

## ◆ MOVIES SHOT IN CZECHIA

Danish TV series and movie “1864” has been shot in the outskirts of Prague during spring/summer 2013. The drama is about the battle at Dybbøl in Southern Jutland where Denmark lost 5,000 soldiers and a third of the kingdom – Slesvig and Holsten – to the Germans.



“A Royal Affair” is the dramatic love story about Queen Caroline Mathilde and Johann Struensee, physician to the mad King Christian VII of Denmark. Set in rural Denmark, a large part of the production was shot in The Czech Republic. The film stars Mads Mikkelsen as the German physician, who – as the king’s advisor and the queen’s lover – became the unofficial regent of Denmark 1770-1772. The film was nominated for both an Oscar and Golden Globe in 2012.

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## ◆ THE GOLDEN AGE OF DANISH SILENT MOVIES

1910-1920 is known as the Golden Age of Danish Cinema. Back then, Nordisk Film in Denmark started to produce its first full length feature films – as the first film company in Europe. These silent movies were highly popular in Europe, especially due to the starlet Asta Nielsen. She starred in “The Ballet Dancer” in 1911 (photo). Later she moved to Germany and



## ◆ WHAT IS DANISH DOGME?

Hand-held cameras. No stage lighting. No music or sound produced separate from the shooting. Just the story and the actors. That’s the idea behind Dogme95, a way of making movies developed by a group of Danish directors in the 1990s.



*“The Celebration” by Thomas Vinterberg*



*Lars Von Trier*

One of directors, Thomas Vinterberg, made the first dogmefilm “**The Celebration**” in 1998. It’s set at a birthday party, where the son’s speech to his father reveals all the dirty family secrets. It won the Special Prize of the Jury at Cannes Film Festival the same year. Lars von Trier, director and screenwriter, is also a co-founder of the Dogme concept

One of his best known movies is “Dancer in the Dark” from 2000 which won a Palme D’Or, and is starring the Icelandic singer Björk as a Czech immigrant in America. Lars Von trier has won more than a 100 awards for his movies that are usually dealing with existential, social and political issues and is a founder and shareholder of the international movie production company, Zentropa Films.

## ◆ DANES IN HOLLYWOOD



Nikolaj Coster Waldau. Best known as Jaime Lanister in Game of Thrones.



Viggo Mortensen. Best known for his role as Aragorn in Lord of the Rings



Mads Mikkelsen. Best known for his role as the villain Le Chiffre in Casino Royale



Connie Nielsen. Top movies are Gladiator and Wonder Woman.

## ◆ THE OSCAR GOES TO: 3 DANISH WINNERS

11 Danish movies have been nominated for an Academy Award, and 3 movies have won in the category Best Foreign Language Film. The first was “Babettes Feast” (1987), based on a story by Danish author Karen Blixen.

The second was “Pelle the Conqueror” the following year. In 2010, director Susanne Bier’s “In a Better World” won the award. It was the first time in more than two decades for a Danish movie to win an Oscar.

