

## **INTERFILM-seminar from June 25-28, 2009 at the Bergman Week on Gotland, Sweden**

Since five years is held on Fårö (Gotland/Sweden), were Ingmar Bergman lived, the Bergman Week, a small festival with about 2000 participants, see: [www.bergmanveckan.se](http://www.bergmanveckan.se). A representativ group of INTERFILM members will attend the event from Friday, June 26, when the screenings and discussions partly will be in English. Arrival day must be Thursday afternoon/evening, June 25.

Ingmar Bergman's cinema offers us a sharp analysis of human relationships and of the ultimate questions regarding human life, from adolescence to death. Bergman hides himself behind his characters, whose quest for ultimate answers becomes our quest. His Protestant origin and culture transpire in the characters search or denial of God. As in a mirror play, God hides from pious or intellectual searchers, but reveals Himself to those who come out in their whole humanity. Not to forget, that Bergmans' film "Wild Strawberries" was awarded with the first INTERFILM award for the best film ever given on the occasion of the 6th general assembly of INTERFILM in Utrecht 1961.



*View from Bergmans' beloved Fårö*



*View from St Maria Cathedral, Visby*

One theme of this years Bergman-week will be the cinematographer Sven Nyqvist, another "light and shadow" and a third is the young Bergman. Actress Gunnel Lindblom will attend. Marie Nyreröd will give a lecture on the young Bergman. Mike Nichols ("The Graduate") is asked to come but till now they have not confirmed his participation. There will be a Master class with young talented filmmakers from all of Sweden attending. All screenings and happenings during the Bergman-week are set in the most beautiful and exotic landscape you can imagine, the landscape thar inspired Bergman itensely and where he shoot some of his most famous films.

Read more about Sweden's biggest island, Ingmar Bergmans true love, on [www.gotland.info](http://www.gotland.info)

### **Program:**

#### **Arrival day: Thursday, June 25:**

Travel (flight) to Stockholm-Arlanda and from there to Visby (Frankfurt 07:45; Arlanda 09:45/11:10; Visby 11:55); or ferry from Stockholm-Nynäsham to Visby at 11:05 or 12:10.

See also [www.destinationgotland.se](http://www.destinationgotland.se).

**Accommodation** at Hamnhotel just outside the ring wall that suuounds the old Visby. Breakfast included.

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**18.30** Dinner together in Visby followed by holy communion with music in St Maria Cathedral. For those who wants we can join the “After church-pub” afterwards which will be attended by bishop Lennart Koskinen.

**Friday – Saturday, June 26-27:** The seminar will move to Fårösund and Fårö where the Bergman-week is at it’s peak. We’ll take part of screenings, seminars and events that are arranged by the Bergman-week, including lectures by Jes Nysten from Denmark and the Valdensian Pastor Peter Ciaccio from Italy (both members of INTERFILM). There will also be time for discussing internal issues. One urgent matter is to share experiences of how films awarded by Interfilm or other Church jury (Ecumenical Juries) are integrated in church-work and discuss ideas about how we better can follow up these films. You will also be offered to attend the popular guided bustour around Fårö visiting some of the locations where Bergman shot his films. Language will be english.

**Accomodation** at the folk high school in Fårösund (close to Fårö and next to one of the theatres used during the Bergman-week).

### **Departure: Sunday, June 28, 2009**

After a ceremony in St Maria cathedral in Visby at 11.00 a.m.

Flight from Visby (13:25) to Stockholm-Arlanda (14:10) and to Frankfurt (15:15/17:25)

**Costs:** Travelcosts to Gotland, accommodation for three nights in Visby and Fårösund; lunch and dinner for two days.

### **Organisation/coordination and notification:**

The seminar is organized by the Church of Sweden and INTERFILM

Co-ordinator is Ylva Liljeholm, INTERFILM member living on Gotland and responsible for young filmtalents at the regional resource centre for film and video, Film på Gotland: [www.filmpagotland.se](http://www.filmpagotland.se)  
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### ► **Date for the notification:**

► Please send your notification at the latest **May 26** to: [ylva.liljeholm@telia.com](mailto:ylva.liljeholm@telia.com) .

► Preferably sooner.

► Please notify if you are vegetarian/vegan and if you want single or double room.

