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Mediterranea is the opening film at Stockholm International Film Festival

The opening film of this year's Stockholm Film Festival is *Mediterranea* (2015) by Jonas Carpignano. The film participates in the prestigious Stockholm XXVI Competition, competing for the 7,3 kilo (15 lbs) Bronze Horse.

Mediterranea is the story of two young men leaving their home country Burkina Faso to make the dangerous trip over the Mediterranean to Italy. Carpignano's feature film debut is a touching portrayal of African migrants in Italy, building upon his previous short films *A Chjàna* (2012) and *Young Lions of Gypsy* (2014). The film is connected to this year's Spotlight theme Migration.

- I've always loved Stockholm, both the city and the festival, so it is a great honour to have been selected as the opening film of the festival. This film is five years in the making, and there were moments when we didn't know if it would ever get finished. The fact that it's out there, and that it can play on a stage as big as that of the Stockholm Film Festival is surreal and humbling, says Jonas Carpignano, director of *Mediterranea*.

Mediterranea has Swedish premiere at Stockholm Film Festival. It is also the first time an opening film of a festival is available for streaming at Festival on Demand in collaboration with Telia.

Jonas Carpignano visited Stockholm Film Festival 2014, competing in Stockholm XXV Short Film Competition with his short film *Young Lions of Gypsy* (2014).

Mediterranea (2015)

Director: Jonas Carpignano

Cast: Koudous Seihon, Alassane Sy och Aisha

Streaming premiere at Telia's digital video store November 11.

Telia Film Award

Stockholm Film Festival collaborates with Telia and organises Telia Festival on Demand. Five selected films are screened at Telia's digital TV-service and Telia's mobile service Play+, as well as competing for Telia Film Award.

Tickets for *Mediterranea* (2015) are released October 13 at Stockholm Film Festival's website.

Press conference with program release October 20.

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