

GREEN SCREEN

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILMFESTIVAL ECKERNFÖRDE
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Laudatio

Award of the Juvenile Jury

„Tierische Wohngemeinschaften“

Director and Script: Robert Sigl

Cinematography: Marlen Hundertmark, Robert Sigl

Editor: Christoph Heimerl

Production: Text und Bild Medienproduktion for WDR, SWR and HR

Animals have gradually been disappearing from a world where vast quantities of garbage are shipped abroad, where coal is mined and fields are smothered in fertilizers. The result is a loss of diversity and the disappearance of ecosystems – indeed, a collapse of the whole climate. We are pleased to note that more and more emphasis is laid on those matters and that environmental issues have become an integral feature of wildlife filming. **At the same time**, it reminds us of the reasons why we are here at this festival! Because of our love for this incredibly diverse nature and our love for wildlife films!

Aardvarks digging holes that are big enough to house many other lodgers and weaver birds building huge nests that create living space for other animals – those are stories rarely shown. They are making us laugh and thrill us! **Animals in Shared Accommodation** is a harmonious film capturing the audience with magnificent interior and exterior photography and with an excellent musical score.

The film also shows how complex and well-aligned those communities are and how important each of the species is within them. **It is a symbol of** what we are presently destroying – viz the only planet we inhabit! In the future, films like this one can only be made if we stop the extinction of species and the destruction of our environment!

The Award of the Juvenile Jury goes to “Tierische Wohngemeinschaften” – Animals in Shared Accommodation!