

Race Trek, Episode 1

Rasresan

Race Trek makes zany humour out of one of the most difficult subjects of our time: race and identity. The story, which is based on a true story, follows two prospective parents Lola and Nils on a trip to Egypt in search of Lola's Egyptian roots – and a father she has never seen. A trip papered with a quest for identity, kinky sex, grave desecration, and tourist diarrhoea. Lola Zackow and Nils Poletti, who created the series, are a couple in real life, and although their zany characters in Race Trek are not at all like them, most of what happens in Race Trek is absolutely true. Race Trek is a study of being stuck in the middle with a foot in both camps, and a satire on the constant struggle among Sweden's cultural elites to remain on the right side of the debate.

Description of the other episodes:

- Episode 2** Nils and Lola are invited to participate in some group sex, but Nils is too inhibited and chickens out. Lola learns about the new term POC-WCB (person of colour – with colour blindness).
- Episode 3** Lola loses heart, and they go to visit the Museum of Egypt. There they have sex on a mummy display case, which shatters into a thousand pieces.
- Episode 4** Nils is treated for acute salmonella poisoning, and Lola ends up in a forbidden lesbian tryst with the nurse. Nils hallucinates that he is Strindberg.
- Episode 5** Lola is persuaded to enter a beauty contest and wins – as Miss Canada. The law catches up with them and they are arrested by the police, charged with illicit sexual intercourse in a public place. Nils' mother pays the bail to get her beloved Nils and his Lola home. Lola then reveals that Nils is 0 percent Swedish, which his utterly Swedish mother finds difficult to explain. And finally, Lola at last finds out where her father is – in Canada.

Race Trek, Episode 1

Rasresan

Submitting organisation: **Sveriges Radio – SR**
Contact: **Magnus Berg – magnus.berg@sverigesradio.se**
Authors: **Lola Zackow, Nils Poletti**
Directors: **Lola Zackow, Nils Poletti**
Sound: **Michael Johansson, Frida Englund, Carolina Jinde**
Commissioning editor: **Magnus Berg**
Dramaturg: **Magnus Lindman**
Producers: **Dmitri Plax, Magnus Berg**
Production Company: **Sveriges Radio Drama**
Key staff: **Lola Zackow, Nils Poletti, Sven Björklund, Camilo Ge Bresky, Christopher Lehmann, Nanna Olasdotter Hallberg, Furat Jari, Hanna Dawit, Maia Hansson Bergqvist, Isa Aouifia, Lova Karlsson Lindblad, Elisabeth Lagerstedt, Dmitri Plax, Magnus Lindman, Johan-Mathias Sommarström, Katarina Helmersson, Carl-Michael Edenborg, Kristian Luuk (voice actors)**

Title of Series: **Rasresan**
Episode: **1 : 5**
Length: **26 min**
Original language: **Swedish**
First broadcast by: **SR Drama, P1**
Date of first broadcast: **7 June 2019, 19:03**
Competing for: **Best European Radio Fiction Series of the Year**