

## CHELMSFORD FILM CLUB

An Independent film society based in Chelmsford

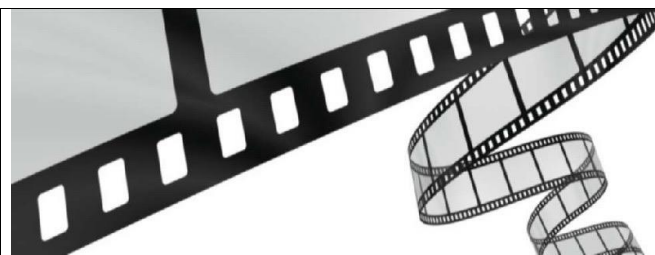
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## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February: Godland 2022 Denmark/Iceland 143 mins

**Director & Writer: Hlynur Pálmason**

### **Cast:**

Elliott Crosset Hove (Lucas); Ingvar Sigurdsson (Ragnar); Vic Carmen Sonne (Anna)

Palmason followed his sophomore feature, and first international success, \*A White, White Day' with this epic about a Priest sent to build a church and preach to a remote Icelandic community. The more he travels through the inhospitable terrain, the more his health, sanity, and ultimately faith begin to wane.

Surrounded by indifferent, or simply hostile companions, the young Father is tested, particularly by the man charged with building his church, Ragnar, played by one of Iceland's foremost actors, Ingvar Sigurdsson. Once again, a simple plot hides a rather complex film that can be read in many different ways. Is it about colonialism?

Father Lucas is an outsider and his presence becomes resented by nearly all he encounters. He ignores the advice of the locals, with dire consequences. (It is worth noting that the photographs so meticulously taken by Lucas are mainly of his fellow Danes; he outright refuses to take Ragnar's picture). Or is it about the permanence of nature and the fact that the natural world is infinite compared to the life of man?

The viewer will witness several unfortunate incidents that take place throughout the film, showing the devastating power of nature. Whilst the scenery is stunning, this is not a fast-paced film, requiring patience from the viewer as each scene needs to be savoured to fully appreciate what the story is attempting to say. But stick with the film as it richly rewards the viewer.

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**Our next screening: LOVE ACCORDING TO DALVA on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
at 8pm.

In response to a request from members at the recent AGM, the club will be holding a **discussion event** after the screening of Under the Fig Tree on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. It will be held in the foyer of the Cramphorn Studio and will be a chance for members to reflect on the season so far; all are welcome.

### **IMPORTANT**

Half Season membership is now available for £35. Please encourage friends and acquaintances to join us for our 5 remaining films.