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## Ellen Burstyn receives Stockholm Achievement Award 2015

**This year's Stockholm Achievement Award goes to the American actress Ellen Burstyn. She visits Stockholm International Film Festival in November to receive the prestigious Bronze Horse and meet the audience during an exclusive Face2Face.**

**Justification:** An icon of contemporary American cinema, a bold actress with great integrity, who has given life to groundbreaking characters. Her performances have left a lasting impression with a relentless struggle for independence and freedom. Fighting against patriarchal society in *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, Satan in *The Exorcist* and the destructive force of addiction in *Requiem for a Dream*.

Ellen Burstyn is an active advocate for equality between men and women in the film industry and was the first female president of Actors' Equity Association. Burstyn made her film debut in the beginning of the 60's in *Goodbye Charlie* (1964). Her big breakthrough came with her role as Lois Farrow in *The Last Picture Show* (1971). She was nominated for an Oscar for her performance in *The Exorcist* (1973) and won an Oscar for best actress in a leading role for acting in Martin Scorsese's *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (1974). She has also worked with Alain Resnais in *Provvidence* (1977), and Darren Aronofsky in *Requiem for a Dream* (2000) and *The Fountain* (2006). Burstyn is still active as an actress and has recently starred in critically acclaimed films such as *Interstellar* (2014). This year she has already collaborated in eight movies and TV - series.

Ellen Burstyn will visit Stockholm Film Festival in November 10th-13th and mingle on the red carpet at the gala premiere. The audience will have the possibility of meeting Ellen Burstyn during an exclusive Face2Face followed by a screening of *The Exorcist* during Horror Night Deluxe on Friday, the 13th of November, 18.00 at Skandia cinema, Drottninggatan 83.

**Tickets to the Award ceremony, Face2Face and screening are released October 20, 12.00 pm.**

The recently established Stockholm Achievement Award has previously gone to Uma Thurman and Willem Dafoe.

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