



## WELCOME TO NORWAY!

### WORLD CINEMA

Norway 2016 • 90 min

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**Director/Screenwriter** Rune Denstad Langlo **Producer** Magnus Ramsdalen  
**Cinematographer** Philip Øgaard **Editor** Vidar Flataukan **Cast** Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Slimane Dazi, Henriette Steenstrup, Olivier Mukata **Print Source** Norwegian Film Institute

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*In Norwegian, English, Arabic, Swahili, and French with English subtitles* In the far reaches of northern Norway, Primus's ski rental has gone downhill, the snowmobile safaris crashed, and his Hotel Norø is crumbling—so what does a cash-strapped entrepreneur try next to show his family he's not a failure? A refugee center, of course! But when the mercenary dreams of this endearing loser (or "putain Viking" to some) meet the stark realities of housing, feeding, and educating 50 people who've fled war-torn countries, will the refuge prove to be a wintry idyll or Nordic Guantánamo? This black comedy set against snowy white shades is a UN of fascinating characters: Abedi's Ethiopian polyglot and heart of the story (remarkable newcomer Olivier Mukuta, a real-life asylum-seeker), sardonic Algerian electrical engineer Zoran (Slimane Dazi of *A Prophet*), a despairing Arab teen (Elisar Sayegh), and actual Syrian refugees cast as extras. *Welcome to Norway!* cleverly balances the optimism and sarcasm contained in that simple exclamation mark.

—Lucy Laird

Wed Oct 12 6:00pm Larkspur

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