 'accountant' who yearly checks our administration for us.

Not only the volunteers of MLF are diverse, we also attract an international audience. Though we don't keep track of the origin of our members, from our chats at the ticket boot we know we welcome people from Russia, Hungary, Bosnia, Colombia, Germany, Syria, Sweden, Croatia, and many more countries. So, we guess you can imagine how many languages you can hear during the chitchatting before and after our movie screenings.

And it doesn't stop there. Because what is a filmklubb without movies? With the rich catalogue the NFK is offering, we are able to present each season a big variety of movies from different countries and continents. Our vår and høst program in 2022 included movies originating from eleven different countries: Norway, United States of America, South Korea, France, Germany, South Africa, Poland, Austria, Australia, Denmark and Saudi Arabia.

We make sure to include at least one female director in our program each year, which was Haifaa al-Mansour this year. And our program did in addition include some very strong female leading roles, like Renée Jeanne Falconetti as Joan in *The Passion of Joan of Arc* and Kim Hye-ja in *Mother*.

We attentively select movies produced in different decades, within different genres, talking about a variety of topics. Stop-motion, science fiction, documentary, silent movie, black and white, commercial, independent; you name it, we screen it!

Reason two: Our Special events in 2022

Various special events were organized this year, some of them enabled thanks to the subsidies received from NFK.

In memoriam of Vegar Hoel, who sadly passed away at age 47 in Stavanger in November 2021, we screened *Død Snø*, the first movie for which he received international appreciation. The movie was introduced by Charlotte Frogner via a video she recorded for this occasion. Charlotte was one of Vegar's co-actors in *Død Snø*.

With an ad hoc organized screening of *Atlantis* by Valentyn Vasyanovych we collected NOK 4,568 for Polish Humanitarian Action, an organization that provides aid to the victims of the war in Ukraine.

Clear to see we had good fun during our Star Wars mini festival in which we showed on three consecutive days: Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back and The return of the Jedi!
Who had thought that Kylo Ren, a Sand Person, an Alien and a pilot would show up?
And was that Darth Vader making the popcorn?

We were honored to be part of Erik Martiniussen's tour through Norway with his documentary Kongoveteranene. Gunnar Schanke, head of the Rogaland department of Norges Veteranforbund for Internasjonale Operasjoner, took the opportunity to recognize the importance of Erik's movie for the veterans and handed him an honorary medal. After the screening of the movie Erik was interviewed by Siw Angell-Olsen from Tallfilm A/S and answered questions from the audience that included veterans from the region.

Gaute Granli, a local musician, performed his own composition during the screening of the silent movie *The Passion of Joan of Arc*. The intense visuals of the movie, the warm and delicate sounds produced by Gaute and the beautiful setting with handmade woolen felt lamps softly lighting Gaute's instrument and equipment, created together a magical evening. Highly appreciated by our audience.

And if that were not enough reasons, here some more fun facts about us ...

Folken, the venue where we screen our movies, is mostly used for concerts. This means there is no fixed set-up with chairs. Before and after each movie screening our wonderful volunteers must put in place the chairs and tables. A heavy job that is done with love each time .

Extra pillows are placed on the chairs to make it extra comfy. In autumn and wintertime, it tends to be a bit cold in our venue and therefore we provide blankets that our members can grab. Can it get more 'koselig'?!

On our screening nights we serve free popcorn. This popcorn is freshly made in house. So, our movies are always accompanied with the nice smell of popcorn. In 2022 we replaced the traditional popcorn boxes with a more sustainable paper bag.

During our busy volunteer meetings we discuss the program, go through our accounting, come with ideas to be more visible on the socials, dry our laundry in the background,
Some years ago, we made tote bags for our 'super fan' members. In 2022 we sold the last one of our stock! Always nice to see a filmklubb member walking in town with our bag.

Since the foundation of MLF, we have always ended the year with a surprise movie accompanied by pepperkaker and clementines. In the beginning we were a bit sceptic whether our audience would show up to watch a movie without knowing what it would be. But we can say that our surprise ending of the year has always had good success. Thanks to our members for their trust!

Maybe this one is a little embarrassing to mention, since we have been around for nearly six years now..... But 2022 was also the first year in which MLF joined Filmklubbdagene organized by NFK.

Johan and Luca had a great time and came back to Stavanger full of inspiration. Some of the new ideas they took home from Bergsem already crystalized in special events organized during the høst season.

We thank NFK, Folken and our audience for an eventful 2022! And we truly hope to become filmklubb of the year.

*Takk, gracias, dank, thanks, merci, grazie, dzięki, obrigado,
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