

ANOTHER ROUND

Denmark (2020) 117 minutes

Director: Thomas Vinterberg

Cast: Mads Mikkelsen (Martin), Thomas Bo Larsen (Tommy),
Magnus Millang (Nikolaj), Lars Ranthe (Peter)



Screening 18th January 2023 at Swindon Arts Centre

Synopsis

Four high-school teachers consume alcohol on a daily basis to see how it affects their social and professional lives. A black comedy-drama film directed by Thomas Vinterberg, from a screenplay by Vinterberg and Tobias Lindholm. An international co-production between Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

Reviews



Martin and three close friends embark on a reckless experiment: to see if daytime drinking can help them become better versions of themselves – to learn to live again.

Vinterberg paints a sardonic portrait of a society torn between well-mannered mediocrity and “going completely bonkers” – a trait (along with sarcasm) that he believes the Danes share with the Brits ... *Another Round* reminds us of the unique blend of anarchic energy and technical precision that has defined Vinterberg’s best works. It’s a brilliantly ambiguous affair, woozy but precise, profound yet playful, confronting matters of life and death with equal vigour, while ultimately raising a toast to the redemptive power of cinema.

Mark Kermode, The Guardian

Made by Hollywood, this would have been a comedy. But in the hands of brilliant Danish director Thomas Vinterberg, it’s a more subtle tragedy and revelation. Mikkelsen is perhaps best known as a Bond villain, television’s Hannibal Lecter, and in a new role as Grindelwald in the *Fantastic Beasts* series.

But *Another Round* is a performance on another level. Unspoken agony hovers beneath the surface. Tears well up instead of joy during a caviar and champagne dinner, and the silence of Martin’s long marriage to Anika (Maria Bonnevie) feels like a shroud. Alcohol liberates — and also detonates.

Kate Muir, Daily Mail

Film Facts

- *Another Round* is dedicated to Ida, Vinterberg’s 19-year-old daughter, who died in a car crash just as production began and was due to take a small role in the film. The film was partially filmed in her classroom with her classmates.
- The film won an Oscar for Best International Feature Film and two BAFTAs for Best Film Not in the English Language and Best Leading Actor.
- Denmark has some of the highest rates of teenage drinking in the world; a World Health Organisation report released earlier in 2020 found that Danish 15-year-olds consumed alcohol at nearly double the European average.

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