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## Movie review: The Expedition to the End of the World

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Most people don't know a lot about Greenland, the continent that is incorrectly scaled on most maps. One can get a glimpse into the mystery of this place through the film *The Expedition to the End of the World*.

In order to uncover this mystery, the director, [Daniel Dencik](#), includes a diverse group.

The crew consists of a captain, a geochemist, an archeologist, a zoologist, a geographer, a geologist, a marine biologist and two artists. They are on an expedition in the ice fjord in Greenland, to find archeological and biological discoveries and to create art.

The film starts with an underwater shot, with the camera attached to the boat, driving into a mound of ice. The camera then resurfaces and there is an expanse of deep-blue water and a three-mast schooner sailing through the melting ice.

For comic relief, the song "[Blackened](#)" by [Metallica](#) plays during close-ups of individuals in the group and a few on-screen introductions.

Normally when discussing global warming, self-awareness and knowledge of the Earth's condition are the first things to come to mind.

This documentary is instead able to convey the complexities of philosophy, science, geology and art in a simple, relatable way.

In the film, Dencik takes a laidback look at the meaning of life, the origins of life and the awe-inspiring beauty of nature.

It was shocking to see the quantity of the melted ice and the snowless mountain landscape. Although breathtaking, the lack of ice was upsetting.

This documentary combines scientific discovery and creativity with humor and existentialism. The characters are very diverse. Through their philosophies on the



Director Daniel Dencik takes a laidback look at the meaning of life on a three-mast schooner in Greenland. Photo: Beofilm Post Production.

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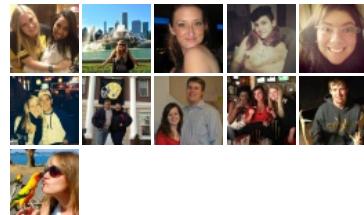
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meaning of life, one can determine what is important to them.

"We're but a parenthesis of the earth," [Minik Rosing](#) says, the geologist of the film.

The grandeur of the setting creates symbolism in that people are so small, but can make such a large impact on the environment.

The most redeeming part of the film is the way scientific and abstract ideas weave so nicely together with the subtle humor of the characters and how they react to one another.

Parts of the film delve into the significance of anthropology and archeology, while others discuss being able to admire nature and have a sense of connection with everything.

The close-up angles and first-person perspective shots made the experience feel more real. Also, the juxtaposition of peaceful nature and the heavy-metal guitar solos went together smoothly and was effortlessly comedic.

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