

GREEN SCREEN

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILMFESTIVAL ECKERNFÖRDE
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Heinz Sielmann Award

„The Elephant Queen“

Directors: Victoria Stone & Mark Deeble
Script und Cinematography: Mark Deeble
Edited by: David Dickie, Victoria Stone

Production: Victoria Stone & Lucinda Englehart

How do you tell a seemingly familiar animal story in an even more thrilling, more dramatic and more emotional way? You document the epic journey of a family of elephants in Kenya during the worst drought in decades!

Trying to procure water and food in a race against time turns into a thrilling dramatic and visually opulent story never documented with such intensity.

The filmmakers lovingly offset them by describing the often-overlooked interconnection of the mighty giants with their small and tiny neighbours: tiniest frogs and fish, stoic tortoises, scarab beetles or fearless Egyptian geese.

Great images, clever use of animal sounds, sensitive music and a tongue-in-cheek commentary add up to a total work of art setting new standards thus underlining the filmmakers' professed aim to personally contribute to the protection of elephants and their habitats.

The Heinz Sielmann Award goes to **THE ELEPHANT QUEEN!**