

For Nikolaj Bjørn-Andersen, winner of the Believe in You Prize 2011.

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Denmark is blessed with acting courses at an impressively high level. Amongst the many young talented people who have graduated every year, we have selected yet another: Nikolaj Bjørn-Andersen.

He managed to charm himself into Danish living rooms in the TV series: *Hvide Løgne (White Lies)* and also charmed the eldest daughter of the von Trapp family as the singing postman with Nazi leanings in *The Sound of Music* at the New Theatre, before applying for the National Theatre School. After completing his training as an actor, Nikolaj Bjørn-Andersen spent two years with the ensemble at Aalborg Theatre. With eight roles in two seasons, Nikolaj got to play most genres. He made a great impression with his raw Steso in *Nordkraft (Angels in Fast Motion)* and his flexible, totally acrobatic dancing, singing scarecrow in the *Wizard of Oz* - without a brain but with the great heart - impressed and amused.

At a time when there are fewer and fewer jobs and more and more well-trained, gifted actors, we believe that Nikolaj stands out from the crowd. He has a lot to offer. We believe in you and many congratulations on the prize.