

ILLUSTRATORS PIJA LINDENBAUM, PERNILLA STALFELT AND JAN LÖÖF AMONG THOSE SELECTED FOR THE BOLOGNA BOOK FAIR

Thirty one illustrators will represent Sweden at the world's largest Children's Book Fair in Bologna in March 2013.

Well-known names include Anna-Clara Tidholm, sisters Lisen and Emma Adbåge, Sven Nordqvist and many other contemporary Swedish illustrators of children's books. The ages of those selected range from Ilon Wikland, born in 1930, to Clara Dackenberg, born in 1987. A third of the illustrators were born in the 1980s, which bodes well for a new lease of life for the Swedish picture book.

Emma Adbåge was born in Linköping in 1982 and is a children's author and an illustrator of children's books. Emma Adbåge received Silver for *Leni is a honeybun* in the Illustration category of the Association of Swedish Illustrators' competition, "Kolla 2011."

www.emmaadbage.com

Adbåge, Lisen

Lisen Adbåge was born in 1982 and is a Swedish illustrator, cartoonist, and children's author. Lisen has illustrated a large number of teaching aids and children's books, among them *Kurt and Kio want a Cabin*, and *Ten Wild Horses*.

www.lisenadbage.com

Ahmed Backström, Siri

Siri Ahmed Backström was born in 1980, trained at Konstfack, and works as an illustrator and picture book author. She has self-published several books, including: *Siblings' Day*, *Little Mountain*, and *I Will Try To Describe You Just As Precious As You Are*.

www.siriahmedbackstrom.com

Bengtsson, Anna

Anna Bengtsson was born in 1951 and is an illustrator, graphic designer and children's author. She was trained at an art school in Göteborg, and at Konstfack in Stockholm. In terms of children's books, her most recent contribution was *New Hairstyle* (2011), which she illustrated and authored, and *A Pile of Snow*, released in autumn 2012.

www.annabengtsson.se

Björs, Ida

Ida Björs was born in 1973 and brought up in Hälsingland. She was trained at Konstfack and has worked as an illustrator and participated in art exhibits with paintings, folk costumes, knitted articles, etc.

www.idabjorssuperillustration.se

Cyrén, Karin

Karin Cyrén was born in 1984 and trained at Konstfack. Her first published book, *The Umbrella Trip*, was written by Håkan Jaensson and released in 2011.

www.karincyren.com

Dackenberg, Clara

Clara Dackenberg was born in 1987. *Now or Maybe Cow – A Love Story* is Clara Deckenberg's debut as an illustrator of children's books.

www.bladslottet.se/forfattare.html

Davidsson Neppelberg, Helena

Helena Davidsson Neppelberg was born 1963 and lives in Stockholm. She trained at Konstfack and is active as an illustrator for magazines, advertising agencies, and book publishers. Her latest children's book, *The Prince and The Wishing Stone*, was released in autumn 2012.

www.davidsson-neppelberg.se

Eriksson, Eva

Eva Eriksson was born in Halmstad in 1949. She was trained at Konstfack and made her debut in 1977. In addition to her own books, Eva Eriksson is a prolific illustrator for some of Sweden's foremost children's authors, among them Viveca Lärn, Barbro Lindgren, and Ulf Nilsson.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/E/Eva-Eriksson

Forslind, Ann

Ann Forslind was born in 1953 and is a Swedish author and illustrator with many children's books under her belt, e.g. *Little Big Sisters* and *Ouch!*, as well as the *Baby* series. Ann also works as a lecturer in Illustration at Konstfack in Stockholm.

www.alfabeta.se/forfattare/ann-forslind

Grähs, Gunna

Gunna Grähs was born in Hallstahammar in 1954 and works as an illustrator. She studied at Konstfack. Her first picture book was released in 1982 and since then, Gunna has illustrated some fifty titles, non-fiction books, cartoons and picture books, among them *Charlie's Pillow* and the *Hello There* series.

www.alfabeta.se/forfattare/gunna-grahs

Hellgren, Joanna

Joanna Hellgren was born in 1981 and trained at Konstfack. Her first book, *Mon frère nocturne (My Night Brother)* was released in France, and she has been awarded several prizes for her comic albums both in France and Sweden. Her *Frances, part 2* was released in 2010.

www.joannahellgren.com

Höglund, Anna

Anna Höglund, born in 1958, is an author, illustrator and artist. She has written several books of her own and collaborated with writers such as Ulf Stark, Barbro Lindgren, Eva Susso, Gunnar Lindkvist, and Ulf Nilsson. Anna Höglund also writes plays and creates animated film.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/H/Anna-Hoglund

Jönsson, Maria

Maria Jönsson, born in Gävle in 1958, lives in Höganäs. Maria Jönsson works as a children's book and picture book illustrator, and a comics illustrator. She has worked as a freelance illustrator at the newspaper Helsingborgs Dagblad since 1990. She has illustrated a number of children's books, most of them with Lotta Olsson, e.g. the series about Morris the puppy.

www.spyflugan.com

Landström, Olof

Olof Landström was born in Turku, Finland in 1943. He is an illustrator and animator. Together with his wife, Lena, and Peter Cohen, Olof created the award-winning animated films *Charlie's Climbing Tree* and *The Uncle Who Didn't Want To Be A Grown-Up*. Olof and Lena's first joint picture book, *Will's New Cap*, was released in 1990. Another three books about Will followed. The books about Will and his mother have been translated into eleven languages. In 2012, *Pom and Pim* was released.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/L/Olof-Landstrom

Lindenbaum, Pija

Pija Lindenbaum was born and raised in Sundsvall. She studied at Konstfack and made her debut in 1990 with the picture book, *Else-Marie And Her Seven Little Daddies*. Pija has won several prizes and awards – both in Sweden and abroad – the most recent being the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis for *Siv Lost In Sleep* (2012). Pija was also nominated for an August award for *I love Manne* (2012).

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/L/Pija-Lindenbaum

Lindström, Eva

Eva Lindström was born in Västerås in 1952 and lives in Stockholm. She was trained at Västerås Konstskola and Konstfack in Stockholm. She has received seven August award nominations, most recently for her book, *I Don't Like Water* (2010). In autumn 2012, her book *Olli And Mo* was released.

www.alfabeta.se/forfattare/eva-lindstrom

Lundberg, Sara

Sara Lundberg, born in 1971, is an illustrator trained in the United States. She has illustrated texts for almost ten years. *White Lines* is her debut picture book, with her own illustrations and text. In autumn 2011, the sequel, *White Lines and Öjvind*, was released.

www.saralundberg.se

Lööf, Jan

Jan Lööf, born in 1940 in Trollhättan, is an artist and author. He made his debut in 1966 with two books, *A Magician in Stockholm* and the picture book, *My Grandpa Is A Pirate*. Jan Lööf enjoyed international success with his large picture book, *Story of the Red Apple* (1974).

www.bonniercarlsen.se/Upphovsman/Forfattarpresentationssida/personId=11693

Nordqvist, Sven

Sven Nordqvist, born in 1946 in Helsingborg, is a Swedish children's author, artist, and illustrator. His book, *The Birthday Cake*, introduced Pettson and Findus the cat. Seven more books about them were to follow. In addition to his own books, he has illustrated books by other authors, e.g. the books about Mama Moo and the Crow, and three non-fiction books together with Mats Wahl.

www.opal.se/index.php?p=up&id=Sven@Nordqvist

Nordström, Jockum

Jochum Nordström, born in 1963, is an artist and author. He studied to become an art teacher at Konstfack. Jockum has participated in exhibits in Sweden and abroad, among them the

Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York. Jockum's Sailor and Pekka are some of Sweden's most well-known characters.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/N/Jockum-Nordstrom

Persson, Klara

Klara Persson was born in 1985 and made her debut as an author and illustrator in autumn, 2012, with *Molly & Sus*.

www.klarast.com

Ramel, Charlotte

Charlotte Ramel was born in 1959 and brought up just outside Stockholm. Her debut, *The Cake Book*, was released in 1988. Her latest books about Cinnamon and Rabbit are the fruits of a collaboration with Ulf Stark.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/R/Charlotte-Ramel

Ruta, Matilda

Matilda Ruta, born in 1982, is an artist/designer from Stockholm. Since gaining her master's degree from Konstfack, she has worked on novellas, various illustration projects, picture books, and decorations. Her debut book, the novella series, *Thumbelina or The Other Wild*, was released in November, 2011.

www.matildaruta.se

Sjöberg, Lena

Lena, born in 1970, was raised in Sandviken. Since graduating from Konstfack in 1996, she has freelanced as an illustrator. In 2005, she made her debut as an author with the picture book, *How to find a Treasure and They're cutest when they're sleeping*.

www.lenasjoberg.com

Stalfelt, Pernilla

Pernilla Stalfelt, born in 1962, is a Swedish children's author and illustrator. In her book, *All Children's Rights*, Pernilla Stalfelt explained the Convention on the Rights of the Child to children themselves.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/S/Pernilla-Stalfelt

Tidholm, Anna-Clara

Anna-Clara Tidholm was born in Stockholm in 1946. Since 1970, she has worked and lives in Hälsingland. She is originally a writer and has a comprehensive portfolio. Her *Knock Knock* series is considered a literary classic for small children. Anna-Clara Tidholm has won several prizes, among them the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis in 1992 and the August Award for *Goodbye, Mr. Muffin* in 2002.

www.alfabeta.se/forfattare/anna-clara-tidholm

Virke, Emma

Emma Virke was born in 1974 and works as an illustrator, graphic designer, author and visual artist. Her debut as a picture book author, *Letter to the Moon*, was published in 2010.

www.virke.net

Wikland, Ilon

Ilon Wikland was born in Estonia in 1930 and came to Sweden as a 14-year old refugee. She was trained at Konstfack and Signe Barth's art school, and in 1954 she was commissioned to illustrate *Mio, My Son*. Since then, she has illustrated almost every Astrid Lindgren book.

www.rabensjogren.se/Alfabetiskt/W/Ilon-Wikland

Wirsén, Stina

Stina Wirsén was born in 1968 in Älvsjö, Stockholm, and is a Swedish illustrator and artist. Stina Wirsén was trained at Konstfack and is known for her illustrations in the national newspaper *Dagens Nyheter*, for which she has been awarded a number of prizes. She has also authored a series of *Who?* books for young children, which contains more than ten titles.

www.bonniercarlsen.se/Upphovsman/Forfattarpresentationssida/personId=14265

Östergren, Emelie

Emelie Östergren was born in 1982 and trained at Konstfack in Stockholm. Her series and illustrations have been published in books, anthologies, comics, magazines and fanzines both in Sweden and abroad.

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