

Harbour of Hope press release. For immediate release

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

## HARBOUR OF HOPE BEGINS FESTIVAL TOUR



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**While still running in selected Swedish cinemas, Harbour of Hope is now launched on an international festival tour. The Swedish festival premiere will be at the Göteborg International Film Festival and the international premiere at the Thessaloniki Documentary Film Festival in Greece.**

After a successful fall period in Swedish cinemas, Harbour of Hope will now start reaching an international audience. First step is circulating the international film festivals. The Swedish festival premiere is set for the Göteborg International Film Festival happening on January 27 to February 6.

Following the screening in Gothenburg is the international premiere of Harbour of Hope, which is set for Thessaloniki Documentary Film Festival happening on March 9 – 18 in Greece. The festival is among the biggest audience documentary festivals in Europe.

Upon the announcement of the international premiere of Harbour of Hope Director Magnus Gertten states:

*Following the many good reviews and great audience response Harbour of Hope has had in Sweden, I am looking forward to start meeting an international audience at Thessaloniki Documentary Festival. It has been my privilege to have one of my previous films screened there and I look forward to having the international premiere of Harbour of Hope at this great festival.*

Göteborg International Film Festival and Thessaloniki Documentary Film Festival are the two first stops on the international festival tour, which Harbour of Hope will have. More festivals will be announced after the international premiere. To stay updated on future screening you can go to 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

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they tell their amazing stories from the moment of liberation to the unsolved 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/](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](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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folke_Bernadotte)