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# The Stockholm International Film Festival proudly presents its most extensive program ever

Today, October 21st, the program for the 20th Stockholm International Film Festival is revealed. Tomorrow, October 22nd, the ticket sales begin on-line and in Kulturhuset. This year's program presents 180 films, from over 50 countries, 109 Nordic premieres, 49 debutant directors, seven world premieres and a world-class selection of established directors.

-We are presenting our most extensive program ever this year and adding an extra day to the festival. Stockholm Film Festival is the arena where new exciting directors are introduced and the audience get at chance to meet them, says Festival director Git Scheynius.

This year's opening film is the celebrated "Precious" by Lee Daniels, the poetic and dystopian "The Road" by John Hillcott is this year's centrepiece gala. The festival closes with the Oscar favourite "Up in the Air" by Jason Reitman.

Below is a presentation of this year's sections, as well of the visiting directors already confirmed to visit this year's festival.

#### **Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award**

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award presented to actress Susan Sarandon. Hollywood's uncrowned queen with several Oscar nominations, one win and films like "White Palace", "Thelma & Louise" and "Dead Man Walking" will visit Stockholm in November to receive her bronze horse.

# **Stockholm Visionary Award**

The Stockholm Visionary Award recipient 2009 is director Luc Besson. He has with films like "Subway", "The Fifth Element" and "The Big Blue" proven to be a visionary director and with his production company, that has paved way for European film internationally, he has proven himself a producer with visions. Besson will come to Stockholm to accept the award and meet the audience on a Face2Face.

# **Stockholm XX Competition**

The festival's competition is open for directors that have made no more than three feature films. 20 films compete for the Bronze horse, which is presented for Best Feature. Among this

year's film you notice the ambitious Swedish "Miss Kicki", with an impressive interpretation by Pernilla August, directed by debutante Håkon Liu. Cary Joji Fukanagas upsetting drama thriller "Sin Nombre" about the South American gangs is another film competing this year.

# **Stockholm XX Short Film Competition**

The international competition section for short films. The 19 films, which compete for an Aluminium horse, are each screened before one of the films in the competition for feature films. Among the short films screened this year are "Danse Macabre" by Pedro Pires and "Still Birds" by Sara Eliassen.

#### **Open Zone**

Feature films from acclaimed directors in contemporary cinema from around the world. The section includes the Wes Andersson's animated dream project "Fantastic Mr.Fox" and the critically "An Education" by Danish Lone Scherfig.

# **American Independents**

The section for new independent films from upcoming as well as established American directors films like Harmony Korine's respect less and "Trash Humpers", that has been given a warm reception both in Toronto and New York. Here you will also find the hypnotic and experimental "Limits of Control" by Jim Jarmusch in this category.

# **Asian Images**

This section is the audience's chance to indulge in films from one of the most creative and prolific filmmaking regions in the world. Here you'll find maybe one of this year's sexiest films by Spanish Isabel Coixets "Map of the Sounds of Tokyo. Here is also the film "Mother" by Bong Joon-Ho, a work of art that mixes genres.

#### **Latin Visions**

At the Stockholm Film Festival you will find some of the best from the Spanish and South American film industry. One of the films this year is the subtle and minimalistic "Woman without piano" by Javier Rebollo, a strong debut that plays with the viewer's expectations. Here you will also find the upsetting and touching "Daniel and Ana" by director Michel Franco, and "Garapa" by José Padilha that received a Golden Bear in Berlin.

# **Spotlight: Apocalypse**

This year's Spotlight is Apocalypse. One of the films in this year's Spotlight is the long awaited "The Road" by John Hillcott, based on the novel by Cormac McCarhys novel with the same name. We meet a father and son in a post-apocalyptic USA. In the animated film "9" by Shane Acker, based on an Oscar nominated short film, the plot revolves around nine dolls who has to save the world.

#### Documania

This section boasts with some of the most memorable documentaries. One of these is Adam Bhala Loughs documentary "The Carter", which the rapper himself tried to stop and is now shown for the first time outside the US.

# **Twilight Zone**

The Stockholm film festival buffet of horror and ground-breaking genre films will screen amongst others "Leslie my name is evil" by Reginald Harkema, having it's international

premiere at the Stockholm film festival. Here you will also find the great Park-Chan wook's poetic vampire film "Thirst".

#### **Dedication**

This year's festival is dedicated to the American actor David Carradine, who participated in more than 100 films during his lifetime. Some that deserves to be mentioned is "The Serpents Egg" by Ingmar Bergman, "Boxcar Bertha" by Martin Scorsese and the "Kill Bill" films by Quentin Tarantino.

#### iFestival

iFestival is comprised by films screened over the Internet, with the whole world as an audience. iFestival visitors can watch the films and vote for their favourite online. Through the iFestival, the Stockholm film festival was the first in the world to create a section exclusively for the web. iFestival has around 500 000 visitors per year.

# Work-in-progress

In this section, the Stockholm audience has a unique opportunity to see some of the most interesting film projects in Sweden and beyond- before they are even finished. Festival visitors can see parts of films still in production and directors talk about their projects in adjoining Face2Face meetings. Here you will have the chance to see the first clips of the film "Svinalängorna" by Pernilla August starring Noomi Rapace. Here is also the opportunity to hear Daniel Espinosa talk about the shooting of Jens Lapidus "Snabba Cash".

#### **Tickets**

The tickets sale starts on the 22nd of October at 11am on <a href="www.stockholmfilmfestival.se">www.stockholmfilmfestival.se</a>, and in the festival centre at Kulturhuset (street level by the information desk), From November 18th you will also be able to buy tickets at the cinemas in connection to the film screenings. Admission to the screenings requires a membership card for 2009 and a valid ticket.

#### **Press images**

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# Directors, actors and producers confirmed to visit this year's festival (all press dates are preliminary)

#### **Stockholm XX Competition**

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Stockholm XX Short Film Competition (Not in competition) Alexandra Dahlström – director,	
Because the Night Zuzana Kirchnerova-Spidlova – director, Bába	press 21 Nov press TBA
Stockholm Visionary Award	
Luc Besson	press 27 Nov
Open Zone Denis Villeneuve – director, Polytechnique Mathias Gokalp – director, Nothing Personal (Rien de Personnel) Lone Scherfig – director, An Education Simon Szabo – director, Paper Planes	press 22 Nov press 26 Nov press 27 Nov press TBA
Twilight Zone  Andreas Schaap – director, Must love Death Fabian Winkelmann – producer, Must love Death Tom Six – director, The Human Centipide Ilona Six – producer, The Human Centipide Julia Voth – actor, Bitch Slap Erin Cummings – actor, Bitch Slap America Olivo – actor, Bitch Slap	press 19 Nov press 19 Nov press 25 Nov press 25 Nov press TBA press TBA press TBA
Documania Kirby Dick – director, Outrage Angela Ismailos – director, Great Directors	press 19 Nov press 19 Nov
Asian Images Joon-ho Bong – director, Mother Isabel Coixet – director, Map of the sounds of Tokyo Momoko Ando – director, A Piece of our Life SK Jhung – director, Searching for the Elephant Shalizeh Arefpour – director, Heiran	press 19 Nov press 19 Nov press 24 Nov press TBA press TBA
Latin Images Michel Franco – director, Daniel and Ana Christina Jimenez – director, Ilusiones Opticas Gustavo Montiel – director, Tide of Sand Javier Rebollo – director, Woman without Piano	press 19 Nov press 21 Nov press TBA press TBA
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Daniel Espinosa – director, Snabba cash	press 26 Nov
Fredrik Wikström – producer, Snabba cash	press 26 Nov
Martin Jern – director, Odjuret	press 27 Nov
Emil Larsson – director, Odjuret	press 27 Nov
Mattias Sandström – director, Fuerteventura	press 27 Nov
Ivica Zubak – director, Fuerteventura	press 27 Nov
Kristian Petri – director, Ond tro	press 27 Nov
Johannes Åhlund – producer, Ond tro	press 27 Nov
Görel Crona – director, Dolores tystnad	press 27 Nov
Klara Björk- producent, Dolores tystnad	press 27 Nov
Daniel Prah – producent, Dolores tystnad	press 27 Nov

#### 1 km film

Amanda Kernell – director, Att dela allt	press 19 Nov
Eva-Marie Elg – director, Att sova och drömma om mat	press 19 Nov
Jöns Mellgren – director, Den mörka ön	press 19 Nov
Viktor Danell– director, Du ritar fult	press 19 Nov
Petter Ringbom – director, May Fly	press 19 Nov
Susanna Wallin – director, Märkare	press 19 Nov
Klara Levin – director, Svea och jag	press 19 Nov
Sanna Lenken – director, Travemünde Trelleborg	press 19 Nov
Gustav Deinoff – director, Vad händer mannen?	press 19 Nov
Max Tellving – director, Yoghurt	press 19 Nov

#### PROGRAM 2009

# **Stockholm XX Competition**

AMREEKA by Cherien Dabis (USA)

BURIED SECRETS by Raja Amari (Tunisia/Switzerland/France)

DOGTOOTH by Yorgos Lanthimos (Greece)

EYES WIDE OPEN by Haim Tabakman (Israel/Germany/France)

FISH TANK by Andrea Arnold (UK)

FRONTIER BLUES by Babak Jalali (Iran/UK/Italy)

GORDOS by Daniel Sánchez Arévalo (Spain)

I KILLED MY MOTHER by Xavier Dolan (Canada)

METROPIA by Tarik Saleh (Sweden/Denmark/Norway/Finland)

MISS KICKI by Håkon Liu (Sweden)

MR. NOBODY by Jaco Van Dormael (Canada/Belgium/France/Germany)

NOTHING PERSONAL by Urszula Antoniak (Ireland/Netherlands)

ORDINARY PEOPLE by Vladimir Perisic (France/Switzerland/Serbia/Netherlands)

PRECIOUS by Lee Daniels (USA)

SHIFTY by Eran Creevy (UK)

SIN NOMBRE by Cary Joji Fukunaga (USA/Mexico)

TOGETHER by Matias Armand Jordal (Norway)

THE UNLOVED by Samantha Morton (UK)

UP IN THE AIR by Jason Reitman (USA)

WHIP IT by Drew Barrymore (USA)

# **Stockholm XX Short Film Competition**

AFTER TOMORROW by Emma Sullivan (UK)

ARENA by João Salaviza (Portugal)

BÁBA by Zuzana Kirchnerova-Spidlova (Czech Republic)

DANSE MACABRE by Pedro Pires (Canada)

DIAGNOSIS by Myroslav Slaboshpytski (Ukraine)

DUST KID by Jung Yumi (South Korea)

JADE by Daniel Elliott (UK)

L'AMBOUBA by Nadia Raïs (Tunisia)

LOGORAMA by François Alaux, Hervé de Crécy, Ludovic Houplain (France)

MEI LING by Stephanie lansaque, Francois Leroy (France)

MIRACLE FISH by Luke Doolan (Australia)

MISSING by Jochem De Vries (Netherlands)

MOROSETA by Karolina Pajak (Poland)

RED WATER RED by Qing Xie (Australia)

SILENCE by Laila Pakalnina (Latvia)

STILL BIRDS by Sara Eliassen (Norway)

THE SIX DOLLAR FIFTY MAN by Mark Albiston, Louis Sutherland (New Zealand)

TULUM by Dalibor Matanic (Croatia)

UNDERWEAR by Tomer Gendler (USA)

#### Not in competition

BECAUSE THE NIGHT by Alexandra Dahlström (Sweden)

LA BOHÈME by Werner Herzog (UK)

# **Open Zone**

AN EDUCATION by Lone Scherfig (UK)

THE BUNNY AND THE BULL by Paul King (UK)

COCO CHANEL & IGOR STRAVINSKY by Jan Kounen (France)

THE COUNTESS by Julie Delpy (Germany/France)

FANTASTIC MR. FOX by Wes Anderson (USA)

FIVE MINUTES OF HEAVEN by Oliver Hirschbiegel (UK/Ireland)

FOXES by Mira Fornay (Ireland/Czech Republic)

HELIOPOLIS by Ahmad Abdalla (Egypt)

HIPSTERS by Valery Todorovsky (Russia)

THE LAST DAY OF EMMA BLANK by Alex van Warmerdam (Netherlands)

LE DONK & SCOR-ZAY-ZEE by Shane Meadows (UK)

LONDON RIVER by Rachid Bouchareb (UK/France/Algeria)

NOTHING PERSONAL (RIEN DE PERSONNEL) by Mathias Gokalp (France)

PAPER PLANES by Simon Szabo (Hungary)

POLYTECHNIQUE by Denis Villeneuve (Canada)

RED RIDING TRILOGY by Anand Tucker, Julian Jarrold, James Marsh (UK)

REYKJAVÍK-ROTTERDAM by Óskar Jónasson (Iceland)

THE TIME THAT REMAINS by Elia Suleiman (France/Belgium/Italy/UK)

TETRO by Francis Ford Coppola (USA/Italy/Spain/Argentina)

TSAR by Pavel Lungin (Russia)

VINCERE by Marco Bellocchio (Italy/France)

# **American Independents**

BEESWAX by Andrew Bujalski (USA)

CITY ISLAND by Raymond De Felitta (USA)

EXTRACT by Mike Judge (USA)

THE GIRLFRIEND EXPERIENCE by Steven Soderbergh (USA)

GODSPEED by Robert Saitzyk (USA)

GO GET SOME ROSEMARY by Joshua Safdie, Benny Safdie (USA)

HUMPDAY by Lynn Shelton (USA)

LIMITS OF CONTROL by Jim Jarmusch (USA/Spain/Japan)

THE MISSING PERSON by Noah Buschel (USA)

SHRINK - FALLET DR. CARTER by Jonas Pate (USA)

TRASH HUMPERS by Harmony Korine (USA/UK)

THE VICIOUS KIND by Lee Toland Krieger (USA)

WONDERFUL WORLD by Joshua Goldin (USA)

WORLD'S GREATEST DAD by Bobcat Goldthwait (USA)

#### **Asian Images**

ADRIFT by Chuyên Bui Thac (Vietnam)

AIR DOLL by Hirokazu Koreeda (Japan)

ANIMAL TOWN by Kyuhwan Jeon (South Korea)

A PIECE OF OUR LIFE by Momoko Ando (Japan)

A PLACE OF ONE'S OWN by Lou Yi-an (Taiwan)

AT THE END OF DAYBREAK by Ho Yuhang (Malaysia)

BAKAL BOYS by Ralston Jover (Philippines)

BLACK DOGS BARKING by Mehmet Bahadir Er, Maryna Gorbach (Turkey)

CLAUSTROPHOBIA by Ivy Ho (Hong Kong)

GREEN DAYS by Hana Makhmalbaf (Iran)

HEIRAN by Shalizeh Arefpour (Iran)

LOCKED OUT by Yasunobu Takahashi (Japan)

LOVE AAJ KAL by Imtiaz Ali (India)

MAP OF THE SOUNDS OF TOKYO by Isabel Coixet (Spain/Japan)

MOTHER by Bong Joon-Ho (South Korea)

MY ONLY SUNSHINE by Reha Erdem (Turkey)

NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT PERSIAN CATS by Bahman Ghobadi (Iran)

SAWASDEE BANGKOK by Wisit Sasanatieng, Aditya Assarat, Kongdej Jaturanrasamee,

Pen-ek Ratanaruang (Thailand)

SEARCHING FOR THE ELEPHANT by SK Jhung (South Korea)

#### **Latin Visions**

25 CARAT by Patxi Amézcua (Spain)

77 DORONSHIP by Pablo Agüero (France/Argentina)

ALTIPLANO by Peter Brosens, Jessica Woodworth (Belgium/Germany/Netherlands)

BAD DAY TO GO FISHING by Álvaro Brechner (Spain/Uruguay)

DANIEL AND ANA by Michel Franco (Mexico)

EYE OF THE STORM by Eduardo Valente (Brazil/Portugal)

GARAPA by José Padilha (Brazil)

ILUSIONES OPTICAS by Christian Jimenez (Chile)

JUST WALKING by Agustin Diaz Yanes (Spain/Mexico)

THE MAID by Sebastián Silva (Chile/Mexico)

TIDE OF SAND by Gustavo Montiel Pagés (Mexico/Argentina)

THE WIND JOURNEYS by Ciro Guerra (Colombia/Germany/Argentina/Netherlands) WOMAN WITHOUT PIANO by Javier Rebollo (Spain)

# **Spotlight: Apocalypse**

9 by Shane Acker (USA)

THE COVE by Louie Psihoyos (USA)

EARTH DAYS by Robert Stone (USA)

HAEUNDAE by Je-gyun Yun (South Korea)

HAPPY END by Arnaud Larrieu och Jean-Marie Larrieu (France)

THE ROAD by John Hillcoat (USA)

WAITING ROOM by Bruno Carboni, Davi Pretto (Brazil)

#### **Anniversary screening**

RAISE THE RED LANTERN by Zhang Yimou (China/Hong Kong/Taiwan)

THE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE by Joel Coen (USA)

MORVERN CALLAR by Lynne Ramsay (UK)

THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP by Michel Gondry (France)

#### **Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award**

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW by Jim Sharman (UK/USA)

# **Stockholm Visionary Achievement Award**

ARTHUR AND THE REVENGE OF MALTAZARD by Luc Besson (France)

# **Twilight Zone**

BITCH SLAP by Rick Jacobson (USA)

BLACK DYNAMITE by Scott Sanders (USA)

DETOUR by Severin Eskeland (Norway)

HIERRO by Gabe Ibáñez (Spain)

THE HUMAN CENTIPEDE (FIRST SEQUENCE) by Tom Six (Netherlands)

LESLIE, MY NAME IS EVIL by Reginald Harkema (Canada)

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A PORNO GANG by Mladen Djordjevic (Serbia)

MUST LOVE DEATH by Andreas Schaap (Germany)

ONG BAK 2 by Tony Jaa, Panna Rittikrai (Thailand)

PHOBIA 2 by Paween Purijitpanya, Visute Poolvoralaks, Songyos Sugmakanan, Parkpoom

Wongpoom and Banjong Pisanthanakun (Thailand)

THE REVENANT by Kerry Prior (USA)

THIRST by Park-Chan wook (South Korea)

WHITE LIGHTNIN' by Dominic Murphy (UK)

YOGA by Yun Jae-yeon (South Korea)

# Documania

BASSIDJI by Mehran Tamadon (Iran)

BIG RIVER MAN by John Maringouin (USA/UK)

THE CARTER by Adam Bhala Lough (USA)

GREAT DIRECTORS by Angela Ismailos (USA)

HARLAN: IN THE SHADOW OF THE JEW SUSS by Felix Moeller (Germany)

HEMLIGHETEN by Pontus Hjortén, Martin Jönsson (Sweden)

HUGO EN AFRIQUE by Stefano Knuchel (Switzerland)

KIMJONGILIA by NC Heikin (France/USA/South Korea)

MUSASHI: THE DREAM OF THE LAST SAMURAI by Mizuho Nishikubo (Japan)

NOLLYWOOD BABYLON by Ben Addelman, Samir Mallal (Canada)

OIL CITY CONFIDENTIAL by Julien Temple (UK)

OLD PARTNER by Chung-ryoul Lee (South Korea)

OUTRAGE by Kirby Dick (USA)

P-STAR RISING by Gabriel Noble (USA)

ROCKSTEADY: THE ROOTS OF REGGAE by Stascha Bader (Switzerland/Canada)

SERGIO by Greg Barker (USA)

SOUL POWER by Jeffrey Levy-Hinte (USA)

SOUNDTRACK FOR A REVOLUTION by Bill Guttentag, Dan Sturman (USA)

TO SHOOT AN ELEPHANT by Alberto Arce, Mohammad Rujailah (Spain)

WINNEBAGO MAN by Ben Steinbauer (USA)

#### ifestival

26.4 by Nathalie André (Belgium)

ONE MAN BAND by Martin Rosete, Luis Perez (Spain)

BEGUINE by Douwe Dijkstra (Netherlands)

CLOWN'S LAMENT by Gabriel Dowrick (Australia)

LEBENSADER by Angela Steffen (Germany)

MIMESIS by Camille Meynard (Belgium)

OSIKI by Yiannis Veslemes (Greece)

PIM. PAM. PUM by Asier Urbieta (Spain)

TRANSGRESS by Leanne Welham (UK)

YOU WERE NOT ALONE by Kim Min Jeong (South Korea)

# **Special screening**

AVSKED by Yôjirô Takita (Japan)

GIGANTE by Adrián Biniez (Uruguay)

#### Work-in-progress

SVINALÄNGORNA by Pernilla August (Sweden)

PANG PANG BRÖDER by Axel Danielson (Sweden)

KVINNAN SOM DRÖMDE OM EN MAN by Per Fly (Sweden)

UTAN TITEL by Babak Najafi (Sweden)

I RYMDEN FINNS INGA KÄNSLOR by Andreas Öhman (Sweden)

SNABBA CASH by Daniel Espinosa (Sweden)

ODJURET by Martin Jern, Emil Larsson (Sweden)

ÄNGLAVAKT by Johan Brisinger (Sweden)

FUERTEVENTURA by Mattias Sandström (Sweden)

OND TRO by Kristian Petri (Sweden)

SPINDELGÅNGEN by Svarta Svanen (Sweden)

DOLORES TYSTNAD by Görel Crona (Sweden)

#### 1 km film

ATT DELA ALLT by Amanda Kernell (Sweden)

ATT SOVA OCH DRÖMMA OM MAT by Eva-Marie Elg (Sweden)

DEN MÖRKA ÖN by Jöns Mellgren (Sweden)

DU RITAR FULT by Viktor Danell (Sweden)

MAY FLY by Petter Ringbom (Sweden)

MÄRKARE by Susanna Wallin (Sweden)

SVEA OCH JAG by Klara Levin (Sweden)
TRAVEMÜNDE TRELLEBORG by Sanna Lenken (Sweden)
VAD HÄNDER MANNEN? by Gustav Deinoff (Sweden)
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#### 20th Stockholm International Film Festival November 18-29 2009

The Stockholm International Film Festival started in 1990 and is today one of the leading competitive film festival in Europe. The festival takes place every year in November with more than 170 films from more then 40 countries. More than a festival: we organize exclusive screenings and the popular Summer Cinema - an outdoor mini-festival. Every year in April the Stockholm International Film Festival Junior brings the latest films to youngsters between 6 and 16 years of age. WE LOVE FILM!