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## **Over 30 applications submitted to the Stockholm International Film Festival Feature Film Award for Women**

**The Stockholm International Film Festival has launched a feature film scholarship, together with Telia, the Swedish Film Institute, Cinepost and Dagsljus to highlight female directors in their early careers. We have received 32 applications and on November 19<sup>th</sup> we will announce the winner of the scholarship, which amounts to a value of five million Swedish kroner, to direct a feature film.**

*- It's great fun and impressive that so many contributions have been received as this is the first year we give out the scholarship. This suggests that there are many hungry female directors in Sweden just waiting to make a film, says Git Scheynius, Festival Manager at Stockholm International Film Festival.*

The purpose of the scholarship is to highlight female directors with a clear vision and a focus on strong stories. The nominees are selected through an evaluation based on the screenplay, past productions, the team's ability to carry out production according to schedule, budget and audience potential. Of all the contributions received we will nominate five to ten projects which will be announced on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The nominated projects that do not win will receive a development grant of up to 250, 000 SEK from the Swedish Film Institute, so they can continue working on their feature film projects.

The winner will receive the scholarship at the Stockholm Film Festival's awards ceremony on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and the finished film will have its world premiere a year later at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Stockholm International Film Festival 2012. The film will be distributed by NonStop Entertainment to Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

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*The scholarship was initiated by the Stockholm International Film Festival in cooperation with Telia, the Swedish Film Institute, Cinepost, Dagsljus and resource companies for film and television in Sweden.*