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Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award 2009 goes to one of the big female actresses of our time – Susan Sarandon

The 20th Stockholm International Film Festival presents the Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award 2009 to actress Susan Sarandon. Sarandon will visit the festival to accept the award in person and to meet the audience in Stockholm on a Face2Face.

Motivation: A Doris Day for the counterculture generation, an outlaw heroine punching the gas of a blue '66 Thunderbird, a devout nun who finds a way to be spiritual in a spiritless world – the roles Susan Sarandon has played often gain a life of their own beyond the films themselves. Reflection, seduction and rebellion animate her characters and seem to be the key tools in her actor's repertoire. As a result, her multifarious portrayals of strong female characters display a perfect blending of the feminine and feminist, making Susan Sarandon an ideal recipient of this year's award.

Susan Sarandon was born in New York in 1946 and her acting career came about by chance when accompanying her husband to an audition and being asked to read too. She has appeared in a wide range of characters such as a sassy prostitute, fiery waitress, a devoted nun and a struggling mother and brought them all to life. She has re-invented herself throughout her career and refused to be typecasted. We all remember her roles in Luis Mandoki's "White Palace", "Thelma and Louise" by Ridley Scott and in "Dead man walking" by Tim Robbins which earned her an Oscar.

Now in her sixties, Sarandon remains as busy as ever – and is continuing to tackle a wildly varied portfolio of parts. She is definitely a worthy recipient of the Stockholm Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to honor and acknowledge a longstanding career and an outstanding achievement in cinema. The prestigious award, in the shape of a 16 lb Bronze Horse (the heaviest film award in the world), is a paraphrase on the Swedish Dala horse, designed by designer Fredrik Swärd. The Stockholm Lifetime Achievement Award has previously been presented to actors and filmmakers like Lauren Bacall, David Lynch, Oliver Stone and Paul Schrader.

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Film Festival November 18-29 2009. The Stockholm International Film Festival started in 1990 and is today one of the leading competitive film festival in Europe. The festival takes place every year in November with more than 170 films from more then 40 countries. More than a festival: we organize exclusive screenings and the popular Summer Cinema - an outdoor mini-festival. Every year in April the Stockholm International Film Festival Junior brings the latest films to youngsters between 6 and 16 years