



Göteborg Film Festival and Nordisk Film & TV Fond launch new TV Award for Best Script

Göteborg Film Festival has taken the next step in its work with TV drama series and will award the first Nordic Prize for Best Script. The new award is called *Nordisk Film & TV Fond Prize*, is worth 200,000 SEK and will be awarded on February 2.

In recent years the Nordic countries have become one of the most engaging regions for TV drama series. As a result of the mutual industry effort *TV Drama Vision*, the Göteborg Film Festival has established itself as the most important meeting place in the Nordic countries for the international TV industry. This effort even left a mark on last year's public festival program. Nordic TV drama received its own section within the festival, which turned out to be a success. Among series shown were *The Most Forbidden*, *Trapped* and *Follow the Money*. The icing on the cake is a new prize for Best Script.

– Nordic TV drama maintains a high international level, so it goes without saying that the Festival will continue to focus on drama series. It's especially exciting that the prize goes to the scriptwriter, since strong scripts are the engines driving successful TV shows. And in the Nordic countries we have many interesting scriptwriters who deserve more attention, says the festival's artistic director, **Jonas Holmberg**.

The prize has been founded in cooperation with Nordisk Film & TV Fond, who are also funding the prize.

– We are the top financier of many cool, boundary-breaking Nordic TV drama series. By awarding this prize we want to highlight the best skills and imagination needed in creating characters and story layers that hook audiences. The Göteborg Film Festival is long-sighted and dynamic. They introduced their platform *TV Drama Vision* before others, so it was obvious for us to choose them as partners” says the CEO of Nordisk Film & TV Fond, **Petri Kempainen**.

The nominated TV series will be made public in conjunction with the festival's program release on January 10, 2017. An international jury that will be presented in the middle of December will decide which series wins first prize.

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The 40th Göteborg Film Festival will take place from January 27 to February 6, 2017.