

Harbour of Hope press release. For immediate release

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HARBOUR OF HOPE HITS FESTIVALS



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After the successful cinema release in Sweden with many outstanding reviews and an exceptional audience feedback, Harbour of Hope is now hitting the international festival circuit. The International Premiere will be at the Thessaloniki Documentary Festival, the second largest documentary festival in Europe.

The Thessaloniki Documentary Festival has chosen to highlight Harbour of Hope by including the film among the 'much-anticipated documentaries produced in 2011' and states the following:

'As such, the film functions not only as historical evidence, but as an astonishing story of human perseverance.'

The International Premiere at Thessaloniki Documentary Festival will be Sunday, March 11th at 18:00 in the Stavros Tornes Theatre.

An additional screening of Harbour of Hope is scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 20:30 at Olympion Theatre.

Director Magnus Gertten will be in Thessaloniki from Friday, March 9, giving interviews about Harbour of Hope. He will also be present at both screenings to talk about his work with the film and the many touching stories he has come across during the extensive research and the production of Harbour of Hope.

Thessaloniki Documentary Film Festival is the first stop on the international festival tour for Harbour of Hope. Among the other festivals included are Tempo Documentary Festival, BUFF Filmfestival and EuroDok. More festivals are confirmed and will soon be announced at the Harbour of Hope Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/HarbourOfHope>

About Harbour of Hope

Harbour of Hope is a heart breaking but life-affirming film about the beyond belief life stories of three survivors. Ewa was born in the WWII concentration camp Ravensbrück. Joe reached freedom as a lonely child without his family. And Irene still remembers how her mother covered her eyes to save her from seeing the horrors of the Holocaust.

In Spring 1945 Ewa, Joe, Irene and thousands of others were rescued to the Malmö Harbour in Sweden. Together with the Red Cross volunteer Stig Kinnhagen and Malmö citizen Bo Fröberg they tell their amazing stories from the moment of liberation to the unsolved mysteries still affecting their life today.

...the film is so well mastered and captures your interest from start till end...

Harbour of Hope review by Danish film critic Tue Steen Müller

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Note to editors

Interview opportunity with Harbour of Hope Director Magnus Gertten

Director Magnus Gertten will be available for interviews during Thessaloniki Documentary Festival. He will arrive in Thessaloniki on Friday, March 9 and will be present for both screenings of the film to talk about the extensive research behind Harbour of Hope and his work with the film.

To book an interview with Magnus Gertten please get in contact with:

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Additional information on Harbour of Hope

Press material on Harbour of Hope is available here

http://www.autoimages.se/press/harbour_of_hope_press/

Link to the Thessaloniki Documentary Festival

<http://www.filmfestival.gr/>

Background information on the historical aspects of Harbour of Hope can be found here:

White Busses on Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Buses

Swedish Red Cross report on the white busses (in Swedish): <http://www.redcross.se/om-oss/historik/vita-bussarna/>

Wikipedia article on Folke Bernadotte, vice-president of the Swedish Red Cross during WWII and leading figure in the White Busses operation: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folke_Bernadotte