Jackson Wild Announces Winners of 2023 Media Awards and Special Jury Awards

JACKSON, Wyo. – Jackson Wild has announced the winners of the 2023 Jackson Wild Media Awards and Special Jury Awards. Considered the highest bar of achievement in natural history filmmaking, the Jackson Wild Media Awards celebrate excellence and innovation in nature, science, and conservation storytelling.

This year’s competition saw over 1,100 category entries filmed in 74 different countries, with films competing for 30 content, craft, program, and special jury awards, as well as the Grand Teton Award, awarded to the overall best film in competition.

Winners were announced at the Grand Teton Awards Gala held at the Center for the Arts in Jackson, Wyoming as part of the 2023 Jackson Wild Summit. For more information, visit www.jacksonwild.org.

Grand Teton Award

Silverback
An Off the Fence Production for BBC In co production with France Télévision in association with Featuristic Films

Content Categories

Animal Behavior, Long Form
Sponsored by Love Nature
Our Planet II: World on the Move
Silverback Films, Netflix

Animal Behavior, Short Form
Sponsored by San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance
KAPPE RAAGA The Song of Kumbara - A Night Frog
Creative Capture Pvt Ltd, Goutham Shankar, Prashanth S Nayaka, Pradeep K Sastry, Ashwin P Kumar
Ecosystem, Long Form
Sponsored by GBH

Once Upon a Time in Tsavo
A Deeble & Stone Film
Co-producers Waterhole Films, Terra Mater Studios, The WNET Group in association with PBS and CPB

Ecosystem, Short Form
Sponsored by Conservation International

Heart of Maui
National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center for Interpretive Design

Conservation, Long Form
Sponsored by ORF

Mollie’s Pack
Grizzly Creek Films and IMAX Original Documentaries

Conservation, Short Form
Sponsored by Global Conservation Corps

Batsies
Fin and Fur Films Productions; Presented by H-E-B

People & Nature, Long Form
Sponsored by Save Our Seas Foundation

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People & Nature, Short Form
Sponsored by Institute of Indian American Arts

Daughter of the Sea
Backroads Pictures, Patagonia

Climate Stories, Long Form
Sponsored by Doclights

The Last of the Nightingales
Colorfool Films, Blind Films

Climate Stories, Short Form
Sponsored by PBS

Dream to Cure Water
TENT Film, National Geographic Society

Natural Sciences, Long Form
Sponsored by Terra Mater Studios

The Last of the Nightingales
Colorfool Films, Blind Films
Natural Sciences, Short Form  
Sponsored by Marco Polo Film AG  
*The Reservoir*  
Day's Edge Productions for Illumina

Program Categories

**Limited Series**  
Sponsored by Sony  
*Chimp Empire*  
Keo Films and Underdog Films for Netflix

**Global Voices**  
Sponsored by Santiago Wild  
*Goni*  
Untamed Planet, Drik Picture Library

**On-screen Personality**  
Sponsored by Fujifilm Fujinon  
*Silverback*  
An Off the Fence Production for BBC In co production with France Télévision in association with Featuristic Films  
Featuring Vianet Djenguett

**Micro-Movie**  
Sponsored by National Geographic  
*Roots Will Remain*  
The Allotment Studio

**Feature**  
Sponsored by ARRI  
*Orca - Black & White Gold*  
Terra Mater Studios GmbH

**Student**  
Sponsored by HHML Tangled Bank Studios  
*The Guardians of Mukogodo Forest*  
Daniel Green, National Film and Television School

Craft Categories

**Cinematography**  
Sponsored by the American Society of Cinematographers  
*Super/Natural: The Mating Game*  
National Geographic, Earthship Productions and Plimsoll Productions  
Cinematography: Chris Watts, Jon Shaw, Jeff Hester, Graham Hatherly, Alfredo Barroso, Matthew Hood, Simon De Glanville, Robert Hollingworth, Matthew Norman, Mark Ó Fearghail, Mark Payne-Gill
Editing
Sponsored by NEWF - Nature Environment Wildlife Filmmaking

Frozen Planet II: Frozen Worlds
A BBC Studios Natural History Unit Production for BBC & BBC America co-produced with ZDF and France Televisions. A BBC Open University Partnership
Editors: Matt Meech and David Warner

Original Musical Score
Sponsored by Think Lemonade Productions

Nkashi: Race for the Okavango
A National Geographic Society Impact Story Lab production, with support from Okavango Eternal
Original Music: Koolkat Motyiko (Mr. Seronga), Mikael Rosen, NEWF Compose Yourself Lab

Writing
Sponsored by BBC

Mollie’s Pack
Grizzly Creek Films and IMAX Original Documentaries
Writers: Avela Grenier and Thomas Winston

Sound
Sponsored by Television Academy Sound Peer Group

Big Beasts: The Elephant Seal
Plimsoll Productions for Apple TV+
Dubbing Mixer: Chris Domaille
Dubbing Editor: Roy Noy

Breakthrough Film
Sponsored by National Geographic Society

PATROL
Juli Films and Perpetuo Films in collaboration with Re:wild

Special Jury Awards

Special Jury Award
Deep Rising
Deep Rising PTE. LTD.

Special Jury Award
Wildcat
Amazon Studios

Legacy Award
Lisa Samford

Legacy Award in Media
Sponsored by The WNET Group’s NATURE Series
Victoria Stone and Mark Deeble
Special Jury Award for Impact Campaign
The Territory
National Geographic Documentary Films, Protozoa Pictures, Passion Pictures, Real Lava, Documist and Associação Jupaú. In association with Time Studios, XTR Doc Society Climate Story Fund
Impact Producers: Marianna Olinger, Will Miller, Alex Pritz, Gabriel Uchida, Txai Surui, Sarah Sparkman

Special Jury Award for Innovation in Green Production
Jane Goodall - Reasons for Hope
Science North, Jane Goodall Institute, Cosmic Picture Distribution, FedNor, NOHFC, Arizona Science Center, City of Sudbury, Greater Grand Sudbury, Rivian

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.


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