



August to attend Scandinavian Festival in Los Angeles

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Renowned Danish director Bille August, who won the best foreign language Oscar in 1989 for *Pelle The Conqueror*, will attend the Scandinavian Film Festival LA's gala reception as a guest on Jan 31. August is currently in Los Angeles shooting *Without Apparent Motive* (working title) with Julianne Moore and Richard Gere. The reception will take place at the Writer's Guild Theatre in Beverly Hills, followed by a screening of Aki Kaurismaki's *The Man Without a Past*, Finland's foreign language Oscar submission that recently cleaned up at the Finnish Jussi Awards.

This year's Scandinavian Film Festival is the third sequel to the successful LA showcase of Scandinavian films and filmmakers launched in 2000. Each year, the festival pivots around the Scandinavian films submitted for the foreign language Oscar category with additional screenings of short subjects and documentaries. The 4th Annual Scandinavian Film Festival LA runs from Jan 31-Feb 2.

August's credits include *A Song for Martin* (2001), *Smilla's Sense of Snow* (1997) and *The House of Spirits* (1993).

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