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JACKSON WILD LAUNCHES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR EARLY-CAREER FILMMAKERS

[JACKSON HOLE, WY - MAY 26 2021] - Jackson Wild has created several free opportunities to nurture the next generation of storytellers as part of the [Jackson Wild Collective](#) and [New Frontiers programming](#), including [Editing Masterclass](#), [Virtual Mentorship](#) program, and [African Conservation Voices](#) initiative.

The [Editing Masterclass](#) is an opportunity for [Jackson Wild Collective](#) members to take their editing skills to the next level in crafting persuasive stories. Led by [Candice Odgers](#), an award-winning editor with over 18 years of experience in natural history filmmaking, this 7-week online interactive masterclass will incorporate seminars, case studies, and hands-on projects. The application deadline is May 28th. In addition to the [Editing Masterclass](#).

Jackson Wild is currently processing applications for the Virtual Mentorship, a quarterly program that connects early-career nature, conservation and science filmmakers with leading experts in the industry. More than 60 mentees applied to the current round of Mentorship pairings and will be matched with one of the 75 Jackson Wild mentors session/conversation. Since September, more than 150 mentees have been paired with 80 seasoned professionals from the Jackson Wild community in this quarterly program. Applications for the next round will be accepted beginning in early July.

Jackson Wild has partnered with [African Wildlife Foundation](#) to create the [African Conservation Voices Initiative](#), an 8-week training series for conservation storytellers. This series of media workshops organized by AWF and Jackson Wild provides hundreds of early to mid-career filmmakers in Africa with the opportunity to learn from experienced wildlife film and conservation experts to help elevate voices on the continent and create powerful conservation stories.

About Jackson Wild: For almost 30 years, the Jackson Wild Summit has grown a reputation for hosting an extraordinary convening of scientists, conservationists, innovators and media. The Summit fosters an environment where collaboration and innovation thrive, ideas are launched, and strategic partnerships are forged as participants work together to address critical conservation and environmental challenges facing our planet. The 2020 Jackson Wild Summit was hosted virtually, September 28 - October 1, 2020. Screenings with filmmaker Q&A and 30+ Keynote Conversations & Content Sessions will be available on-demand for registrants until October 15. The Jackson Wild Summit will take place in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 2021, and then in Austria in 2022.

Jackson Wild's international board members include Africa Wildlife Foundation, ARTE France, BBC Studios, Blue Ant Media Love Nature,, Borealés, Conservation International, Discovery, Doclights, Gorongosa Restoration Project, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, National Geographic Partners, National Geographic Society, Nature/WNET, Netflix, Off the Fence Productions, PBS, Saint Thomas Productions, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Seeker, Smithsonian Channel, Sony Electronics, SVT/Swedish Television, The Nature Conservancy, Terra Mater Factual Studios, ORF/Universum, Wanda Films, WGBH, and World Wildlife Fund US.

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