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Woman Unknown nominated for best picture at London Film Festival

Woman Unknown, directed by May el-Toukhy, is one of ten films nominated in the official competition for Best Film Award at the 2026 BFI London Film Festival.

The film is about Marie, whose intimate past threatens to catch up with her, as she is forced to do everything in her power to preserve her new status as lady of the house in post-war anarchy.

The festival runs from 7-18 October and the winner will be revealed on 18 October.

Photo: Nordisk Film Production

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Four Danish films on the programme at London Film Festival

In addition to Woman Unknown, three other Danish-produced films will be featured on the programme at BFI London Film Festival.

Petrolheads by Eric Langballe tells the story of two very special friends and their search for normalcy along the roads of Denmark. A film that is funny, honest and deeply moving.

Amazomania by Nathan Grossman shows footage of a 1996 expedition into the Amazon to document the isolated Korubo people. Decades later, the material resurfaces and raises new questions about the contacts and the implications that followed.

No Good Men by Shahrbanoo Sadat portrays Naru, the only camerawoman at Kabul TV, who is convinced that there are no good men in Afghanistan. But an assignment with a colleague makes her question this belief.

The festival runs from 7-18 October.

Photo: Petrolheads, Paloma Productions.

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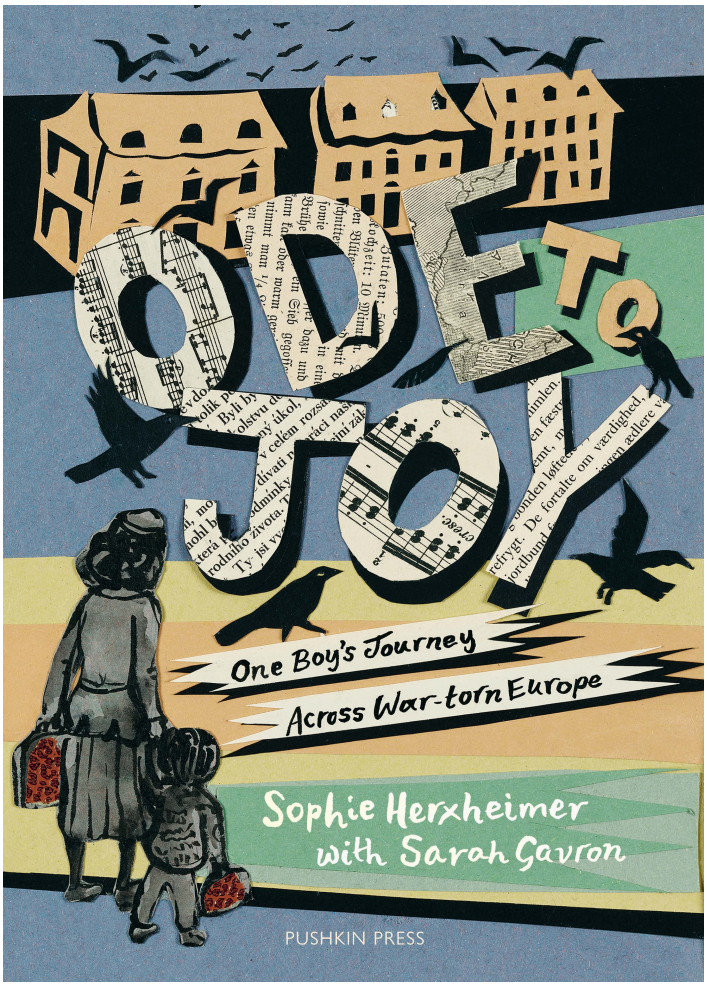
Eleanor Havsteen-Franklin at Sidney Nolan Trust

Danish artist Eleanor Havsteen-Franklin's sculpture Aevita V is on display at Sidney Nolan Art Prize Exhibition at The Rodd in Herefordshire. Drawing inspiration from botanical and biological forms, Eleanor Havsteen-Franklin explores hybridity, relational entanglement and symbiosis between the human and non-human species.

The exhibition is open until 4 October and included in the general admission.

Photo: Eleanor Havsteen-Franklin, Aevita V © Eleanor Havsteen-Franklin.

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Book release: Ode to Joy by Sophie Herxheimer with Sarah Gavron

Ode to Joy – One Boy's Journey Across War-torn Europe is being published in the UK by Pushkin Press. The graphic novel portrays the story of an ordinary little boy, Ib Katznelson, swept up in the cataclysmic tides of fascism, war and propaganda.

A generation later, his daughter-in-law, filmmaker Sarah Gavron, inspired by Ib's story, finds artist-poet Sophie Herxheimer to collaborate on telling it through this graphic novel.

The book is available now.

Photo: Pushkin Press.

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Book release: Hafni Says by Helle Helle

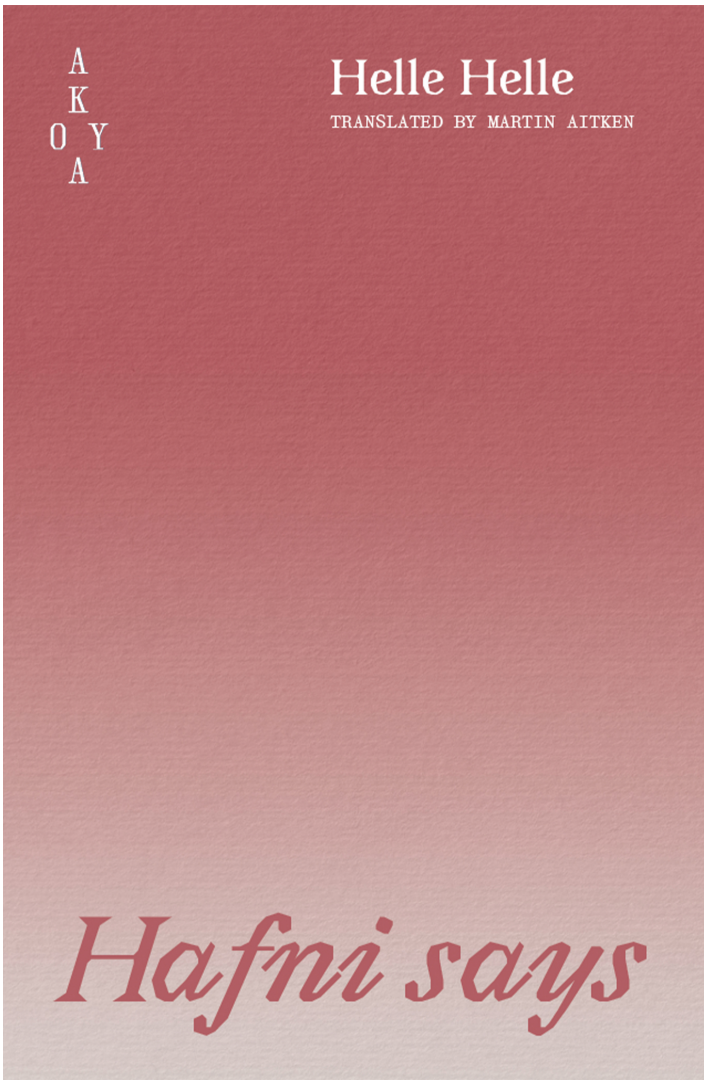
Helle Helle's novel Hafni Says is being published in the UK by Akoya Publishing. The book centers on Hafni, who says she is getting divorced and the journey that follows.

Marked by Helle Helle's signature subtlety and infused with her dark humour, Hafni Says explores the desire to be anyone but yourself – and what it means to rediscover who you are.

Hafni Says is translated by Martin Aitken and is out now.

Photo: Akoya Publishing.

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Book release: A Lesson in Humanity - My Voice by Ruth Vecht

A Lesson in Humanity - My Voice tells the remarkable story of how the Danes saved the Jews from deportation by the Nazis during the Second World War. The book is a tribute from Ruth Vecht to the Danish people who saved her family's life, giving them shelter and enabling their safe crossing in October 1943 to Sweden.

Fed My Voice is a project based in the UK producing survivor life story books and films to educate about the Second World War.

The book is available now.

Photo: My Voice

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Thomas Søndergård and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in Scotland

Thomas Søndergård conducts the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) for two nights in Scotland. Together with piano soloist Alexander Malofeev, they will perform works by Rachmaninov and Mahler for the Season Opener.

The shows will be performed at Usher Hall in Edinburgh on 18 september and at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow on 19 September. Both shows will begin at 7:30 PM.

Photo: Music Director Thomas Søndergård © Sally Jubb.

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The Danish String Quartet at Wigmore Hall

The Danish String Quartet, known for its adventurous programming and heartfelt artistry, is joined by Johannes Rostamo when they perform at Wigmore Hall on 23 September at 7:30 PM.

Photo: The Danish String Quartet © Caroline Bittencourt.

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Danish and Greenlandic films at Nordic Film Festival

The Danish film Sons (Vogter) and the Greenlandic film Walls – Akinni Inuk will be shown at the Nordic Film Festival at UCL Stratford.

Sons (Vogter) is about Eva, a prison officer of apparently unshakeable principle, who quietly requests a move to her son's murderer's prison section. A claustrophobic pressure-cooker of a film around the wreckage that grief makes of a person's ethics.

Walls – Akinni Inuk is a documentary about Ruth, who has spent almost half her life in prison — the last twelve years in indefinite detention. The Greenlandic title means "the human being in front of me", and is a quiet, unsparing study of bureaucracy, trauma, and the possibility of a second chance.

The three-day festival takes place at UCL Community Cinema from 2 October to 4 October. All screenings are free to attend.

Photo 1: Nordisk Film Production. Photo 2: Ánorâk Film.

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Danish jazz at PizzaExpress Live in Soho

Danish jazz takes over PizzaExpress Live in Soho on 3 October where you can experience Søren Bebe Trio ‘Gratitude’ and Mads Mathias.

Søren Bebe Trio celebrates the release of their ninth studio album ‘Gratitude’ with meditative lyricism and subtle groove.

Mads Mathias, an acclaimed vocalist, songwriter, and saxophonist, brings his quartet to PizzaExpress for two rare club performances.

Mads Mathias is performing on 3 October at 6 PM and 9 PM. Søren Bebe Trio is sold out.

Photo: PizzaExpress Live.

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The Revolution Against Death at Encounters Film Festival

The Danish produced film The Revolution Against Death by Joshua Oppenheimer is being shown at the Encounters Film Festival.

The film is a poem about these fears; about mortality, capitalism, desperate denial – and our universal longing for communion and love.

The festival takes place in Bristol from 23-27 September. The Revolution Against Death will be shown on 25 September at 1:30 PM.

Photo: Final Cut For Real.

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The story behind A Doll's House playing in Oxford

Burning Down the House is a play about Henrik Ibsen and Laura Kielers intertwining stories in the making of the famous play A Doll's House.

The new play tells the story of how playwright Henrik Ibsen in 1879 scandalises audiences with A Doll's House, whose heroine is based on Laura Kieler's story and harrowing circumstances. In Burning Down the House, Laura finally steps out of Nora's shadow and tells her own version of events.

This production by Breach has emerged from the research of leading Ibsen expert Kirsten Shepherd, who have been uncovering Laura's articles, letters and plays, all translated by Denmark-based Gaye Kynoch.

The show can be seen at the Schwarzman Centre for Humanities Theatre in Oxford from 25 September to 10 October.

Photo: Burning Down the House.

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Practical Magic 2 by Susanne Bier in cinemas



The sequel to the 1999 film starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman.

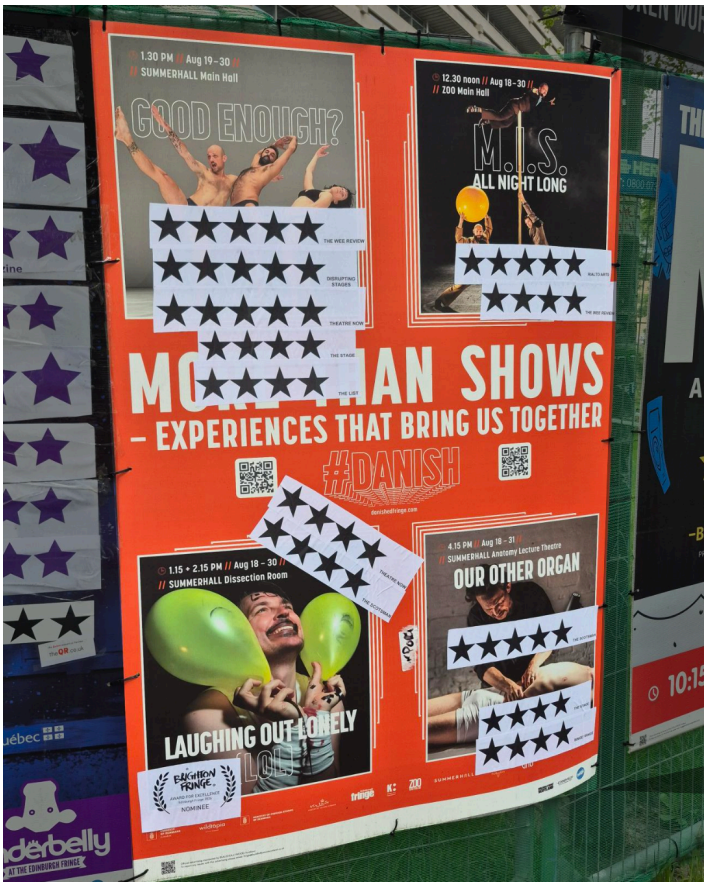
Practical Magic 2 returns to a world steeped in moonlit mischief and powerful ancestral magic, as the Owens sisters must confront the dark curse that threatens to unravel their family once and for all.

Danish Oscar-winning director Susanne Bier directs from a screenplay based on the novel The Book of Magic by Alice Hoffman.

The film will be released in UK cinemas on 11 September.

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Excellent reviews for #DANISH at Edinburgh Festival Fringe

With 13 four- and five-star reviews and one award nomination, the #DANISH showcase has blown the minds of reviewers and audiences alike.

Laughing Out Lonely (LOL) has been nominated for the Brighton Fringe Award for Excellence. The award is given to an outstanding production, inviting the winner to perform at Brighton Fringe 2027.

Photo: Karen Toftegaard.

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