



KON TIKI

Spring
Season
2015

Release: 2012

Cert (UK): 15

Language: English

Runtime: 118 mins

Director: Joachim Rønning, Espen Sandberg

Writers: Petter Skavlan, Allan Scott

Cinematographer: Geir Hartly Andreassen

Cast: Pål Sverre Hagen, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Gustaf Skarsgård



In 1947 an ethnographer became so obsessed with his idea that Polynesia could have been reached by South Americans by sailing the Pacific on a Balsawood raft that he set out with a crew of amateurs to reconstruct the voyage. Thor Heyerdahl's trip has become so famous, with both top-selling books and a documentary he made at the time that I won't need to tell you whether he succeeded or not.

Weirdly, this is the first dramatised version to be made. We are taken behind the scenes to explain why they decided to do it, and then we go on the raft with them for the journey. The result is Norway's most expensive film ever which was nominated for Best Foreign Language film at the 2013 Oscars (Ironically, they made the film in both English and Norwegian, each scene being filmed twice – we have gone for the English version) and for a Golden Globe – the first Norwegian film to be nominated for both. It has only just been released in the UK.

The directors Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg have only made 3 feature films, but they have impressed enough with this one to be given the latest 'Pirates of the Caribbean' film which is due to start production soon.

The lead role of Thor Heyerdahl is played by Pål Sverre Hagen, a well-known Norwegian actor who has received a lot of international critics' applause for this part.

