

Harbour of Hope press release. For immediate release

Press Contact: Ove Rishøj Jensen

ove@autoimages.se

mobile +45 303 111 50

A FILM BY MAGNUS GERTTEN  
**HARBOUR  
OF HOPE**

## HARBOUR OF HOPE NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE



April 2012. Malmö, Sweden.

**Harbour of Hope will have its North American premiere in Minneapolis, the hometown of Joe Rozenberg. Rozenberg is one of three survivors from the WWII concentration camps portrayed in the heart breaking but life-affirming film. This North American Premiere at the Minneapolis St Paul International Film Festival follows the first round of successful European festival releases of the film.**

The Harbour of Hope team looks forward to bringing the film to the city where Joe Rozenberg lives and screening it together with him and his family at the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival. Upon the announcement of having the North American premiere of Harbour of Hope in Minneapolis Director Magnus Gertten says:

*We are very proud to bring Harbour of Hope to Minneapolis, the hometown of one of our Harbour of Hope heroes, Joe Rozenberg. After bringing Joe and the other protagonists of the film to Malmö, Sweden for the very first gala screening of the film, we now see it as a natural step to bring the film to Joe's place, so to say. We feel proud to honour Joe by screening the film together with him and his family in Minneapolis.*

At the gala premiere of Harbour of Hope in Malmö, Sweden all five protagonists of the film were united. At the event Joe Rozenberg gave an outstanding and very emotional speech. Despite not living in Sweden for many decades Rozenberg stood in front of a fully packed cinema, gave a speech in Swedish, and thanked the citizens of Malmö for helping him survive the Holocaust. You can see Rozenberg's speech (with UK translation) at our Harbour of Hope Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/HarbourOfHope>

Director Magnus Gertten and Producer Lennart Ström will be at Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival to screen the film together with Joe Rozenberg. The screenings are scheduled as follows:

Friday, April 20, 2012 at 4:30pm. St. Anthony Main Theatre 115 SE Main, Minneapolis

Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 12:30pm. St. Anthony Main Theatre 115 SE Main, Minneapolis

Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival is the first North American stop on the international festival tour for Harbour of Hope. Among other upcoming festivals is Krakow International Film Festival. More festivals will be announced at the Harbour of Hope Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/HarbourOfHope>

### **About Harbour of Hope**

In 1945 Irene, Ewa and Joe were among the nearly 30.000 survivors rescued from German concentration camps and sent to the peaceful harbor town of Malmö, Sweden. Here they started a new life. Through unique archival footage, we see 10-year-old Irene taking her first shaky steps as a free person. We see newborn Ewa being carried off the boat by her mother. And we meet Joe, who arrived as a child without his family. In Harbor of Hope, they tell their amazing stories from the moment of liberation to the unsolved mysteries of the present time. A film about dealing with war memories, the importance of a helping hand and finding a harbor of hope.

*...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

----- END OF PRESS RELEASE -----

**Harbour of Hope press release. For immediate release**

Press Contact: Ove Rishøj Jensen  
ove@autoimages.se  
mobile +45 303 111 50



## Note to editors

### **Interview opportunity with Harbour of Hope Director Magnus Gertten and Producer Lennart Ström**

Director Magnus Gertten and Producer Lennart Ström will be present at the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival to give interviews about Harbour of Hope. Gertten and Ström will also be present at both screenings to talk about their work with the film and the many touching stories they have come across during the extensive research and making of Harbour of Hope. Gertten and Ström are available for interviews in Minneapolis from April 20-24.

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

Ove Rishøj Jensen  
Outreach Producer, Auto Images  
Mobile: +45 303 111 50  
[ove@autoimages.se](mailto:ove@autoimages.se)

### **Additional information on Harbour of Hope**

Press material on Harbour of Hope is available here

[http://www.autoimages.se/press/harbour\\_of\\_hope\\_press](http://www.autoimages.se/press/harbour_of_hope_press)

Link to the Minnesota St Paul International Film Festival

<http://www.mspfilmfest.org/2012/content/harbour-hope>

### **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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Buses)

Red Cross report on the white busses (in English):

[http://www.autoimages.se/press/harbour\\_of\\_hope\\_press/?CoMeT\\_function=get\\_file&id=1591\\_1](http://www.autoimages.se/press/harbour_of_hope_press/?CoMeT_function=get_file&id=1591_1)

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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folke_Bernadotte)