

# Young adult series 'Boys' is Viaplay's latest Danish Original

- 'Boys' created and directed by 27-year-old Jonas Risvig
- Eight-part drama produced by REinvent Studios
- Viaplay to premiere at least 60 Originals in 2022

**The award-winning 27-year-old director Jonas Risvig will create and direct Viaplay's next Danish Original, the young adult (YA) drama 'Boys'. Based on Risvig's own experiences of growing up in a small Danish town, 'Boys' explores themes of friendship, transgression and what it means to be caught between opposing worlds. The eight-part series stars an ensemble cast of upcoming Danish screen talents and will premiere exclusively on Viaplay in 2022.**

Every Sunday morning, 10 young men in Silkeborg gather to sing in a church choir. Over the years, the group have formed a close bond, and after the bells fall silent, they meet to push their limits and test the forbidden pleasures of adult life. But when one of the boys drowns under mysterious circumstances, their unity and loyalty are put to the ultimate test.

Jonas Risvig's 2019 short film 'We Are All Leaving' received the Publikum prize and two further nominations at Denmark's Ekko Shortlist Awards, and his recent young adult shows 'Grænser' and 'Centrum' have received broad acclaim from viewers and critics.

Jonas Risvig: "It's exciting to create such a dramatic and relevant series in the town where I grew up. I think most people can identify with being part of a group where you go a little further than in other places, and which helps define the person you end up becoming – for better or worse."

Filippa Wallestam, NENT Group Chief Content Officer: "Our latest YA series plays on contrasts – guilt and innocence, light and darkness, and above all childhood and maturity. Jonas is part of a new generation of talented Nordic filmmakers showing the complexity of growing up today. Viaplay's YA shows are some of our most successful in any genre, and we support voices of all ages in telling stories that are both recognisable and challenging."

'Boys' (Danish title: 'Drenge') features both debuting and established names such as Viktor Hjelmsø, Sylvester Byder ('Erna at War'), Karoline Hamm ('Equinox'), Dar Salim ('Face to Face') and Julie Christiansen ('While We Live').

The series is produced by REinvent Studios with Rikke Ennis as executive producer and Sofie Siboni as producer, and is written by Mikkel Sørensen and Lars Bang. Filming has recently

completed in Silkeborg. The production has received funding from Den Vestdanske Filmpulje.

Viaplay's previous YA series include the Swedish 2021 Kristallen winner 'Thunder in My Heart', created by Amy Deasismont, and the Norwegian short-form drama 'Delete Me'.

### About Viaplay Originals

At least 60 Viaplay Originals are set to premiere in 2022. In the past three months, ['The Prize of Silence'](#); ['The Box'](#); ['Kin'](#); 'The Trick'; 'Sort Of'; ['Red Election'](#); ['Suedi'](#); ['Furia'](#); season two of ['The Truth Will Out'](#); and ['Close to Me'](#) have premiered on Viaplay.

Recently announced Originals include ['The Dreamer – Becoming Karen Blixen'](#); ['Fenris'](#); ['Gold Run'](#); ['Billy the Kid'](#); ['Last Light'](#); ['Cell 8'](#); ['Elvira'](#); ['North Sea Connection'](#); ['Limbo'](#); ['Litvinenko'](#); ['Karma and Jonar'](#); ['Ronja'](#); ['Ida Takes Charge'](#); season two of ['The Machinery'](#); ['The Uninhabitable Earth'](#); ['Polish Murderesses'](#); ['Black Dog'](#) and ['Freedom of the Swallow'](#); season two of ['Partisan'](#); season three of ['Honour'](#); seasons three and four of ['Hammarvik'](#); 'The Holiday'; seasons two and three of ['Pørni'](#); ['Hilma'](#); ['Sisterhood'](#); ['Who Shot Otto Mueller?'](#); a biopic of ['Börje Salming'](#); ['Fadime'](#); ['Taylor's Island'](#); ['What about Monica'](#); ['Trom'](#); ['THE KINGDOM EXODUS'](#); ['Made in Oslo'](#); ['Estonia: The Last Wave'](#); season two of ['Stella Blómkvist'](#); season two of ['Wisting'](#); ['The Swarm'](#); ['Harmonica'](#); ['Perfect People'](#); and ['Margeaux'](#).

[Two major English-language films](#) will be produced for Viaplay every year. NENT Group has also established a UK-based joint venture with [FilmNation Entertainment](#) and invested in US studio [Picturestart](#).

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