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South African Netflix documentary 'My Octopus Teacher' nominated for Academy Award

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The South African Netflix documentary 'My Octopus Teacher' has been nominated for an Academy Award popularly known as the Oscars in the best documentary feature category.

The 2020 Netflix original by Pippa Ehrlich and James Reed documents a year spent by filmmaker Craig Foster forging a relationship with a wild, common octopus in a South African kelp forest in False Bay near Cape Town.

The heartwarming film shows Craig Foster's growing intimate relationship with the octopus that he follows around underwater for nearly a year.

The film is up against four others in the category. It already scooped a number of awards in 2020 including two wins at the Critics Choice Documentary Awards for Best Science/Nature Documentary and Best Cinematography.

A look at Oscar nominations with correspondent Ira Spitzer in San Francisco in the United States:



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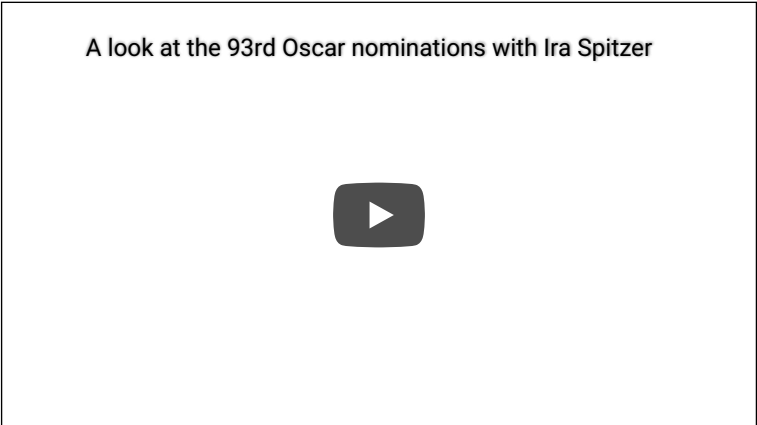
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It also scooped the Grand Teton Award at the Jackson Wild Media Awards where it received 8 nominations. It also won the Best Feature Film Award at the EarthX film festival.

Entertainment Journalist Nadia Neophytou tweeted that 'My Octopus Teacher' is the first film with a South African connection to be nominated in the Best Documentary Feature Category since the British Swedish film Searching for Sugarman won in 2013.

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