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Jackson Wild Announces Final Cohort for the Jackson Wild Media Lab To Be Held This Fall in Burgenland, Austria

JACKSON, **Wyo.** – Jackson Wild, in collaboration with Day's Edge Productions and HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, is proud to announce the Fellows of the 2022 Jackson Wild Media Lab, taking place as a part of the 2022 Jackson Wild Summit in Burgenland, Austria.

"Jackson Wild is committed to serving as a catalyst for leadership and mentorship, where the next generation of scientists and creators is empowered to push the boundaries of how we understand our relationship with nature. We are thrilled to welcome this group of sixteen individuals, and look forward to supporting them as they hone their storytelling skills in Austria," said Jackson Wild Executive Director Lisa Samford.

The selection committee was deeply impressed by the passion, curiosity, and perspective shared in this year's Media Lab applications. With over 350 applicants from countries all over the world, sixteen individuals were accepted into this rigorous filmmaking fellowship, an experience designed to help scientists and media creators develop their skills to communicate about science, nature, and conservation with diverse audiences across the world's evolving media platforms. The complete list of Fellows, along with their biographies, can be found here.

"This is our most globally diverse pool of fellows yet and our first time taking the Jackson Wild Media Lab to a new and wild place. We are eager to work with these talented fellows to see what kinds of stories they will tell, but what we look forward to the most is watching their careers and collaborations blossom after the Media Lab is over," said Nate Dappen, co-owner and senior producer at Day's Edge Productions.

For nine days, Media Lab Fellows will work side-by-side with instructors and mentors to gain intensive hands-on filmmaking experience with professional equipment, learn the science of science communication, and expand their professional networks with peers and industry professionals. Fellows will create short films that will premiere at a special event during the Jackson Wild Summit on Tuesday, September 27 at Vila Vita Pannonia in Burgenland, Austria.

Each year, Jackson Wild creates action coalitions tasked with brainstorming tangible solutions-based outcomes to be presented and discussed by delegates attending the Jackson Wild Summit. This year, the priority is to build on the work of the Media Lab by discussing how the Jackson Wild community can

propel the journey of emerging talent through the many programs underway to result in concrete career advancement and job placements.

About Jackson Wild

For over 30 years, Jackson Wild has been a catalyst for accelerating and elevating impactful storytelling at the nexus of nature, science, and conservation. Through innovative and collaborative community gatherings, skill-building initiatives, and mentorship programs, Jackson Wild creates an inclusive forum for storytellers to more deeply illuminate connections to the natural world and our collective responsibility to the wild.

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

About Days Edge Productions

Day's Edge is a full-featured broadcast-ready production company based in the United States specializing in telling stories about science, nature, conservation, and adventure. Day's Edge team of Ph.D.-trained scientists and award-winning filmmakers are passionate about bringing cutting-edge science, inspiring stories, and important messages to broad audiences. Day's Edge projects range from broadcast documentaries, web series and advocacy films, to classroom films and fundraising campaigns.

About HHMI Tangled Bank Studios

HHMI Tangled Bank Studios is a mission-driven production company dedicated to crafting compelling, immersive films about science and scientists.

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