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NINJA THYBERG IS 2016 SWEA LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

SWEA Los Angeles is pleased to announce Ninja Thyberg as its 2016 SWEA Los Angeles Film Scholarship recipient.

The scholarship consist of \$7,500 and a round ticket from Sweden to Los Angeles. The recipient will spend three months in Los Angeles, the movie capital of the world, focusing on work, education and networking.

Ninja Thyberg, 31 years old, holds a degree in Film Directing from Stockholm Academy of Dramatic Arts. She graduated in May 2015, and is already the recipient of numerous awards including Canal Plus Award at Cannes Film Festival in 2013 for “Pleasure” and Student Visionary Award at Tribeca Film Festival in 2015 for “Catwalk”.

Thyberg is investigating the relation between power, body and sexuality and she is digging into social hierarchies, group dynamics and stereotyping in her work.

Ninja Thyberg made a tremendous impression on the jury consisting of producer Richard Ulfvengren, Academy Award winning sound designer Paul Ottosson and the founder of Scandinavian Film Festival James Koenig:

”We are always looking at wonderful talent and dedication. And we’re often seeing great talent at varying levels of development. In the case of Ninja Thyberg we were looking at a rising star who has already been recognized at Cannes, and at the Tribeca Film Festival. Her talent shows drive and individuality and her craft is already fine-tuned to bringing her ideas from the page to the screen. All the applicants show outstanding achievement. But it was clear that this year’s recipient is “a force to be reckoned with” who will spend her time in Los Angeles for specialized study, and working on a most interesting feature film project about a Swedish girl working in the Los Angeles porn industry.”

During Thybergs stay in Los Angeles she is planning on working on the feature film project “Jessica” and attending workshops in directing actors and script analysis.

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For information about SWEA Los Angeles, please see the website: www.losangeles.swea.org.

SWEA is a global network for Swedish women founded in Los Angeles 1979 by Agneta Nilsson. The organization has about 7,500 members in more than 70 local chapters.