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Stockholm Achievement Award 2012 will be awarded to actor Willem Dafoe

The newly established award Stockholm Achievement Award will be awarded to the American actor Willem Dafoe. He will personally visit the festival in November to receive the prestigious Bronze Horse and meet the audience during a Face2Face.

Motivation: *The Stockholm Achievement Award goes to one of the worlds most multifaceted actors who has the power to hypnotize his audience with just one glance. Willem Dafoe has gone from Christ to Antichrist. He is playing characters who treads on the breaking point and whose controlled exterior hides an inner chaos. A chaos we can't get enough of.*

Willem Dafoe started his career in the beginning of the 1980's and has acted in films like *American Psycho*(2000), *Wild at Heart*(1990) och *The Last Temptation of Christ* (1988) as well as *Spiderman*(2002). He has been nominated for an Oscar twice for best male supporting character, once for his breakthrough role as Stg Elias Grodin in *Platoon* (1986) and once for his portrayal of Max Schreck in *Shadow of the Vampire*(2000). But the actor also made a strong impression as the leading role in for example Lars von Trier's *Antichrist*(2009) and in his latest role in *The Hunter*(2011).

Stockholm Achievement Award, Face2Face

When: Thursday November 8th at 6 pm

Where: Skandia Theatre (Drottninggatan 82)

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The 23rd Stockholm International Film Festival November 7-18 2012.

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