

a film by Bent Hamer

Home for Christmas



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Synopsis

In a small Norwegian town on Christmas Eve, several people struggle to make it home through the snow beneath the colorful Northern Lights. An eclectic mix of townsfolk cross paths in several interwoven stories of humour and tragedy, tenderness and desperation, forgiveness and hope, birth and death.



Main Cast

Goran *Arianit Berisha*
Anka *Sany Lesmeister*
Goran's Mother *Nadja Soukup*

Mother/Sniper *Nina Zanjani*
Father *Igor Necemer*

Paul *Trond Fausa Aurvåg*
Knut *Fridtjov Såheim*

Thomas *Morten Iseng Rishes*
Bintu *Sarah Bintu Sakor*
Bintu's Father *Issaka Sawadogo*

Simon *Joachim Calmeyer*
Jordan *Reidar Sørensen*

Karin *Nina Andresen-Borud*
Kristen *Tomas Norström*

Elise *Cecilie Mosli*
Johanne *Ingunn Beate Øyen*
Security Guard *Levi Henriksen*

Tone *Kristine Rui Slettebakken*
Hroar *Kyrre Haugen Sydness*
Turid *Aina Emilie Bækkevold*
Torbjørn *Marcus Eiel Fagervik*

(in order of appearance)



Director *Bent Hamer*
Screenplay *Bent Hamer*
Based on the book "Only Soft Presents Under the Tree" by *Levi Henriksen*

Director of Photography *John Christian Rosenlund (fnf)*
Production Designers *Eva Norén & Tim Pannen*
Editors *Pål Gengenbach (nfk) & Silje Norseth (nfk)*
Sound *Petter Fladeby*
Original Music *John Erik KAADA*
Costume Designer *Karen Fabritius Gram*
Makeup Artist *Therese Rødsand Gaarde*
Casting Director *Celine Engebriksen (Stella Casting)*
Stills Photographers *Jan Ung & John Christian Rosenlund*

Line Producer *Catho Bach Christensen*
Producer *Bent Hamer*
Executive Producers *Jeremy Thomas & Andrew Lowe*
Co-Producers *Christoph Friedel, Claudia Steffen & Jørgen Bergmark*

Commissioning Editor ZDF/ARTE *Meinolf Zurhorst*
Written, directed and produced by *Bent Hamer*

"Home for Christmas" written and performed by *Maria Mena* and *Martin Sjølie* (Sony/EMI). Mixed at *Wrongroom* (Oslo)

Main Crew

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Bent Hamer

Director, scriptwriter, producer and founder of the production company *BulBul Film*.

Bent Hamer was born in Sandefjord, Norway. He studied film theory and literature at Stockholms Universitet and Stockholms Filmskola.

His latest feature film, *Home for Christmas*, makes its world premiere at the 2010 Toronto Film Festival and its European premiere at the 2010 San Sebastian Film Festival.

O'Horten, had its international premiere at Un Certain Regard at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival. His other feature films *Factotum* (2005), *Kitchen Stories* (2003) and *Eggs* (1995) all participated in the Director's Fortnight in Cannes. Both *Eggs* and *Kitchen Stories* were awarded the International Film Critics Award (FIPRESCI).



Bent's films *O'Horten* and *Kitchen Stories* were both selected as Norway's official entries to the Academy Awards. His films have been distributed in more than 40 countries, and they have participated in numerous film festivals around the world, winning some 40 prizes.

FEATURE FILMS

2010 *Home for Christmas*
2008 *O'Horten*
2005 *Factotum*
2003 *Kitchen Stories*
1998 *Water easy reach*
1995 *Eggs*

Home for Christmas

2010 · Norway/Germany/Sweden · 85 minutes · 35mm · color · Cinemascope · Dolby Digital · in Norwegian, English, Serbian

Original Title: *Hjem til Jul*

Filmed on location in Östersund (Sweden), Stjørdal (Norway) and Duisburg (Germany).

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