

**SWEA INTERNATIONAL, INC. NEW YORK CHAPTER  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE'S REPORT  
January 25, 2019**

**2018 RECIPIENTS**

The SWEA New York Chapter Scholarship Committee received 13 applications for the 2018 Mona Johnsson scholarship. One recipient was awarded the SWEA New York Mona Johnsson Scholarship 2018.

SWEA New York Mona Johnsson Scholarship 2018, in the amount of \$2,000.00, was awarded to Rundfunk Media for the production Amerikabrevet, a podcast from New York hosted by Fanny Reuterswård.

Amerikabrevet is an interview podcast, in which Swedish expats tell their stories on what it is like to live and work in New York City. The focus for season one and two is female entrepreneurs and professionals as this group often faces even greater challenges beyond culture and language. The purpose of this initiative is to represent and showcase Swedish expats, and to inspire and guide listeners either interested in taking the plunge to move abroad, or keen to hear about how it is to live in New York City.

**UPDATE ON 2017 RECIPIENTS**

One recipient was awarded the SWEA New York Mona Johnsson Scholarship 2017.

SWEA New York Mona Johnsson Scholarship 2017, in the amount of \$3,000, was awarded to The Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater for the production of a children's show "The Story of Beppo the Clown" written by Else Fisher Bergman. The year of 2018 marked the hundred-year jubilee celebration of the Swedish legend and director of the play, Ingmar Bergman, born in 1918. The purpose of this initiative is to represent and showcase the work of Ilse and Ingmar Bergman, whose work is strongly embedded in Swedish culture, society and tradition. The play was a box-office success and sold out all shows.

SWEA, the Swedish Women's Educational Association, is a global non-profit organization for Swedish and Swedish-speaking women who are living or have lived outside of Sweden. SWEA's mission includes supporting and raising awareness of the Swedish language, culture and traditions. Each year, SWEA New York awards one or several scholarships to support a person or an organization with ties to New York in their studies or their efforts to advance/share knowledge of Swedish culture, traditions, language, history, or society. The New York chapter of SWEA was established in 1983. Mrs. Mona Johnsson was one of the founders of SWEA New York, and remained a very active and involved member until she passed away in 2014. Since then, SWEA New York's scholarship has been awarded in fond memory her.

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