



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**'SISTERS OF THE WILDERNESS' SOCIAL IMPACT DOCUMENTARY WON BEST SOUTH AFRICAN FEATURE DOCUMENTARY AT THE DURBAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AND QUALIFIES FOR THE OSCARS.**

*Sisters of the Wilderness*, a new South African feature documentary and a social impact project, aims to re-connect audiences to nature, raise awareness to the value of wild nature to our well-being; and empower young people, especially women.

The film which is set entirely in the iMfolozi wilderness, South Africa, in the oldest game park in Africa, follows the story of five young Zulu women venturing into the wilderness on a journey of healing and self-discovery, where they learn about the plight of this primordial wilderness, which is now severely threatened by open-cast coal mining on its borders, and an intensifying rhino poaching calamity.

The film follows the women as they walk in big game country and camp under the stars, totally surrounded by wild animals. Exposed to the elements and carrying on their backs all they need for the journey, they face emotional and physical challenges, and learn what it takes to survive in the wild.

Creator / Producer, Ronit Shapiro, of One Nature Films conceived the project following her experience in the iMfolozi wilderness and a meeting with South Africa's legendary conservationist, the late Dr Ian Player.

The film, directed and shot by award-winning filmmaker, Karin Slater, received the prestigious Best South African Feature Documentary at Africa's leading film festival, the Durban International Film Festival, last night (28 July 2018).

The jury praised the film and filmmaker saying *"With her ability to portray wild animals and to show South Africa's unique landscapes with a fresh eye and perspectives free from seen-before-angles, the Director and Photography and Director of Sisters of the Wilderness achieves to create a documentary which is a beautiful homage to one of the oldest Game Reserves of the country. Karin Slater knows how to use this environment in her film as a powerful catalyst to make five young women experience a cathartic yet rejuvenating awareness of their essence during a 5-day trail. The jury gives the award for the best South African documentary of DIFF 2018 to a film which dares to leave the beaten track of traditional documentary filmmaking in exploring the cinematographic wilderness."*

**Trailer :** <https://vimeo.com/254099298>

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## **NOTES:**

### **About One Nature Films:**

One Nature Films is a social impact film production company based in London, UK, founded by Ronit Shapiro in 2011. Our vision is to create engaging high quality films that inspire, connect and make a difference. We believe in the power of film to make social and environmental impact. One Nature Films has a deep-rooted passion for the environment, the natural world and human society. Our name 'One Nature' reflects our belief in the oneness of humanity and the interconnectedness of all things. We strive to be ethical and socially responsible. One Nature, beyond film-making, is a social enterprise focused on the wellness of people and the environment. Our aim is to bring about a positive social impact in any project we develop.

### **Key Credits:**

**Film Director & Cinematographer:** Karin Slater

**Project Creator / Producer:** Ronit Shapiro

**Executive Producers:** Ken and Liz Whitney, Antonia Bothner, Ronit Shapiro

**Editor:** Anja Bombelli

**Composer:** Ian Arber

**Production Company:** One Nature Films

### **Social Media Links:**

**The project's website:** [www.sistersofthewilderness.com](http://www.sistersofthewilderness.com)

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Sistersofthewilderness/>

**Twitter** <https://twitter.com/WildSisters16>

**Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/sistersofthewilderness/>

<https://www.instagram.com/onenaturefilms/?hl=en>

**YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iA7UcUauAkk&t=2s>

**Indiegogo 2017** <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/sisters-of-the-wilderness-part-2-social-impact/x/14796140#/>

**Indiegogo 2016** <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/sisters-of-the-wilderness-leadership#/>

**Highlights from the film's sound track** <https://m.soundcloud.com/ianarber/sisters-of-the-wilderness-suite-2>