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Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award 2012 will be awarded to director Jan Troell

This year the Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award will be awarded to a director that has a talent for personal connections and for almost have a century has depicted a transitioning Sweden. During an exclusive Face2Face Jan Troell will accept the Bronze Horse and meet the audience.

Motivation: *Jan Troell has always been a nomad. From "Sommartåg" to Stockholm in "Here is Your Life", traveling over the Atlantic and back to depict Engineer Andrée's flight. This year's Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award will go to a director whose artistry reflects in the images and observations has always been the foundation for documenting the essential.*

Jan Troell has always had a close relationship to the camera, from the beginning of his career as a cameraman to his continuing work as a director where he still holds the camera himself. His debut *Here is Your Life* (1968) based on the Nobel Prize award winner Eyvind Johnson's *Romanen om Olof* has been seen as a masterpiece, and it was followed by more success with the dramatisation of Vilhelm Moberg's Emigrant series of novels (1972). Troell was nominated for an Oscar several times for these films and was welcomed into Hollywood where he directed films like *The New Land* (1974) with Liv Ullman and Max Von Sydow, and also *Hurricane* (1979). When he returned to Sweden again he continued to create moving personal portraits with *Hamsun* (1996), *As White As In Snow* (2001) about the female aviator Elsa Andersson, *Everlasting Moments* (2008) and *The Last Sentence* (2012) which will also be screened during the festival.

Face2Face: Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award

When: November 10th 5:00 p.m

Where: Skandia Theatre (Drottninggatan 82)

The Last Sentence (*Dom över död man*)

When: Friday November 14th 06.00 p.m. Where: Mauritz

When: Monday November 17th 7.00 p.m. Where: Grand 1

The Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to honor and acknowledge a longstanding career and an outstanding achievement in cinema. The prestigious award, in the shape of a 7,3kg (16 lb) Bronze Horse is the heaviest film award in the world. It is also a paraphrase on a national design icon, the Swedish Dala horse, and was created by artist Fredrik Swärd. The Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award has previously been presented to actors and filmmakers like Isabelle Huppert, Lauren Bacall, David Lynch, Oliver Stone, Paul Schrader and Susan Sarandon.

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