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THE KINGDOM

EXODUS

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Running time:	295 minutes	Year of production:	2022
Screen ratio:	16:9	Sound:	5.1
Country of origin:	Denmark		

Starring:

Bodil Jørgensen, Mikael Persbrandt, Lars Mikkelsen, Nicolas Bro, Tuva Novotny, Nikolaj Lie Kaas, Ghita Nørby, Søren Pilmark, Birthe Neumann, Ida Engvoll, Birgitte Raaberg, Peter Mygind, Jesper Sørensen, Henning Jensen, Solbjørg Højfeldt, Laura Christensen, Udo Kier



THE KINGDOM EXODUS

With THE KINGDOM EXODUS, Lars von Trier continues and finishes his internationally acclaimed 1990s cult series classic: The ghost story about the hospital built on top of the old bleaching ponds in Copenhagen, where evil has taken roots and the medical science faces a daily struggle with itself, where the Swedes curse the Danes, and the mysterious and inexplicable blend together in a mixture of horror and humour. The third and final season was already outlined in the 1990s, but was not realized – until now.

The Zentropa-produced series will world premiere in Venice within the section 'Out of Competition' for which a special cut has been prepared, enabling the series to be screened as a five-hour-long film version.

THE KINGDOM EXODUS will star an exciting range of characters from the earlier seasons and new cast members. The cast comprises acclaimed Danish actress Bodil Jørgensen (THE IDIOTS, 1998), internationally acknowledged actor Mikael Persbrandt (SEX EDUCATION; 2019-21; THE HOBBIT, 2013-14), Emmy Award-winning actor Lars Mikkelsen (DEVILS, 2020-22; THE WITCHER, 2019-21; HOUSE OF CARDS 2015-18), Nikolaj Lie Kaas (RIDERS OF JUSTICE, 2020), and Tuva Novotny (BLINDSPOT, 2018) together with David Dencik (NO TIME TO DIE, 2021; CHERNOBYL, 2019) and Primetime Emmy Award-winning Alexander Skarsgård (SUCCESSION, 2021; BIG LITTLE LIES, 2017-19) who will guest star in the series.

Other Danish heavyweights include Ghita Nørby, Nicolas Bro, Søren Pilmark, Peter Mygind and Laura Christensen, as well as German prolific actor Udo Kier.

Lars von Triers "THE KINGDOM EXODUS" is presented by Viaplay Group and DR. Produced by Zentropa Entertainments, in co-production with Film i Väst, Zentropa Sweden, Ginger Pictures, with support from Nordisk Film & TV Fond, co-produced with support from BNP Paribas Fortis Film Finance, developed with The Support of the Creative Europe Media Programme of The European Union. International sales by TrustNordisk.



Bodil Jørgensen as *Karen*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs



Mikael Persbrandt as *Helmer Jr.* Photo by Zentropa/Henrik Ohsten.



SYNOPSIS

Sleepwalker, Karen, is summoned to the Kingdom by a mysterious voice appearing to her in a nightmare, pleading for help. At the hospital, she comes across old friends of the Kingdom as well as new members of staff. To exorcise the evil spirits once and for all, Karen joins forces with the hospital porter, Bulder, and the heart surgeon, Judith – but satanic forces fight back.

The Swedish chief physician, Dr Helmer Jr, has recently obtained a position at the Kingdom. But his medical calling is far from his main priority as he hides a secret agenda that involves finding out what really happened to his late father, Stig Helmer.

Hospital director, Bob, suffers terribly from feelings of inferiority and struggles alternately between solving games of solitaire on his computer and optimising the hospital's finances. Meanwhile, senior consultant, Dr Pontoppidan, does his best to avoid both patients and members of staff with their difficult questions and numerous demands.

We also come across Rigmor, who is now a patient at the Kingdom, Dr Krogshøj, who still walks around in an evil, trancelike state, a special group of anonymous Swedes, as well the surgeon, Dr Naver, who struggles to control his anger. It would appear everything is as it's always been and yet nothing is the same. Be prepared to take the good with the evil.



Bodil Jørgensen as *Karen*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs



Danica Curcic as *doctor*, Mikael Persbrandt as *Helmer Jr.* and Nikolaj Lie Kaas as *Naver*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs.



DIRECTORS STATEMENT

Borders come in many forms; they may be lines drawn with rulers on white paper (often invisible to whoever chances to visit the actual geographical locations). The lines of the borders may be illustrative, if not to say quite fictitious and downright mean; they may be drawn in a soft, red color, practically invisible, and perhaps even as a dotted line, almost as if indicating an apology or even - shame.

Nevertheless, the lines hang there in inconceivable numbers, and together they constitute those 'territories' that the inhabitants are strong enough to defend. Entering and leaving often entail violence, for, of course, any visitor is expected to return after ending his or her business.

On Earth, "the Machine that makes everything go round (all life, that is)" is dependent on the conflicts which the lines provoke, as if by design.

Whether Exodus actually means "entering" or "leaving" depends on the angle from which the border is observed, but the word simply describes a large number of individuals crossing a pencil-drawn line together.

Why?..... There is an imbalance between good and evil! The limit has been reached, at least at the Kingdom.... But I cannot testify that it will be easy and bloodless to pick the seven astral locks of the world simultaneously with doctor's blood.

Lars von Trier
December 2020



Birthe Neumann as *Mrs Svendsen*, Nicolas Bro as *Bulder*, Nikolaj Lie Kaas as *Naver*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs



Jesper Sørensen as *Dishwasher*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs.



DIRECTORS FILMOGRAPHY

Lars von Trier (born 1956)

Lars von Trier is the co-founder of the Danish production company Zentropa as well as one of the founders of the Danish Dogma movement in the 1990s.

Lars von Trier's films have won prizes worldwide. These include many of the major awards at Cannes Film Festival; The Palme d'Or for DANCER IN THE DARK, the Grand Prix du Jury for BREAKING THE WAVES, the Best Actress award for Charlotte Gainsbourg's performance in ANTICHRIST, as well as the Best Actress award for Kirsten Dunst's performance in MELANCHOLIA.

Director's filmography

2022	Riget Exodus / The Kingdom Exodus
2018	The House That Jack Built
2013	Nymphomaniac
2011	Melancholia
2009	Antichrist
2007	Occupations (short subject)
2006	Direktøren for det hele / The Boss of It All
2005	Manderlay
2003	Dogville
2003	De fem benspænd / The Five Obstructions
2001	D-Dag / D-Day
2000	Dancer in the Dark
1998	Idioterne / The Idiots
1997	Riget II / The Kingdom II
1996	Breaking the Waves
1994	Riget / The Kingdom
1994	Lærerværelset / The Teacher's Room
1991	Europa
1988	Medea
1987	Epidemic
1984	Forbrydelsens Element / The Element of Crime
1982	Befrielsesbilleder / Images of Relief
1981	Den sidste detalje / The Last Detail
1980	Nocturne
1979	Menthe – la Bienheureuse
1977	Orchidégartneren / The Orchid Gardener



PRODUCERS FILMOGRAPHY

Louise Vesth (born 1973)

Louise Vesth is considered one of Denmark's leading film producers. She holds a bachelor in business economics, and graduated as producer from The National Film School of Denmark in 2001, the same year she started working for Zentropa.

Vesth has been the producer of Lars von Trier's three most recent feature films as well as the third and final season – *Exodus* – of his 1990's cult series *The Kingdom*. Besides von Trier, Vesth has also produced feature films by internationally acclaimed directors such as Nikolaj Arcel, Hans Petter Moland and Christoffer Boe among others. Vesth is the producer behind five of the biggest Danish box office hits of the last decade, which each sold more than 700,000 tickets in Denmark alone – in a country of just 5.8 million people.

Producer's filmography

2023	Kongens Land / Kings Land (<i>working title - in pre-production</i>) (Nikolaj Arcel)
2023	Agent (TV series, 8 episodes) (<i>in post-production</i>) (Nikolaj Lie Kaas)
2022	Riget Exodus / The Kingdom Exodus (TV-series, 5 episodes) (Lars von Trier)
2020	Smagen af Sult / A Taste of Hunger (Mr. Boe)
2018	Journal 64 / The Purity of Vengeance (Mr. Boe)
2018	The House That Jack Built (Lars von Trier)
2017	Du Forsvinder / You Disappear (Peter Schønau Fog)
2016	Der Kommer En Dag / A Day Will Come (Jesper W. Nielsen)
2016	Flaskepost fra P / Conspiracy of Faith (Hans Petter Moland)
2014	Fasandræberne / The Absent One (Mikkel Nørgaard)
2014	Lev Stærkt / On the Edge (Christian E. Christiansen)
2014	Nymphomaniac (Lars von Trier)
2013	Kvinden i Buret / The Keeper of Lost Causes (Mikkel Nørgaard)
2012	The Secret Society of Fine Arts (Anders Rønnow Klarlund)
2012	En Kongelig Affære / A Royal Affair (Nikolaj Arcel)
2011	Melancholia (Lars von Trier)
2011	ID:A (Christian E. Christiansen)
2010	Klovn the Movie / Clown (Mikkel Nørgaard)
2010	Sandheden om Mænd / Truth About Men (Nikolaj Arcel)
2009	Zoomerne / Zoomers (Christian E. Christiansen)
2008	Dig og Mig / Crying for Love (Christian E. Christiansen)
2007	Mikkel og Guldkortet / I Wish (TV-series, 24 episodes) (Christian E. Christiansen)
2006	Hvordan vi slipper af med de andre / How to Get Rid of the Others (Anders Rønnow Klarlund)
2006	Råzone / Life Hits (Christian E. Christiansen)
2004-2008	Klovn / Clown (TV-series, 60 episodes) (Mikkel Nørgaard)
2003	2 ryk og en aflevering / Kick 'n Rush (Aage Rais-Nordentoft)
2002	Kald mig bare Aksel / Wallah Be (Pia Bovin)



Mikael Persbrandt as *Helmer Jr.*, Alexander Skarsgård as *Swedish Lawyer*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs



Birgitte Raaberg as *Judith*, Nicolas Bro as *Bulder*, Bodil Jørgensen as *Karen*, Lars Mikkelsen as *Pontopidan*. Photo by Zentropa/Henrik Ohsten.



CAST

Bodil Jørgensen – KAREN

Acclaimed danish actress Bodil Jørgensen will take on one of the leading roles as the sleepwalker Karen. Jørgensen also played the lead role in Lars von Trier's Dogme 95 film THE IDIOTS (1998) and is known for THE GREEN BUTCHERS (2003) and Susanne Bier's Oscar-winning feature IN A BETTER WORLD (2010), to name a few.

Mikael Persbrandt – HELMER JR.

The major Swedish celebrity Mikael Persbrandt (SEX EDUCATION, 2019-21; THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB, 2018; THE HOBBIT, 2013-2014; IN A BETTER WORLD, 2010) is back in Denmark to star in THE KINGDOM EXODUS as chief physician Helmer Jr, the son of the former legendary and notorious Danish-hating Swedish chief physician Stig Helmer.

Lars Mikkelsen – PONTOPIDAN

For more than 25 years, Lars Mikkelsen has captivated the Danish audience with roles in film, TV and in theatres, including his memorable contribution in the films HEADHUNTER (2009) and THE DAY WILL COME (2016) as well as drama series THE SPIDER (2000), THE KILLING (2007) and 1864 (2014).

In recent years, he has established quite an impressive international career with roles in major drama series such as HOUSE OF CARDS (2015-2018), THE WITCHER (2019) and DEVILS (2020).

Nicolas Bro – BULDER

Nicolas Bro (RIDERS OF JUSTICE, 2020; A TASTE OF HUNGER, 2021) is new to the cast and will play the role as the hospital porter Balder. At the hospital they call him Bulder, named after the character Bulder from the first two seasons.

Tuva Novotny – ANNA

San Sebastian Silver Seashell-winning actress Tuva Novotny (BLINDSPOT, 2018, ANNIHILATION, 2018; A WAR, 2016) play the role as the physician Anna in charge of supervising her colleagues and making sure that everything goes according to plan.

Nikolaj Lie Kaas – NAVER

Cast as the burnt out doctor Naver, Nikolaj Lie Kaas is reuniting with Lars von Trier for the first time since THE IDIOTS (1998). Since then, he has become one of Denmark's biggest stars with leads in a long line of both critically acclaimed films and audience favourites. Among these are the four popular Department Q titles, THE PURITY OF VENGEANCE (2018), A CONSPIRACY OF FAITH (2016), THE ABSENT ONE (2014) and THE KEEPER OF LOST CAUSES (2013), director Anders Thomas Jensen's latest success RIDERS OF JUSTICE (2020), as well as BROTHERS (2004) and OPEN HEARTS (2002) by Susanne Bier.



CREW

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Director of Photography	Manuel Alberto Claro, DFF
Production designer	Simone Grau Roney
Visual Effects supervisor	Peter Hjorth
Editors	Jacob Schulsinger My Thordal Olivier Bugge Coutté
Sound designer	Eddie Simonsen
Composer	Joachim Holbek
Costume designer	Manon Rasmussen
Make-Up & Hair designer	Kamilla Bjerglind
1 st AD	Joakim Höglund
Line producer	Maj-Britt Paulmann Dalsgaard
Post & VFX producer	Line Plougsbæk
Post coordinator	Cecilie Rui



Tuva Novotny as *Anna*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs



Lars Mikkelsen as *Pontopidan*. Photo by Zentropa/Christian Geisnæs.



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