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## New sections at the 27th Stockholm International Film Festival

**This year the 27th Stockholm International Film Festival will strengthen its focus on original storytellers and add star power to the program by introducing three new sections: Icons, Discovery and Documania.**

Icons will focus on leading actors and actresses in cinema, Discovery includes powerful and diverse stories from debut directors and the section Documania contains the most vital biopic docs and real stories of the year.

The Stockholm International Film Festival will also continue to reward headstrong visionaries who reflect our contemporary world with the prestigious Impact Award. The award was established last year and the winner is awarded a prize sum of 1 million SEK (approx. 120 000 USD) and an award designed by the acclaimed artist and filmmaker Ai Weiwei.

– We want to open up to new talents in the Discovery section and focus more on documentaries, which is more popular than ever. We look forward to presenting the most extensive program ever, says Git Scheynius, Festival Director.

Here are all the sections at the Stockholms Film Festival 2016:

### **Stockholm XXVII Competition**

Groundbreaking directors compete for the heaviest award on the festival circuit, the Bronze Horse. Open to directors making their first, second or third dramatic feature.

### **Stockholm XXVII Documentary Competition**

Personal and original documentaries from around the world in competition for the Bronze Horse.

### **Stockholm Impact**

Bold films on pressing contemporary issues compete for 1 million SEK (approx. 120 000 USD) and an award designed by Ai Wei Wei. International or European premiere required.

### **Open Zone**

The most influential directors in world cinema are contenders for the FIPRESCI award.

### **American Independents**

The United States of America through the eyes of its most independent filmmakers.

### **Icons**

A showcase of the leading actors and actresses in cinema.

### **Discovery**

Powerful and diverse stories from debut directors.

### **Twilight Zone**

*The 27th Stockholm International Film Festival November 9-20, 2016*

Stockholm International Film Festival started in 1990 and is today one of the leading competitive film festivals in Europe. The festival takes place every year in November with more than 200 films from more than 60 countries.

Mind-bending genre films suited for the darkest hours.

**Documania**

The most vital biopic docs and real stories of the year.

**Spotlight**

A section focused on a current cinematic theme. 2015's Spotlight was Migration.

**Stockholm XXVII Short Film Competition**

Edgy shorts from across the globe in competition.

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Exciting short films that compete on the official festival website. Stockholm International Film Festival was the first festival in the world with an online section.

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