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Søren Solkær Starbird

Søren Solkær Starbird is a Danish photographer whose reputation has risen to astronomical heights in the world of international photography. His portraits, ranging from deep and intimate studies to large format cinematic scenes shot in mind-blowing locations, have been featured in the world's leading magazines for which Søren Solkær Starbird also has worked: Q, GQ, Arena, Rolling Stone and Wallpaper. Søren's work includes portraits of Amy Winehouse, Arctic Monkeys, Lily Allen, Franz Ferdinand, Kaiser Chiefs, The White Stripes and The Killers, together with established music icons such as U2, Oasis, Robert Plant, Metallica, Damon Albarn, Patti Smith, PJ Harvey, Bjørk and Paul McCartney.



The exhibition opens 1 March and continues until 26 April. Søren will be present at the opening and introduce his work. The exhibition is on show at the Danish Cultural Institute, 3 Doune Terrace, Edinburgh - opening hours are Monday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm.

For further information, please contact Mette Fruergaard by email: event@dancult.co.uk or phone: 0131 225 7189.

Glass Sculptures by Steffen Dam

Like re-animated sea creatures, these animals look strangely alive, bubbling in their specimen bottles. They are the work of Danish glass sculptor Steffen Dam. Steffen does not claim his works to be perfect scientific reproductions. But they are technically and aesthetically fascinating all the same.



Steffen's mini exhibition is located at level 3, next to the information area, at the newly refurbished National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, in a show case marked 'NEW FOR YOU'.

Round table discussion with Nordic Horizons

Nordic Horizons is a Scottish based community of interest which explores the Scandinavian model in all aspects of social life and policy. The success of the Nordic nations seems tied to their systems of small and powerful municipal government. Join the round table discussion on whether McKommunes' might help to create a similarly successful society here and reverse the trend towards merger and centralisation.



With guest speakers Rob Gibson MSP (SNP, Caithness, Sutherland & Ross), Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour, Lothian; Local Government Spokesperson), Eberhard 'Paddy' Bort, Academic Coordinator of the Institute of Governance at Edinburgh University and Professor Mike Danson, Reader in Economics and Management at the University of the West of Scotland. Round table discussion follows.

The event takes place on Tuesday 7 February at 6pm in Committee Room 1 at the Scottish Parliament. Please note that for reasons of Parliamentary security you must register if you wish to attend this event. Please email nordichorizons@hotmail.co.uk. For further information see: www.nordichorizons.org.

The Copenhagen Girls' Choir

The Copenhagen Girls' Choir rates amongst the best of its kind in Denmark and has a broad repertoire with special focus on new music and popular music.



The theme for this particular concert is Dreams & Landscapes - 21st Century Danish Choir Music. Works are Danish and English folk songs and by Bo Holten, Uffe Englund, Maj-Britt Kramer.

The choir is performing in St Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Edinburgh on Thursday 22 March 7.30pm to 9pm. Admission is free, but booking is essential. Book your tickets at The Danish Cultural Institute, 3 Doune Terrace, Edinburgh. Email: event@dancult.co.uk or phone: 0131 225 7189.

Tako Lako

Tako Lako is a Balkan band from Copenhagen, who is about to release their first album. Their style mixes up classic Balkan lyrics and songs with modern day instruments and lends from rock, punk and r'n'b in what is one of the most charismatic live acts on the Danish, Balkan and punk scene.



The first of two concerts will be held on Friday 16 March in Studio 24, 24 Calton Road, Edinburgh. Booking: 0131 558 3758.

The second concert will be held on Saturday 17 March in Chambre 69, 69 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow. Booking: bookings@chambre-69.com.

The Royal Scottish National Orchestra – Romantic Valentine's

A bouquet of romantic classics, wrapped in the luxurious sound of a full symphony orchestra and delivered with love by the Danish conductor Christian Kluxen. There's operatic passion from Puccini and Strauss, Gallic glamour from Maurice Ravel, and – at the heart of it all – Mozart's exquisite 21st Piano Concerto: probably the most romantic music Amadeus ever wrote, performed by American star Simone Dinnerstein.



The concert takes place in Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh on Friday 10 February at 7.30pm. There will be a pre-concert talk at 6.45pm with Duncan Swindells (RSNO Principal Bass Clarinet). Box office: 0131 228 1155.

Kim Larsen & Kjukken

Danish YWCA & The Danish Church in London present Kim Larsen & Kjukken.



After a small tour of Denmark the band comes to London for their third visit to O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire.

The concert will include songs from Kim Larsen's 40-year career mixed with new songs. In 1969 Larsen met Franz Beckerlee and Wili Jønsson and the three founded Gasolin which later, joined by drummer Søren Berley, became one of the most successful Danish rock bands. In 1986, Larsen founded the band *Kim Larsen & Bellami* and released four albums. In 1995 he found new success with his new band, *Kim Larsen & Kjukken* and the Swedish producer Max Lorentz. Larsen remains a top concert draw and continues to be very popular.

The concert takes place on Saturday 17 March at 7pm at O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire, Shepherd's Bush Green, London. Tickets cost £28.00-£55.00 and can be

Papay Gyro Nights 2012

Papay Gyro Nights Art Festival is a festival with experimental film and video art, visual art, music, architecture, storytelling and bonfire. The festival is located on Papa Westray, one of the Orkney Islands.



This year several artists from Denmark and the Faroe Islands are attending: Natalie Price-Hafslund, Leonora Aunstrup, Rannvá Káradóttir, Marianna Mørkøre, Mie Olise, André V Larsen and Kaspar Astrup Schröder. The festival is supported by The Danish Cultural Institute.

The festival runs from 6 to 13 February. For further information, visit their website

Film: The King is Alive

Filmhouse in Edinburgh shows this second feature by Dogme co-founder Kristian Levring. The film is a cerebral yet unflinchingly passionate meditation on the incongruities of human nature. Eleven tourists are travelling by bus through the barren North African desert. Hopelessly lost, they eventually find themselves stranded in an abandoned mining town.

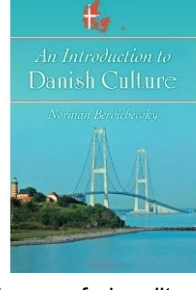


The cast: Miles Anderson, Romane Bohringer, David Bradley, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Bruce Davidson. The film is English and French with English subtitles.

The showing is on Wednesday 8 March at 6pm in Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh. Book online: www.filmhousecinema.com or phone: 0131 228 2688.

Book: An Introduction to Danish Culture

Dr. Norman Berdichevsky's book presents a balanced portrait of Denmark, its people and their culture and the outstanding contributions made to Danish society by the country's tiny Jewish community. For many non-Danish citizens of the world, Denmark remains an enigma. Too often confused with other Scandinavian countries, this southernmost Nordic nation has been characterized by stereotypes and clichés related to socialism, cradle-to-grave security, football and Hamlet. The book details Denmark's substantial contributions to science, engineering, exploration, seafaring, literature, philosophy, music, architecture, and many other fields. Brief portraits depict well-known Danes, including "Clown Prince of Denmark" Victor Borge, Hans Christian Andersen, Kierkegaard, and Out of Africa author Karen Blixen.



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