

Edinburgh International Film Festival 2016 Bliss! ***



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Beautiful use is made of the South Shields and Norwegian coastlines as backdrop to Bliss! [tweet_box design="default"]This engaging, coming of age story tells of Tasha Robson (Freya Parks)'s quest to find her real father, known to her mother only as The Viking. [/tweet_box]

Deciding to leave her violent step-father and dysfunctional family, she sets off on the Newcastle to Bergen ferry, finding she has to draw on resources she did not know she had along the way.

Rita Osei's directorial debut is sweet and holds the viewer's attention to its pragmatic end. Parks is excellent, assured yet naive. She sings a pretty little refrain which recurs at various points and is lovely but at times the wider soundtrack is jarring and intrusive.