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Nordic Heritage Museum presents the 9th annual Nordic Lights Film Fest at SIFF

December 19, 2017 | Seattle, WA – On January 11, 2018, the Nordic Museum will open the 9th annual **Nordic Lights Film Festival (NLFF)**, hosted at the SIFF Film Center and the SIFF Cinema Uptown in Seattle's Lower Queen Anne neighborhood. NLFF offers an immersion into the world of Nordic films, focusing on contemporary, award-winning films from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, and Sápmi. Filmmakers from the Nordic countries will attend the festival. The event runs January 11 – 14.

The festival's opening night will feature the Swedish film *Borg vs. McEnroe*. This film will be screened at the SIFF Cinema Uptown; a reception hosted by SWEA will follow the film at the SIFF Film Center. The film takes place in the summer of 1980, when Björn Borg (played by Icelandic actor Sverrir Gudnason) is the top tennis player in the world, dominating the sport both on and off the court. There is only one obstacle in his pursuit of a record-breaking fifth Wimbledon championship: the highly talented but ferociously abrasive young American, John McEnroe (Shia LaBeouf).

The complete festival line-up includes critically acclaimed feature-length comedies and dramas, as well as shorts and documentaries. Among this year's films are *The Square* (Sweden), which premiered in Cannes, won the prestigious Palme d'Or in 2017, and was recently nominated for a 2018 Golden Globe; the Norwegian/Sami documentary *Arctic Superstar*, about an indigenous Sami rapper whose career dreams are stymied by his endangered language; Aki Kaurismäki's latest hit *The Other Side of Hope*; and the ever-popular Nordic shorts program.

A full schedule and description of the films is available at nordicmuseum.org/nlff, and festival passes and tickets for opening night are available at SIFF.net.



Film still from *The Day Will Come / Der kommer en dag*



Film still from *Arctic Superstar / Arktisk Superstjerne / Árkatalaš Supernásti*



Film still from *Borg vs. McEnroe*



Film still from *Unexpected Journey / Saattokeikka*



Film still from *Reykjavík*

About the Nordic Museum

With over 65,000 visitors annually, the Nordic Museum is a cultural treasure in the Pacific Northwest. It is the largest museum in the United States that represents the rich heritage of all five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. The Museum's mission is to share Nordic culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and objects, preserving collections, providing educational and cultural experiences and serving as a community gathering place. The Nordic Museum presents a wide range of vibrant programs including contemporary art exhibitions, outstanding concerts, lectures, and films and a variety of special events throughout the year.

The Nordic Museum is currently located at 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117 and is temporarily closed to make the transition to its new home on Market Street. It will reopen at 2655 NW Market Street, Seattle, 98107 on May 5, 2018.