

▶ CULTURE

# The stars of the Nordic International Film Festival wore nothing but vintage on the red carpet

By Clare McInerney  
November 28, 2022



Since the advent of cinema, fashion and film have remained firmly hand-in-hand. Now, the Nordic International Film Festival steers us towards the future with sustainable styling on the red carpet. Discover the exclusive portraits and behind-the-scenes video here



In its eighth year, the Nordic International Film Festival (NIFF) is a key fixture amongst New York's cultural calendar, known for bringing together the brightest and best Scandinavian talent across independent cinema. This year was no exception, with screenings and proceedings taking place across the legendary Hotel Chelsea, Fotografiska and Scandinavia House, seeing Danish director Sanne This recognised as Best Director for *An Eternity of You and Me*, and Oscar-nominated Icelandic feature *Beautiful Beings* taking the Best Nordic Feature gong, amongst others.

The festival's Swedish-born, New York-based founder and president, Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela established the festival to create something that "honoured and celebrated the filmmakers and their art," she says. "In the vision of creating a high-end festival we knew we needed an edge, and as Nordic filmmakers we had an ace up our sleeve. We knew that our home region was full of talent that needed more opportunities to showcase internationally – so we decided to create that platform."

As well as creating opportunities for Scandinavian talent, NIFF has, for many years, been climate conscious. "We were the first festival in the world to fully carbon compensate for the filmmakers who fly in, and we are completely plant-based," Larsdotter Mikkela tells me. But this year, NIFF took things up a notch with a deliberate vintage fashion focus – in direct response to Larsdotter Mikkela's own uneasiness with how she was often styled in one-wear outfits for the red carpet.



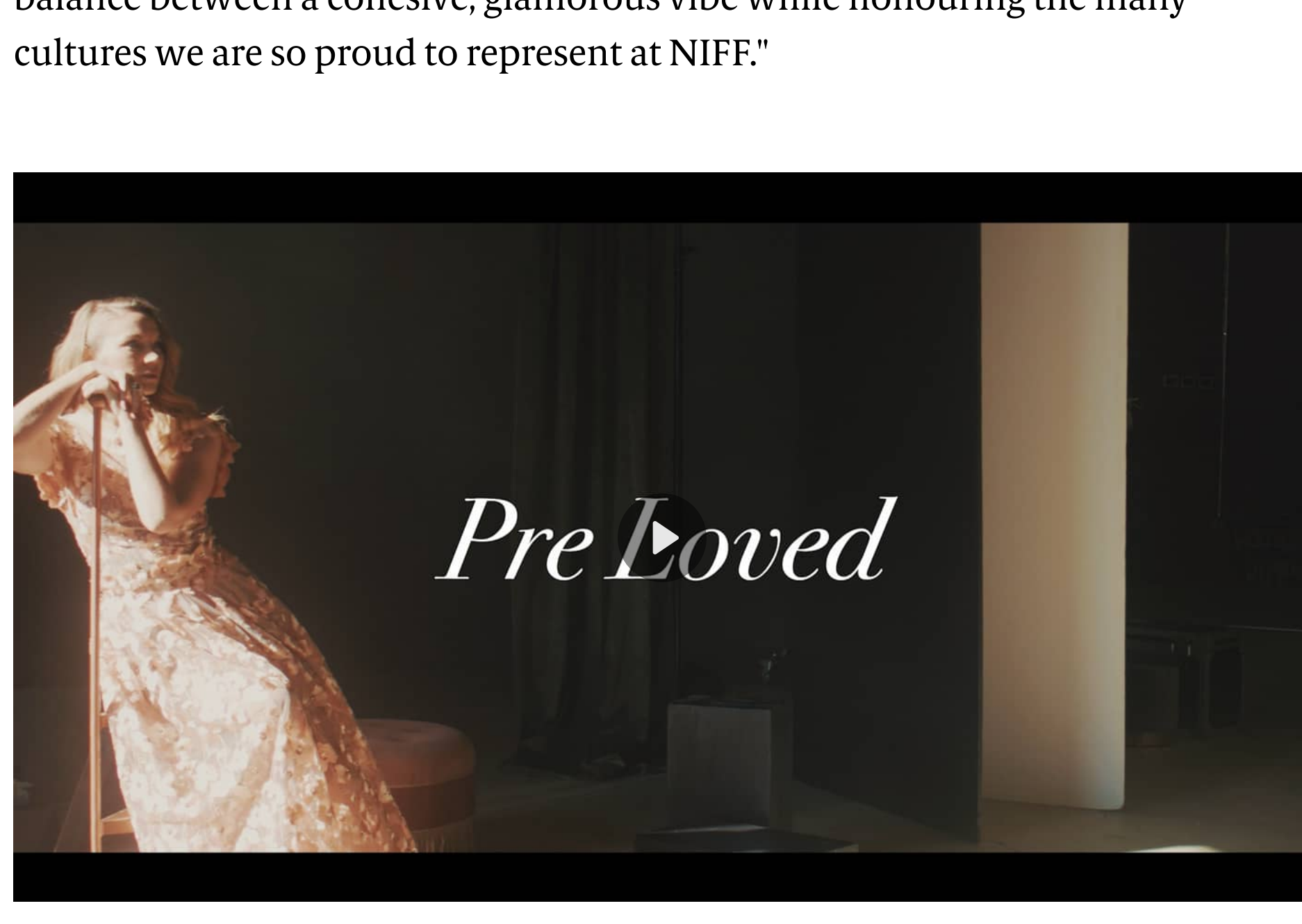
Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela, NIFF founder and president wears: Dress, Vintage Victor de Souza. . .



Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela, NIFF founder and president, wears: Dress, Vintage Natalie Como. . .

Cue NIFF's Director of Operations & Couture, Delia Grace, whose styling abilities became integral part of the sustainable fashion goal, including a dedicated photoshoot of the Nordic filmmakers and VIPs, aptly named 'För Älskad'. "We wanted the photoshoot to showcase how beautiful vintage, pre-loved fashion can be without sacrificing the glamour of couture," says Grace. "The vintage designer gems were sourced by Grace at various stores and second-hand sites, with some pre-loved couture gowns borrowed from showrooms in New York."

"I also wanted to make sure, since we showcase the work of filmmakers from around the world, that my styling reflected and respected those cultures," Grace goes on, "one of our filmmakers brought shoes that belonged to her grandmother and wore a skirt of her mother's, for example. I strove to find the balance between a cohesive, glamorous vibe while honouring the many cultures we are so proud to represent at NIFF."



With renowned photographer Jason Leiva on board, the 'För Älskad' photoshoot took place at Seret Studios in Greenpoint, with the sustainability focus stretching far beyond the garments. The production incorporated all vegan makeup and haircare, the latter supplied by Swedish brand Maria Nila. All food was plant-based, with leftovers provided to One Love Community Fridges, and NIFF's presenting partner Volvo supplied the heritage P1800 Volvo.

Discover the full 'För Älskad' photoshoot below, as the most exciting Nordic talent, guests and VIPs paused for their portraits in pre-loved designer treasures at this year's Nordic International Film Festival: showcasing the magic that happens when old Hollywood meets a sustainable future.

## NIFF x Vogue Scandinavia

Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela, NIFF founder and president, wears: Embellished dress, Vintage Marc Bouer. Ring and earrings, Vintage Swarovski. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela, NIFF founder and president, wears: Embellished dress, Vintage Marc Bouer. Ring and earrings, Vintage Swarovski. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Elle Kunnos de Voss, board member, wears: Tuxedo cape, Vintage Oscar de la Renta. Shirt, Vintage Pierre Cardin. Leather gloves, 1981 Glove Factory. Leather boots, Costume National. Ingrid Rudefors, board member, wears: Dress, Vintage Texas Thrift. Jacket and shoes, both vintage, Dawn Reinholtz, board member, wears: Second-hand faux fur stole, Necklace, Vintage Chanel. Patent leather shoes, Vintage Christian Louboutin. Emon Maasho, board member, wears: J Harvest & Frost. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Jason Leiva

Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela, NIFF founder and president wears: Dress, Vintage Victor de Souza. .

Virgin Miri, wears: Jacket and Trousers. Both vintage Prada. Lace-up shoes, Vintage Balenciaga. .

Rebster, jury member, wears: Vintage Prada. Photo: Jason Leiva

Virgin Miri, wears: Jacket and Trousers. Both vintage Prada. Lace-up shoes, Vintage Balenciaga. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Jacob A Ware, jury member, wears: Embellished dress, Vintage Marc Bouer. Ring and earrings, Vintage Swarovski. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Jacob A Ware, jury member, wears: Trousers, Vintage Tom Ford. Suede Jacket, Vintage Hugo Boss. Photo: Jason Leiva

Christiane Seidel, head of jury, wears: Lace and tulle dress, Vintage Victor de Souza. Photo: Jason Leiva

Sanne This, director, wears: Printed dress, Vintage Lisa Jacobsen. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Tine Soneby Wäneland, actor, wears: Dress, Vintage Dolce & Gabbana. Patent leather heels. Second-hand Steve Madden. Fur jacket. Second-hand. Photo: Jason Leiva

Zyna Reyseland, director, wears: Sequin dress, Second-hand Free People. Bag, Vintage Ferré. Ola Reyseland, director, wears: Swastar. Vintage, Trousers, Second-hand Yoko. David Peter, director, wears: All pre-loved, Alfred Harald Hedbratt, director, wears: Suit, Second-hand Riley. Shirt, Second-hand J.B.J. Giela Swarting, writer, producer and actor, wears: Top, Vintage, Skirt, Second-hand Tiger of Sweden, Shoes, Vintage, Tine Soneby Wäneland, actor, wears: As above, Joakim Thorn, director, wears: All vintage, Sanne This, actor, wears: As above, Matthew Tyler, director, wears: All vintage, Tetsuya Uesugi, director, wears: Suit, Vintage Lemaire. . Photo: Jason Leiva

Giela Swarting, writer, producer and actor wears: Top, Vintage, Skirt, Second-hand Tiger of Sweden. Shoes, Vintage. Photo: Jason Leiva

Linnea Larsdotter Mikkela, NIFF founder and president, wears: Dress, Vintage Natalie Como. . Photo: Jason Leiva

TV & FILM NORDIC INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL INTERVIEW



Advertisement

## Secure your cap with a 1 year magazine subscription.

BUY NOW

### VOGUE RECOMMENDS

**Tove Lo's Tender Heart**

CULTURE / DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION  
By Alessandra Codrina

BUY NOW SEK 199

**The unknown love affair between Armani and the Venice Biennale**

By Esteban G Villanueva

**Alessandra Ambrosio casually watches the World Cup 2022 in Stine Goya**

FASHION  
By Vogue Scandinavia

### Sign up to our newsletter

Be the first to get the latest news about Scandinavian fashion, design and culture

Email Address... SIGN UP

Will be used in accordance with our privacy policy

More from Vogue scandinavia

**Tove Lo's Tender Heart**

CULTURE / DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION  
By Alessandra Codrina

BUY NOW SEK 199

**The unknown love affair between Armani and the Venice Biennale**

By Esteban G Villanueva

**Alessandra Ambrosio casually watches the World Cup 2022 in Stine Goya**

FASHION  
By Vogue Scandinavia

**Gift guide: The homebody**

SHOPPING  
By Greta Westman

**Young Royals St Saint Lucia**

**Instagram is obsessed with this Scandi brand's chunky heart necklace – and you will be too**

By Lisa Hasselgård-Rowe

**Everything you need to know about St Lucia's Day**

By Lisa Hasselgård-Rowe

**Runes**

**Lily in Scandinavia Season 3: Lily Collins graces Scandi soil for yet another Nordic adventure**

LIFESTYLE  
By Lisa Hasselgård-Rowe

**Everything we know about the royal fashion at this year's Nobel Prize ceremony**

ROYALS  
By Claire McInerney

**How to get rid of dark circles like a pro**

BEAUTY / DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION  
By Fiona Embleton

**6 runway-approved ways to make your summer staples work harder in winter**

By Lisa Hasselgård-Rowe

**Feast the eyes: 10 of the most beautiful Scandinavian movies ever made**

CULTURE  
By Sophie Axon