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CAST
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DIRECTOR
Henrik Ruben Genz

PRODUCTION
Nimbus Film, Sirena Film,
Anagram Film, Hummel & Nimbus

GENRE
Biographical/Historical drama

LENGTH
98 min.

COUNTRY
Denmark/Norway/
Czech Republic/Sweden

LANGUAGE
Danish, Norwegian

SYNOPSIS

The Great Northern War is over and Vice Admiral Tordenskjold, hero of the victorious Danish-Norwegian fleet, has no clue what to do with his life. His valet Kold persuades him to go on a vacation, arguing that now is the time to marry and settle down. The trip turns into a fun and freewheeling journey through Denmark and northern Germany. Women swoon at the sight of the attractive young man – he is a 1720s version of a modern day rock star. Dark clouds gradually appear on the horizon, however, and in Hanover, the increasingly alarmed Tordenskjold is forced into a suspicious duel by a former Swedish archenemy seemingly bent on revenge.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Peter Wessel Tordenskjold, was Dano-Norwegian nobleman and a naval flag off cer during the Great Northern War. Born in Trondheim as the tenth child in 1690, he secretly travelled to Copenhagen in 1704, and got a job as a marine in the navy. Peter Wessel gained a name for himself through courage and intrepidity, and was ennobled as Peter Tordenskjold ("Thunder Shield") by King Frederick IV in 1716. His greatest success came later that year, as he demolished the Swedish supplying fleet at the Battle of Dynekilen. In 1720, Tordenskjold was killed in a duel by the sword, when he was only 30 years old near in Gleidingen (Germany).