

**A story about love, connection, healing and second acts.**

***EDDIE’S TURN* SHORT FILM SCRIPT WINS**

**BEST SCREENPLAY AT EQUUS FILM AND ARTS FEST**

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December 3, 2024 - The New Mexico-based Equus Film & Arts Fest honored

award-winning Swedish filmmaker **Annika Hylmö** with Best Screenplay for her short narrative film, ***Eddie’s Turn,*** at the festival’s award ceremony on November 17.

“This is one of the best scripts ever submitted to our festival,” said **Lisa Dierson,** Founder and Director of the EQUUS Film Festival. “There’s real sensitivity and warmth in Annika’s writing, and she clearly understands horses. I can’t wait to see the finished film.”

*Eddie’s Turn* is the story of a burned-out ER nurse and a retired racehorse, Eddie, who are both at a crossroads in their lives. They discover the healing benefits of equine therapy and a new future that serves them both.

Hylmö will direct, and Academy-Award winning producer **Betsy Pollock** (*Two Soldiers, Wind*), previously Associate Dean of Production at AFI, is producing. A horse lover since she was a child, Hylmö returned to riding during COVID. “I found spending time with Eddie really helped me with my anxiety and stress,” she said, “and being with me seemed to benefit Eddie as well. I got inspired to explore this dynamic in the script.”

A native of Sweden with a Ph.D. in Communications, *Eddie’s Turn is* Hylmö’s second short film. She was a co-producer on Film Canada’s *The Image Makers*. In 2021 Hylmö wrote and directed the short film *Dr. Penelope,* acomedy about a grad student and a psychic puppet. The film won over a dozen festival awards at the Swedish International Film Festival, the World Film Festival in Cannes and the Austin International Arts Festival, among others.

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