

SCANDINAVIAN FILMS ON VIDEO/DVD (Various distributors)

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Scandinavian culture and civilization ; films

ACCESSION DATE: Beginning August 1999

DESCRIPTION: A series of films either produced in Scandinavian countries, directed by Scandinavian directors, or about Scandinavian subjects: most are subtitled in English. **VIDEOTAPES AND DVDs ARE FOR RESERVE USE IN THE MEDIA LIBRARY ONLY -- Instructors may check them out for up to 24 hours for preview purposes or to show in class. See the Media Catalog for films in other languages.**

AUDIENCE: Students of Scandinavian languages and literature.

FORMAT: VHS ; NTSC ; DVD

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101 Reykjavik

IC2.004

Iceland. Color. 90 min. English and Icelandic with English subtitles. Gay/Comedy. A young man's sexual impulses go haywire when he discovers that the woman he has just been to bed with happens to be his mother's lesbian lover. Set against the backdrop of Reykjavik's swinging nightlife, this zany black comedy takes a candid look at its anti-hero's compelling, confused and often hilarious sexual universe. Living on social security in the protected environment of his mother's home, Hlynur has never felt the urge to venture beyond the confines of his microcosmic world: 101 Reykjavik. Determined to resist adulthood at all cost, he soon finds out that life is busy making other plans for him. ISBN 0794203353

After the Wedding

DA2.021

Denmark. 2005. DVD. Color. 119 min. In English/Danish w/English subtitles. Directed by Susanne Bier. Far from home, Jacob runs a struggling orphanage in one of India's poorest regions. Desperate to save the orphanage from closure, he returns to Denmark to meet Jorgen, a wealthy businessman and potential benefactor. What appears to be nothing more than a friendly gesture to attend a wedding sets in motion an increasingly devastating series of surprises.

Äidin Elling

NO2.013

Norway. 2003. DVD, requires region free DVD player. In Norwegian w/English subtitles.

Aleksis Kiven elämä

FN2.003

Finland. 2001. DVD requiring region free player. Color. 1 hour 41 min. In Finnish.

Amatørene

NO3.010

Norway. 2000. 88 min. Color. In Norwegian with NO subtitles. Jan is the owner of a small shop in Norway. He is always broke, but always optimistic-a kind of modern Don Quixote armed with hamburgers and Chinese cabbage. His big dream is to expand his shop. However, when he gets involved in a mysterious disappearance, he almost loses his shop and his girlfriend.

Ariel

FN2.010

1988. 72 min. Color. In Finnish w/English subtitles. DVD. Directed by Aki Kaurismaki. Part of the Proletariat Trilogy. A road trip to freedom instantly becomes a lesson in hard knocks for a Lapland coal miner looking for a way out of financial despair, and finding an unexpected love affair.

Babette's Feast

DA2.004

Denmark. 1989. 102 min. Color. In Danish and French with English Subtitles. From the storyteller Isak Dinesen comes this delicious tale of Babette, a superb French chef living an anonymous life among a pious congregation on the desolate coast of Denmark. As housekeeper and cook to two elderly, religious women, she's never called upon to prepare anything more exciting than the traditional boiled codfish and ale-bread soup. Until one day she wins 10,000 francs and decides to spend it all by creating the most memorable, mouth-watering magnificent meal ever consumed--even though her guests, the simple villagers, will have no idea what they're eating.

Brothers

DA2.015

Denmark. 2005. DVD. Color. 1 hr. 57 min. In Danish w/English subtitles. Directed by Susanne Bier. Charged story of two brothers who struggle to find their place within their family after one of them is sent to war in Afghanistan.

Buddy

NO2.015

Norway. 2004. DVD. Color. 100 min. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Directed by Morten Tyldum. Kristoffer's love life is on the rocks, but what can you expect from a guy who likes to videotapes himself and his friends pulling outrageous stunts? When Kristoffer's video diary winds up on a popular TV show, it's not just his love life that turns upside down. A heartwarming story about high jinks, crazy roommates and reality television.

Bunch of Five

NO2.012

Norway. DVD. Color. 70 min. In Norwegian with English or Chinese subtitles. Examines the fragmentary story of five young boys. An account of one crucial week in the lives of Jonas and his friend Emir. Without much of a future they take control of their own lives and push the limits within their relationship to each other and to the world. At a critical moment Jonas lets his best friend down. A film about being young and reflects a true picture of contemporary Oslo, but it could have been any other large city. A story about betrayal, loss of innocence, and the search for identity but also about a warm friendship.

Carl Th. Dreyer-My Metier

DA2.014

1995. Denmark. 94 min. DVD. B&W. Narrated in English; interviews in Danish and French, with optional English subtitles. Torben Skjød Jensen's elegant documentary is a collage of memories and reflections on one of cinema's greatest directors. Film illuminates an artist too little understood and too important to overlook. Through interviews, historical writings, and rare archival footage, a portrait of Dreyer emerges--an austere perfectionist, yes, but also a passionate man possessing a genuine sense of humor.

The Celebration

DA2.008

106 min. Color. German and Danish with English subtitles. Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival, this riveting feature, filmed in a deliberately raw fashion, veers between being the bleakest of tragedies and the most astonishing of black comedies. A well-to-do family gathers for a weekend reunion, where rivalries and insecurities pale next to the dark secret shared by the father and his favorite son. Made as part of the "Dogma 95" collective (which includes Lars Von Trier), a group devoted to making movies with as little technical polish as possible--no artificial lighting, sets or props, with an emphasis on hand-held camerawork and gritty realism. This film was shot on digital video before being transferred to film.

Cool & Crazy

NO2.009

Norway. 2001. DVD. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Color. 89 min. Directed by Knut Eric Jensen. Introduces us to a group of men who find purpose, companionship and even fame, as members of a mal choir in Berlevag, Norway.

Cool & Crazy on the Road

NO2.011

Norway. 2002. DVD. 105 minutes. Color. In English & Norwegian w/English subtitles. Directed by Knut Erik Jensen. Follows the men's choir as they leave their small fishing village to tour the United States for the first time. The singers, who range in age from their early 30's to late 90's, cut a swath across America bringing timeless songs of faith and joy everywhere they travel.

Day of Wrath

DA2.009

Directed by Carl Dreyer. VHS or DVD. Feature film in Danish w/English subtitles. 1943. B&W. From the novel by Wiers Jøenssens. The story of a young and beautiful woman accused of being a witch.

Detektor

NO3.005

2000. Norway. 1 hour 42 min. Directed by Pal Jackman. Manuscript by Erlend Loe. In Norwegian with no subtitles. A quirky story of a newly educated psychologist, Daniel Jor, who finds more than he bargains for when hunting for buried treasure and dead bodies with his metal detector. With his best friend Ronny, a would-be DJ on a radio show, Daniel pursues his hobby of looking for things under the earth. Finding a necklace leads to a romance full of surprises, while searching for the missing father, tractor and dog of a farm-woman reveals strange parallels with Daniel's own history. Daniel slowly finds out more about his own father, who supposedly died before he was born, while struggling to move out of his mother's house into an apartment of his own. When a reluctant Swedish patient appears in his office one day, little does Daniel realize where the sessions will lead. And when the woman of his dreams mysteriously disappears, Daniel has to enlist the help of a sadistic patient to get her back.

Døden på Oslo S (Death at Oslo Central Station)

NO2.021

Norway. 1990 DVD, requires region free player. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. 1 hr. 34 min. This movie is an adaptation of the popular Norwegian writer Ingvar Ambjørnson's book by the same name. It takes place in the early nineties and shows the darker side of Oslo. Pelle is 15 years old and together with his best friend, Proffen, he tries to solve a crime-mystery involving drugs and underage prostitutes.

Drifting Clouds

FN2.002

Finland. 1996. In Finnish w/English subtitles. Color. 96 min. Written, directed and edited by Aki Kaurismäki. A tale of marriage and individual pride tested by sudden unemployment, focuses on the lives of a couple caught in Finland's economic recession.

Elling

NO3.011

Norway. 2001. In Norwegian only. Color. 84 min. After two years of institutionalized life in a state home, Elling and Kjell are sent off to live on their own. Facing the challenges of the real world, the middle-aged roommates find themselves misfits in a fast, confusing world, but through their friendship and some unusual coping mechanisms they find a way to succeed. An Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language film.

Elling (DVD w/English subtitles)

NO2.008

Norway. 2001. DVD. In Norwegian with English subtitles. 90 min. Color. Comedy. Directed by Petter Ness. After two years of institutionalized life in a state home, Elling and Kjell are sent off to live on their own. Facing the challenges of the real world, the middle-aged roommates find themselves misfits in a fast, confusing world, but through their friendship and some unusual coping mechanisms they find a way to succeed. An Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language film.

Elsk meg I morgen (Love me Tomorrow)

NO2.022

Norway. 2005. DVD, requires region free player. 85 min. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. This is the last movie in the popular Elling trilogy. Four years have passed since Elling moved to town together with Kjell Bjarne, his roommate from the institution at Broynes. Elling now lives in his own apartment. Kjell Bjarne has moved up one floor, to Reidun and her little daughter Mojo. Elling feels like an outsider, and he isolates himself more and more. Kjell-Bjarne and Reidun help him return to society. In the process he meets a woman and decides that love is what he is missing

The Emigrants

SD1.024

VHS. 151 min. Color. Dubbed in English. Directed by Jan Troell. From a novel by Vilhelm Moberg. Max von Sydow and Liv Ullman play a married couple who pull up roots and join fellow Swedes in a quest that tests their determination and faith. In the end, they reach a lake-dotted woodland where the rich topsoil is two feet deep. It's called Minnesota.

Emma's Shadow

DA2.022

Denmark. 1988. VHS. 93 min. In Danish w/English subtitles. Color. Directed by Soren Kragh-Jacobsen. Emma, a willful and lonely 11 year-old daughter of a cold aristocrat family in the 1930's runs away by staging her own kidnapping. She stumbles into an unlikely friendship with an ex-convict sewer worker memorably played by Borje Ahlstedt.

Evil

SD2.036

Sweden. 2003. DVD. 110 min. In Swedish w/English subtitles. Color. Directed by Makael Hafstrom. As refuge from his stepfather's abuse and a last hope for his academic future, Erik's (Andreas Wilson) mother (Marie Richardson) sends him to Stjarsberg, a private boarding school. Only Stjarsberg isn't the safe refuge his mother believes it to be. Inside these walls evil governs, and Erik must struggle just to survive while avoiding expulsion for breaking "the rules."

Fanny and Alexander

SD2.023

Sweden. 1982. 3 hrs. 8 min. Color. In Swedish with English subtitles. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. A ten year old boy and his eight year old sister lives change when their father dies and their mother marries a villainous bishop who whisks them off to his austere castle. Lonely and isolated, the children are miserable, longing for the warmth of the life they left behind. Luckily, an old family friend comes to their rescue, wielding some special magic to spirit the children on an adventurous journey home.

Fest hos Albert Aberg (Party at Albert Aberg)

NO3.003

1999. 70 min. Color. In Norwegian, adopted from the Swedish Gunilla Bergstrom's books. Swedish produced, but dubbed into Norwegian, Albert Aberg films and books are enjoyed by Norwegian children. The video consists of five short episodes from Albert's life and activities: 1. Albert's birthday party ; 2. Albert and the monster ; 3. "You're too little Albert" ; 4. Albert and his secret friend ; 5. Goodnight, Albert Aberg.

Fire and Ice

FN1.004

79 min. In English with English subtitles for Finnish speakers. DVD. Producer/director/writer Ben Strout. About the 2939 Winter War when Finland was invaded by the Soviet Union.

Fröken Julie

SD2.035

1951. 90 min. B&W. DVD. In Swedish w/optional English subtitles. A film by Alf Sjöberg. Adaption of August Strindberg's 1888 play. Depicts the battle of the sexes and classes that ensues when a wealthy businessman's daughter falls for her father's bitter servant.

Frosset Hjerte

NO3.012

Norway. 1999. In Norwegian only. 90 min. Color. Directed by Stig Andersen/Kenny Sanders. Mixing reenactments with more traditional documentary techniques, this film tells the story of polar explorer Roald Amundsen, the first man to reach the South Pole. Some experts, doubting the documentation of Robert Peary and Richard Byrd, have made the argument that Amundsen was actually the first to reach the North Pole as well. Film examines that controversy while also revealing the triumphs and tragedies of Amundsen's career and private life.

Gertrude

DA2.012

1964. Denmark. 116 min. B&W. In Danish w/optional English subtitles. DVD. Dreyer's last film neatly crowns his career: a meditation on tragedy, individual will, and the refusal to compromise. A woman leaves her unfulfilling marriage and embarks on a search for ideal love, but neither a passionate affair with a younger man nor the return of an old romance can provide the answer she seeks.

Good Evening, Mr. Wallenberg

SD2.037

Swedish. 1990. DVD. Color. 115 min. In Swedish, German and Hungarian w/English subtitles. Written and directed by Kjell Grede. The story of Swedish businessman Raoul Wallenberg who helped Jews in Budapest, Hungary in 1944 obtain Swedish passports to get them out of Adolph Eichmann's deadly path. He saved over 60,000 people in Budapest's Jewish ghetto.

Hamsun

NO2.020

DVD. Max von Sydow stars as Knut Hamsun, Norway's controversial Nobel Laureate. Based on the book "Processan mod Hamsun" by Thorkild Hansen. In Swedish, Danish & Norwegian w/English subtitles. 154 min. 1997. Color.

Hawaii, Oslo

NO2.016

Norway. 2006. DVD. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. 124 min. Color. Directed by Erik Poppe. Five stories about love are interwoven in Oslo during the hottest day of the year. Frode and Milla have their first child. Two young boys search for their mother. Leon hopes to keep a 10 year old date with his teenage sweetheart. Leon's brother, Trygve gets a weekend leave from prison to be with Leon on his birthday. Touching everyone is Vidar, who sees things no one else can see. Everyone is running from something, searching for something, or dreaming of something else on this destined day.

Hip Hip Hurrah!

DA2.019

Denmark. 1987. VHS. In Danish w/English subtitles. 110 min. Color. Written and directed by Kjell Grede. Romantic drama about a group of talented and famous Scandinavian painters who gather at Skagen, Denmark's remote, northernmost cape, at the end of the 19th century.

Høyere enn himmelen

NO3.009

Norway. 1994. In Norwegian only. 90 min. Color. 12 year-old Mari is at the age when nothing and no one pleases her. The only person she admires is the old and crotchety teacher Miss Kjær. Miss Kjær invites only Marit to her birthday party where she tells Mari about the love of her youth (Aleksander) and how he disappeared over 40 years ago. Mari decides to bring Miss Kjær and her dear Aleksander together again.

Insomnia

NO2.006

Norway. VHS or DVD. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Color. 97 min. Directed by Erik Skjoldbjaerg. 1997. A brilliant but arrogant detective with a tarnished past, is sent to a remote hamlet in northern Norway to find the killer of a beautiful young woman. After making a fatal error in his investigation and attempting to cover it up, the detective finds himself implicated in the crime he was sent to solve.

Italian for Beginners

DA2.016

Denmark. DVD. 97 min. Color. In Danish and Italian with English subtitles. Directed by Lone Scherfig. In a small, rainy suburb, a mismatched collection of seven opposites have enrolled in an Italian class in hopes of spicing up their lives. Then, as they realize the class offers them more than just language lessons, they join together on a quest to Italy with renewed desire to pursue the romances of their lives.

Jalla Jalla (The Best Man's Wedding)

SD2.034

Sweden. 2001. DVD, requires region free player. 92 min. Color. In Swedish with English subtitles. Written and directed by Josef Fares. Roro works as an attendant in a Stockholm park with his best friend Mans and dotes on his Swedish girlfriend, Lisa. Their romance is kept secret because his parents would disapprove. In fact his family believes he's still eligible and they devote much of the time to finding him a Lebanese bride. One such contender Yasmin, conspires with Roro to dupe their families with a bogus engagement.

Junk Mail

NO2.007

Norway. 1996. Romantic thriller. 83 min. Norwegian with English subtitles. Color. A film by Pal Sletaune. With Robert Skjaestad. A disaffected postman leaves his uninspiring life behind when he unwittingly becomes involved in a web of crime and danger.

Käki

FN2.004

Finland. 2003. DVD requiring region free player. Color. 1 hour 39 min.

Kamilla og Tyven (Kamilla og the Thief)

NO2.023

Norway. 1988. 1 hr. 41 min. DVD, requires region free player. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. This movie is an adaptation of a popular children's book written by Kari Vinje. Eight-year-old Kamilla is orphaned and moves in with her rich uncle Ole in Kristiansand. However, Ole's wife is not so interested in having Kamilla and wants to send her to boarding school in Denmark. Kamilla's uncle decides to smuggle her into the countryside. On her way she is robbed. A kind man named Sebastian comes to her rescue. However, Sebastian has a mysterious past that follows him and Kamilla begins to wonder what it is.

Karius and Baktus

NO3.008

Norway. 1955. In Norwegian only. 15 min. Directed by Ivo Caprino. In color. The classic Norwegian children's story by Thorbjørn Egner of the two little trolls—Karius and Baktus—who live in Jens' mouth and bother him when he eats too many sweets.

Kielipuoli potilas

FN2.005

Finland. 2003. DVD requiring region free player. 40 min (+190 min.)

Kitchen Stories

NO2.026

Sweden. 2003. DVD. Color. 1 hr. 35 min. In Norwegian & Swedish w/English subtitles. Directed by Bent Hamer. 1950's and a Swedish efficiency expert under strict orders not to interact with his subject is sent to improve a Norwegian farmer's culinary efforts. But the sly old farmer much prefers to amuse himself by impeding the timid researcher's work. Soon, in the struggle between neutral observation and the need for human interaction, the kitchen becomes a battleground.

Koirankynnen leikkaaja

FN2.006

Finland. 2003. DVD requiring region free player. 99 min.

Kuutamolla

FN2.007

Finland. 2002. DVD requiring region free player. 1 hr. 54 min. In Finnish subtitled in English, Swedish and Finnish.

Lange Flate Baller

NO2.025

Norway. 2006. DVD, requires region free player. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Color. 97 min. This is a comedy about six guys working at a garage in EdGarsjen. When their work is threatened by bankruptcy they do whatever is typical for them to do—to use whatever is left in the bank to go to the World Championship in soccer in Germany...without the wives.

Let the Right One In

SD2.038

Sweden. 2008. Color. Dvd. 115 min. In Swedish & English w/English subtitles. Based on the bestseller by John Ajvide Lindqvist. 12 yr old Oskar is regularly bullied by his stronger classmates. A new friendship develops when Eli, a pale, serious young girl who only comes out at night moves in next door. Coinciding with her arrival is a series of inexplicable disappearances and murders. As Oskar becomes more aware of Eli's tragic plight, he cannot forsake her. However, Eli knows that to continue living, she must keep relocating. But when Oskar faces his darkest hour. Eli returns to defend him the only way she can.

Liten Ida

NO3.007

Norway. 1981. 77 min. Directed by Laila Mikkelsen.

The Match Factory Girl

FN2.011

Finland 1990. 69 min. Color. DVD. In Finnish w/English subtitles..Directed by Aki Kaurismaki. Part of the Proletariat Trilogy A factory worker, ignored by life, exacts precise revenge on the world around her.

Mifune

DA2.017

Denmark. 1999. DVD. In Danish w/English, French and Spanish subtitles. 102 min. Directed by Soren Kragh-Jacobsen. Kresten is enjoying life as a successful businessman and a newlywed. But when he receives a phone call informing him of his father's untimely passing, his comfortable new life is thrown into turmoil. He's kept his poor, small-town past a secret from his new wife and her family and must sneak away to settle family business before his cover is blown. Life on his family's farm proves anything but simple. Caring for his simple-minded, UFO-obsessed brother and falling love with the new housekeeper, a call-girl on the run, forces him to re-examine his new life.

**Min Stemor Strok Kongens Skjorter
(My Grandmother Ironed the King's Shirts)**

NO3.002

1999. Canadian and Norwegian produced. 11 min. A short, humorous, animated film told from the viewpoint of the film creator's grandmother who helped make Norwegian history by being privileged to iron the Norwegians king's shirts. It gives a glimpse of important events in Norwegian history, including how Norwegians determined who would be their new king in 1905 and how the Norwegian Resistance Movement got started during WWII.

Miss Julie *see* Fröken Julie

Monster Thursday

NO2.017

Norway. 2006. DVD. Color. 103 min. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Directed by Arild Østin Ommundsen. Old friends Even and Tord live on Norway's west coast. A handsome career guy and an excellent surfer, Tord marries Karen, who Even has always loved. Despite the fact that Karen is expecting a child, Tord goes on a business trip to Singapore and asks Even to look after Karen while he is gone. With Tord away, Even decides to make his move.

My Life as a Dog

SD2.027

Sweden. 1985. Color. In Swedish with optional English subtitles. DVD format. Directed by Lasse Hallström. 101 min. Shipped off to live with his uncle for the summer, 12 year old Ingmar finds unexpected adventures with the help of the town's warmhearted eccentrics. These experiences give him a sustaining inner strength to accept his life and to eventually enjoy childhood.

Next Door

NO2.018

Norway. 2005. DVD. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. 76 min. Written and directed by Pal Setaune. Thriller. Newly single, John befriends the two women living in the cluttered labyrinth of an apartment next door. This neighborly spirit leads to a bizarre seduction, culminating with a blow to the jaw that dredges up deeply disturbing memories.

Ordet

DA2.013

1955. Denmark. 125 min. B&W. DVD format. In Danish w/optional English subtitles. A farmer's family is torn apart by faith, sanctity, and love—one child believes he's Jesus Christ, a second proclaims himself agnostic, and the third falls in love with a fundamentalist's daughter. Putting the lie to the term "organized religion" Ordet is a challenge to simple facts and dogmatic orthodoxy. Layering multiple stories of faith and rebellion, Dreyer's adaptation of Kaj Munk's play quietly builds towards a shattering, miraculous climax.

The Other Side of Sunday

NO2.010

Norway. 2002. DVD. Directed by Berit Nesheim. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. Set in 1959, and Maria is unhappily lagging behind the rock and roll rebellion of her peers. Her father, a priest, is severe and arbitrary in his judgements of what's best for her, her mother is in and out of a hospital, and her Sundays are spent in church, allegedly hanging on the old man's every word despite her ever-clarifying atheism. On way out: Find an ally as well as a cautionary figure in a lovely but miserable church servant who wishes she were as free as her true spirit.

Pelle the Conquerer

DA2.006

Denmark. 1988. 138 min. Danish with English subtitles. Directed by Bille August. Max von Sydow stars as the Swedish father who takes his son Pelle to Denmark in search for a new life. In the harsh milieu of the Danish farm, Pelle is inspired by the dreams of those around him. Realizing that his father cannot help Pelle fulfill his dream, Pelle sets off for a life of adventure.

Persona

SD2.030

Sweden. 1966. B&W. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. DVD format. Original Swedish audio w/English, French and Spanish subtitles. 83 min. With Liv Ullmann, Bibi Andersson. Actress Elisabet Vogler has stopped speaking and withdrawn completely. Under doctor's orders, she's taken to a remote seaside cottage by a nurse, Alma. Alma chats to fill the silence and gradually begins to lay bare her entire identity...until she discovers it is being coolly sucked away from her. As the women battle for control and sanity, the question becomes not which of them is patient and which is caregiver, but are they two separate women after all?

Reconstruction

DA2.018

Denmark. 2004. 90 min. DVD. Color. Directed by Christoffer Boe. Follows Alex, a photographer, and beautiful Aimee, who meet by chance and fall in love in the course of one intense day. Their feelings for each other are put to the test as the world around them becomes more and more alien in the labyrinthine Copenhagen. They stake their existence and find themselves in a free fall, with Alex facing the question of how far he is willing to go and how much he is ready to give up for his dreams of true love.

Rukajärven tie

FN2.008

Finland. 1999. DVD requiring region free player. 117 min. In color.

The Seventh Seal

SD2.024

Sweden. 1956. In color. 96 min. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Swedish with English subtitles. Bergman's powerful allegory of man's search for meaning in life is stunningly visualized. A knight, upon return from the Crusades, plays chess with Death while the Plague ravages medieval Europe.

Shadows in Paradise

FN2.012

Finland. 1986. 74 min. color. DVD. In Finnish w/English subtitles. Directed by Aki Kaurismaki. Part of the Proletariat Trilogy A romantic comedy when a trash collector and cashier retreat from society and into each other's hesitant arms.

Shake It All About

DA2.011

Denmark. 2004. DVD. Directed by Hella Joof. 98 min. Color. In Danish with English subtitles. Jorgen and Jacob plan to marry, but the Jacob falls in love with Jorgen's brother's wife. Jacob is questioning whether he wants Jorgen or Caroline, but mostly he wants both! Matters get complicated the Caroline gets pregnant by Jacob. The story features many hilarious and awkward situations between Jacob, Jorgen, Caroline and their many gay and straight friends.

Shame

SD2.041

Sweden. 1968. B&W. 93 min. In Swedish and English w/English subtitles. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. With Liv Ullmann, Max Von Sydow, Gunnar Björnstrand. On a remote island far removed from a raging civil war, Jan and Eva retreat to their apolitical fortress: a small vegetable farm. But their serene existence is shattered when soldiers violently invade their home. Now caught in the crosshairs of a brutal and inhuman conflict, Jan and Eva become survivors with only one concern—to endure.

Show Me Love

SD2.025

Sweden. 2000. In color. 89 min. Directed by Lukas Moodysson. In Swedish with English subtitles. The comic and heartbreaking story of Agnes, Elin and their teenage friends growing up in the small town of Amal. Nothing ever happens until Elin shows up at Agnes' birthday party and Elin's life takes an unexpected turn. Stuck in the middle of two love interests, Elin tries to come to terms with her real self and the courage it takes to be different.

Slipp Jimmy Fri (Free Jimmy)

NO2.024

Norway. 2006. DVD, requires region free player. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. Animated. This popular animated film follows four lowlife antiheroes Roy Arnie, Odd, Gaz and Flea, who are uprooted from their mean city streets to work with Ringmaster Stromowski in a declining Russian touring circus. The star attraction is Jimmy, an elephant kept happy on a cocktail of drugs. But Roy Arnie has a dream that one day he will run his own circus and he tells the boys that the key to his dream is Jimmy. On the opening night a bungled attempt to give Jimmy his "fix" causes widespread panic. Jimmy escapes and so begins a mad cap cross country road-trip to find Jimmy before he goes cold turkey.

Sweet Land

NO2.019

2005. U.S. 111 min. Color. In English. Written and directed by Ali Selim. Inge is a feisty German mail-order bride who has come to Minnesota to marry Olaf, a young Norwegian immigrant farmer of few words. But in a post-WWI, anti-German climate, the local minister openly forbids the marriage. Inge and Olaf fall in love despite the town's disapproval. But when the town banker attempts to foreclose on the farm of Olaf's friend Fransen, Olaf takes a stand...and the community unites around the young couple, finally accepting Inge as one of their own.

Ti kniver i hjertet

NO3.004

Norway. 1994. In Norwegian w/no subtitles. 96 min.

Together

SD2.032

Sweden. 2000. Color. DVD. 1 hr. 47 min. In Swedish w/English & Spanish subtitles. Directed by Lukas Moddysson. Life goes from hippie heaven to hellish anarchy when a suburban housewife and her two precocious kids move into a 1970s commune—only to unleash a maelstrom of suburban values. But as the belligerent beatniks and commitment-phobic communists start questioning their beliefs, they all begin to realize that sometimes living in harmony can be an all-out war.

Tuntematon sotilas

FN2.009

Finland. 1985. 3 hr. 8 min. In Finish.

Under the Sun

SD2.033

Sweden. 1998. 118 min. Color. DVD. In Swedish w/English subtitles. Directed by Colin Nutley. Set in 1956 sun-drenched summer countryside of Sweden. Love triangle involving a sweet but lonesome farmer, a womanizing younger friend, and a beautiful city woman.

Uno

NO2.014

Norway. 2004. DVD. 99 min. In Norwegian w/English subtitles. Color. Written and directed by Aksel Hennie. Uno is a story from inner-city Oslo about David, a twenty five-year-old with few prospects for the future. His days are spent hanging around with petty criminals at an inner-city gym. Still, it's better than home: His father is terminally ill, his brother is mentally handicapped, and he's unable to connect with his mother. But then, as his father is on his deathbed, the gym is raided by the police. David chooses to betray his friends in the hope of reaching his father for a last farewell. But it's too late. With his father dead and his mother grief-stricken, he's also forced to take responsibility for his brother on top of fighting off his former underworld friends. The crisis makes David realize what's truly important in his life: his family. He starts assuming responsibility for both his past and his future. By losing everything, David is given a chance to start over from scratch and rebuild his life.

Vampyr

GR2.106.333

Denmark. 1931. DVD format. 75 min. Directed by Carl Theodor Dreyer. German with English subtitles. Tells with extraordinary images the nightmarish story of a young man who unwittingly becomes involved with two sisters and their father, all victims of a vampire.

Wild Strawberries

SD2.026

Sweden. 1957. In color. 90 min. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. In Swedish with English subtitles. Victor Sjöström stars as the aged Stockholm professor who recollects his past experiences and becomes aware, for the first time, of his failings and shortcomings.

You the Living

SD2.042

Sweden 2009. DVD. Color. 95 min. In Swedish w/English subtitles. Directed by Björn Englund.