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## Norwegian Reality Dating Show Wants to Help San Franciscans Find Love

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From the producers of *Jakten på kjærligheten: Bonderomantikk* (*Farmer Wants a Wife*) comes yet another Norwegian reality TV show, *Sons of Norway* -- which is casting in San Francisco for its second season. Norwegian reality TV programming featuring Norwegian-American "contestants" has spiked in popularity in the last couple of years. The country remains thoroughly entertained by watching Americans choke down lutefisk, **unite unsuspecting high school students with their powerful Norwegian relatives**, and, in the case of *Sons of Norway*, find true love!

But like all (televised depictions of) love, there's a twist -- the chosen four singletons will have to fly to Norway, bring back a few Norwegians to briefly date in America, choose one, and then go back to Norway to explore their roots with their new potential partner. Norway, it seems, hasn't developed a taste for the extreme deception-and-humiliation formula that catalyzes American reality TV dating shows. The producers emphasize the audience's interest in a genuine, romantic cultural assimilation experiment. It's still on a reality TV timescale, but participants aren't likely to be ceremoniously booted off or told their new Norwegian princess still has a husband and just went bankrupt. Yep, despite the '90s *Real World*-esque title sequence, last season's contestants look *pretty earnest*.

San Francisco and Seattle have two of the biggest Norwegian populations (who knew?), and many other popular Scandinavian shows have found their casts here, such as *Alt for Norge*, (also in its second season) and *Uncle America*.

According to the press release:

To be eligible, applicants must be single and can be gay or straight. It's fine if they are divorced, widowed, or have kids. Age ranges are: Women 20-30 and Men 20-55. Having some Norwegian blood is required, but they can be of mixed nationalities or ethnicities.

So any of you Norwegian, half-Norwegian, or even vaguely Norwegian San Franciscans looking for that lifelong connection to your motherland (or at the very least, a free, televised trip there with a guaranteed supply of Scandinavian babes), check out **the casting call**, which will be held on Saturday, June 30 at The Norwegian Club.