



December News From Denmark

Good Food

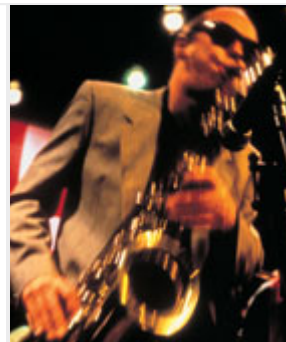
Star chef Thomas Herman is shining even brighter since he was named Denmark's chef of the year by *Gudme Raaschou Spiseguide*, the definitive dining guide for all of Denmark. Herman is known for his clever reinvention of traditional Danish cuisine, infusing modern sensibility into dishes such as the home-cooking staple of potatoes, onions and bacon known as "Burning Love." His latest endeavor is Restaurant Herman, which opened in May 2008 at the beautifully restored Nimb in the heart of Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens. Savor the outstanding cuisine served in an intimate Danish modern atmosphere and leave room for dessert - the restaurant's Southern Jutland-style "Cake, cake, cake and more cake" was named the year's best "dessert experience." Photo: Nimb.



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Good Music

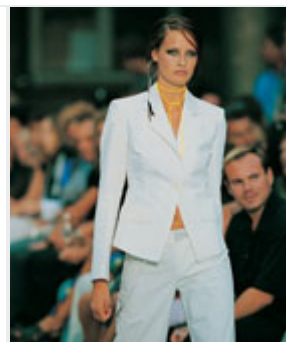
Nothing warms a winter night like hot jazz. From January 23 through February 8, the annual Vinter Jazz Festival brings some of the world's top jazz artists to Denmark, performing everywhere from intimate jazz clubs to "cool spaces" like the glass-enclosed atrium at Statens Museum for Kunst (the National Gallery) in Copenhagen. The festival includes some 200 concerts at more than 50 venues throughout Denmark.



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Looking Good

The spotlight is on Copenhagen's cutting edge fashion style at the Copenhagen International Fashion Fair (February 5-8). One of Europe's top fashion trade events, CIFF brings nearly 30,000 buyers to the Bella Center convention site. For fashionistas who are not in "the trade" there is Copenhagen Fashion Weekend (February 4-8) a citywide glamour-fest that gives shoppers a preview of next season's styles during fashion shows and events in boutiques, department stores, restaurants and nightclubs.



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Good Sports

Danes love their bicycles, whether they're pedaling on the nearly 2,500 miles of designated cycling routes that crisscross the country or around major cities. An estimated 36 percent of Copenhageners bike to work, to the shops and to visit friends year-round. So it was no surprise when UCI, the International Cycling Union, designated Copenhagen as the world's first "Bike City." Not only does that celebrate Copenhagen's dedication to two-wheel travel, it means that the city has committed to hosting a number of competitive biking events. Next up is the UCI Track Cycling World Cup, February 13-15.



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Good Guide

Hop across the Øresund to the Skåne region of Sweden and the friendly city of Malmö, where gay and lesbian travelers can explore two countries in one destination - just in time for the World Out Games 2009 in Copenhagen!

"Come Closer," the new Øresund guide for gay and lesbian travelers, features 50 pages of information on accommodations, restaurants, bars and beaches; places to visit, sights to see and spots where you can relax and soak up the friendly surroundings of Scandinavia.



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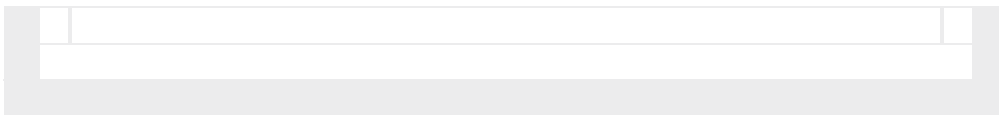
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