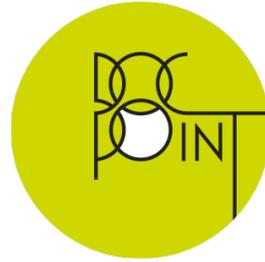


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## THE DOCPOINT AHO & SOLDAN AWARD TO KANERVA CEDERSTRÖM

Film director **Kanerva Cederström** will receive the DocPoint festival's Aho & Soldan award for lifetime achievements. The award is given to accomplished Finnish documentary directors who have made a significant contribution to the field of domestic creative documentary film. A long career of sustained high quality in documentary directing is an additional requirement.

Kanerva Cederström (born 1949) began her career in film in the 1980s and has made more than 20 documentaries and essay films. Themes innate for her production are the passing of time, the way it is experienced, and memory, as well as a close relationship with literature and visual arts. The director is known for her aesthetically experimental style, which combines freedom of expression with creative use of materials. She assembles her films from many elements: besides archive materials, there are also scenes that are acted.

In addition to her creative work, Cederström has worked at The School of Arts, Design and Architecture as a professor of documentary film between 2003 and 2010. In 2001 she received the national quality support grant for film productions.

DocPoint pays tribute to Kanerva Cederström's life's work by showing as part of its program a retrospective of the artist's work, including the films TWO UNCLES (1991), GENIUS LOCI (1986), TRANS-SIBERIA (1999), LOST AND FOUND (2003), COINCIDENCES (2008), and films regarding Tove Jansson and Tuulikki Pietilä: TRAVELLING WITH TOVE (1993), HARU, ISLAND OF THE SOLITARY (1994) and TOVE AND TOOTI IN EUROPE (2004). In addition, the festival will present the TRANS-AMERIKA installation consisting of film, photographs, sound and text – the artist's latest work, in co-operation with **Riikka Tanner**.

The Aho & Soldan award for lifetime achievement will be granted to Kanerva Cederström on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 PM in the movie theatre Andorra at a film screening. The screening will be followed by a film and literature conversation held at the Dubrovnik bar, where Cederström and Finlandia award winning author **Riikka Pelo** will discuss the relationship of the director's films to literature.

*The 13<sup>th</sup> DocPoint documentary film festival will run from January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 in film theatres around Helsinki. The festival program, including around 130 films, will be published on January 3<sup>rd</sup> on the DocPoint website.*

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