

**Film title**

The Celebration

**Tagline**

**Short synopsis**

**Long synopsis**

The story involves a 60th birthday party at which all of a family's corrupt and painful secrets are revealed at last. To the family's country inn in Denmark come the surviving children of Helge and his wife, Elsa. We meet the eldest son, Christian, his younger brother Michael, and their sister Helene. Christian's twin sister has recently committed suicide.

Also gathering around the table for the patriarch's birthday are assorted spouses, relations and friends. Thomas Vinterberg's "The Celebration" mixes farce and tragedy so completely that it challenges us to respond at all. There are moments when a small, choked laugh begins in the audience and is then instantly stifled, as we realize a scene is not intended to be funny. Or is it?

**Technical information and credits**

Original title: Festen  
English title: The Celebration  
Year: 1998  
Country: Denmark, Sweden  
Language: da, de, en  
Subtitles: cz  
Running time: 109 min  
Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Drama, Psychological  
Directed by: Thomas Vinterberg  
Written by:  
Edited by:  
Cinematography:

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**Awards**

**Actors**

Ulrich Thomsen, Henning Moritzen, Thomas Larsen,  
Paprika Steen, Trine Dyrholm