

Harbour of Hope press release. For immediate release

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**HARBOUR
OF HOPE**

Harbour of Hope named film of the year and heads for international release



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The Swedish cinema release of Harbour of Hope has resulted in more good reviews and positive audience feedback. As the cinema screenings in Sweden becomes less frequent the Auto Images team prepares for the international release of Harbour of Hope.

The cinema release of Harbour of Hope in Sweden has resulted in a number of good reviews and many moving audience comments. Latest addition is Harbour of Hope being named film of the year by Kristian Lundberg, culture journalist at Swedish newspaper Expressen. This concludes the first major part of the Harbour of Hope cinema release in Sweden with over 100 screenings in more than 15 cities over the last months. However, there are still a few single cinema screenings happening during the last days of 2011 as well as bookings coming in for 2012.

Harbour of Hope team prepares for international release

With the major part of the Swedish cinema release concluded the Harbour of Hope team at Auto Images now prepares for the international release of the film. The release will start with a number of European film festivals in Spring 2012 and continue with both festivals and cinema screenings in the following months. Further information about the international release will be available in the beginning of 2012.

For an overview of the good reviews, read audience feedback, see future cinema screenings and soon get details on the international premiere you can go the Harbour of Hope Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/HarbourOfHope>

About Harbour of Hope

In Spring 1945 Red Cross liberated thousands of concentration camp survivors and rescued them to the Malmö Harbour, Sweden. Among the thousands of survivors brought to Malmö were Irene Krausz-Fainman, Ewa Kabacinska Jansson and Joe Rozenberg, the protagonists in the documentary Harbour of Hope. Together with the Red Cross voluntary Stig Kinnhagen and Malmö citizen Bo Fröberg they are telling the amazing story of how The City of Malmö mobilized to take care of the survivors and helped save thousands of lives. In unique archive footage we see 10 year-old Irene at the harbour taking her first shaky steps in freedom. We see newborn Ewa carried from the boat by her mother. And we meet Joe, who arrived as a lonely child without his family. In Harbour of Hope they tell their amazing stories from the moment of liberation to the unsolved

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mysteries in present time. A film about dealing with war memories, the importance of a helping hand and finding a "harbour of hope".

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Note to editors

Press material on Harbour of Hope is available here
http://www.autoimages.se/press/harbour_of_hope_press/

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