**Blacksmith from Middle Earth to Medieval Week on Gotland**

**Peter Lyon - the man behind the making of the swords in The Lord of the Rings movie trilogie come to Gotland during Medieval Week. Peter Lyon is invited by goGotland in cooperation with Medieval Week and Gotland museum. He will be lecturing in St. Nicolai and at Gotland Museum throughout Medieval Week.**

”– We’re looking very much forward to Peter Lyons visit to the Medieval Week. Partly because we ourselves would like to see and hold the sword used by the actors in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, and partly because we see that there is a great deal of curiosity and a genuine interest in the cinematic mythology and Tolkien's world , " says Björn Sundberg , Executive Director at Medieval Week on Gotland.

”Peter Lyon is very much looking forward to the visit. He has a keen interest in the Middle Ages and is regularly visiting jousting and other medieval events around the world .Visby is according to Peter Lyon on his " must see " list , " says Frida Lindroth , Project Manager at goGotland .

Peter Lyon was born and raised in New Zealand. He is a self-taught sword smith and armorer and started making swords in1985. Peter specializes in replicating European medieval swords for collectors and medieval re-enactors and his methodology ensures authenticity. In 1998 Peter joined Weta Workshop as Senior Sword smith for The Lord of the Rings.

His extraordinary craftsmanship can be seen in the hero weapon that played a major role in bringing this story to the big screen, for example the sword of Aragorn and the sword Sting.

Since Peter had completed his work on The Lord of the Rings trilogy, he has continued his collaboration with Weta Workshop with a wide range of projects, including the manufacturing of hero weapons for The Last Samurai, The Chronicles of Narnia and The Hobbit.

Peter Lyon hasn’t yet decided which sword from Middle Earth that will be travelling here with him. Look at Medieval Week Facebook for details.

It is the first, but most likely not the last, time that Medieval Week, Gotlands Museum and goGotland collaborate on program activities in the church ruin of St. Nicolai.

”- We are three partners who see many opportunities for cooperation in the future. Both St. Nicholai and in the other 12 church ruins,”says Victor Ewald, goGotland.

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