

# GREEN SCREEN®

13<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILMFESTIVAL ECKERNFÖRDE  
**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

## **Laudatio**

### **Best independent Production**

#### **„Rodents of Unusual Size“**

**Directed and produced by:** Chris Metzler, Jeff Springer and Quinn Costello  
**Cinematography:** Jeff Springer

#### **A Tilapia Film Production**

The award goes to a film that at first glance does not appear to fit into the wildlife festival range because it constantly shows animals being shot dead. “Rodents of Unusual Size” documents a problem largely unknown outside the US. It is the story of millions of nutrias, large rodents that have explosively multiplied in Louisiana thus completely destroying the coastal ecosystems. Chris Metzler, Jeff Springer, and Quin Costello show well-chosen protagonists in powerful and sometimes upsetting images underlining them with both funny and meaningful graphics. They show that large scale hunting of a species can make an important contribution to nature conservation after mankind has invalidated natural balances.