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Allt för Sverige 2016



The happy contestants in the 2016 season of *Allt för Sverige*, or the *Great Swedish Adventure*, are right now filming in Sweden.

The participants:

Anna Lopinto, 25, from Nashville, TN. She grew up in “Little Sweden,” MN, and now works with horses and rodeo in Tennessee, Montana, and Wyoming.

Erica Andersson, 65, from San Francisco, CA. She was born a male, but about 20 years ago she changed to a female. She is a professor of psychology and head of the psychological institutions at one of the California universities. Her paternal grandparents spoke Swedish, and she feels close to her Swedish heritage.

Patrick Glass, 30, Spokane, Washington. Patrick is a chef who knows French cuisine. He started in the kitchen at age 5 and spent time there with his Swedish granny. His passion is fishing that he enjoys most days. He has always wanted to meet his Swedish relatives.

Jason Blohm, 49, Los Angeles, California. Jason grew up in Los Angeles with a single mother. He loves everything Swedish. When he told his Dad that he is gay, his father just said “I’m glad you are happy, son.”

Erik Seaholm, 38, Austin, Texas. Erik is a special education teacher and loves music. He is married with two kids. He is proud of his Swedish heritage and has several Swedish tattoos. He is also interested in soccer, likes the Malmö Football (soccer) club, and is a fan of Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Inger Romero, 44, Temecula, California. She is deeply religious, married, and has two children that she is home-schooling. Her husband works from home, so the family is always together, which she finds fantastic.

Micka Cain, 34, Cincinnati, Ohio. She grew up in Puerto Rico with parents that were missionaries. She later attended Columbine High school in Colorado, where the school shooting occurred in 1999, and one of her best friends was killed. She is married and has children.

She hopes to find stories about strong women in her background.

Sarah Steinman, 30, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She works as a wilderness guide for children with a problem background. She rides motorcycles, and is also a caring person. Her father has done genealogy, but only found lots of stories about the men. Sarah wants to find stories about the women, “there must be some that did bad things also!”

Steven Swanson, 35, Palm Springs, California. Steven is an avid mixed martial arts fighter. His father, who was the Swede in the family, died when Steven was a little boy.

John Burt, 45, Herriman, Utah. John is a lawyer and has his own business. He is a Mormon and married for the 2nd time. In his youth he determined to become successful, and sees himself now as the personification of the American Dream. He is a good talker, which is an advantage in court.

(Facts from Swedish Television [svt.se].)