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Erik Hemmendorff to head Competition Jury at the 30th Stockholm International Film Festival

The Palme d'Or winner and maverick producer Erik Hemmendorff will head the jury of Stockholm XXX Competition at the Stockholm International Film Festival. He's leading the jury in their work to, amongst other categories, select the film that wins "Best film" and the world's heaviest film prize – the Bronze Horse.



Photo: Carla Orrego Veliz

– Stockholm International Film Festival is great at picking up artistry that you don't see anywhere else. As Head of the Jury I will strike a blow for those who dare to stick out amongst the endless range of algorithm-optimized TV-series that today erase the director's voice. Those who surprise and challenges charm me, and I look forward to lively discussions with the other Jury members, says Erik Hemmendorff.

Erik Hemmendorff have, together with Ruben Östlund, founded the production company Plattform Produktion that has been awarded over a hundred international prizes for films like *The Square* (2017), *Force Majeure* (2014) and *INVOLUNTARY* (2008). Last time he visited Stockholm Film Festival his film *INVOLUNTARY* won "Best screenplay" and was voted "Best film" in the "Audience Award" by the festival audience.



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The Jury is responsible of appointing the winner of the prestigious Bronze Horse for "Best film", and the Aluminum Horse in the categories: "Best Directorial Debut", "Best Short Film", "Best Actor", "Best Actress", "Best Music" and "Best Cinematography".

In Stockholm XXX Competition only directors who has made less than three films are allowed to participate. Past winners of "Best film" includes Quentin Tarantino, Lars von Trier, Courtney Hunt and Yorgos Lanthimos that won last year.

The 30th Stockholm International Film Festival takes place 6 – 17 November 2019.

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The 30th Stockholm International Film Festival : 6-17 November 2019

Stockholm International Film Festival was founded in 1990 and has grown to become one of Europe's leading film festivals. During the festival we screen over 150 films from over 60 countries. We also arrange exclusive previews throughout the year, open-air screenings during the summer as well as Stockholm International Film Festival Junior in April.

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