

# TERRA: THE NATURE OF OUR WORLD

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2013 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As we kick off our 8th Season of TERRA: The Nature of Our World, I wanted to take the opportunity to extend a personal greeting to all of you. Having come aboard as TERRA's Executive Producer in September, 2012, I feel absolutely privileged to be a part of this dynamic and extraordinary team who are working tirelessly to bring you fresh, inspiring content in Science, Natural History, and Environmental filmmaking. It's my personal belief that when art, nature, and digital media are allowed to mingle, a powerful alchemy can result.

With that, TERRA has a wild new world to offer you this season -- from our signature cutting-edge podcasts, to exciting social media initiatives and contests, to our latest riveting feature, "Field Notes" which brings you on location and behind the scenes with filmmakers across the planet. There has never been a more thrilling time to be a part of life on TERRA and we warmly invite you to explore and engage in our ever-expanding global community.

Best Adventures.

Gianna Savoie, Executive Producer



**Award Winners** 

TERRA: The Nature of Our World has always been proud to present award-winning programming. Throughout its existence, TERRA programs have been showcased at a whole host of significant film festivals, and have been the recipients of multiple awards. Recently, several episodes prevailed on the festival circuit. To mention a few, Restoring an Icon and Salma: A Wingless Nomad won for "Best Student Doc" and "Best Student Narrative Fiction" at the 2012 Montana CINE Festival respectively. In addition, Whiteout received a special merit for "Creative Storytelling" at the same festival. Vitamin ConspiraC and Biofilm took 1st and 2nd place at the 2012 Element Film Festival. Furthermore, Growing Up With Gadgets won for "Best Nonprofessional Program" at the 2012 Jackson Hole Science Media Awards, while TRUST Alaska received a coveted Panda Award for "Campaign Film" at the 2012 Wildscreen Festival! While these films represent festival winners, a number of other recent TERRA episodes have been official selections and finalists at these and other festivals. Needless to say, the past year has been very successful for TERRA programming, and we look forward to presenting more award-winning films in the future!

### TERRA in the News

Good things have been happening for TERRA lately. We were recently chosen as a finalist in the Green category for the Pixel Awards, which recognize outstanding website design. Thanks to everyone who voted for us! The results will be posted soon. In other news, The Exponent, MSU's student newspaper, featured an article about TERRA in their January 24th edition. The Exponent is planning a followup interview to be posted on their website soon. And finally, TERRA was recommended as one of the top science and nature podcasts to watch by Earth911.



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**The TERRA Team:** We are a diverse little group made up of graduate students and faculty from Montana State University, Bozeman.

Sr. Executive Producer: Dennis Aig
Executive Producer: Gianna Savoie
Senior Producers: Emily Narrow & Taylor Johnson
Producers: Roshan Patel, Boni Roberts & Annie White
Contributing Producers: Jeff Reed & Christi Cooper-Kuhn



## At the Airport with MontanaPBS

TERRA is partnering with MontanaPBS to bring our films to an even wider audience. This past fall, TERRA films began airing on the closed circuit MontanaPBS television station at the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) in Bozeman, Montana. So far, *Growing Up With Gadgets* by Casey Kanode has aired on the channel, which is displayed on monitors throughout the airport. *Voices of Yellowstone* by Emily Narrow is playing now, and will run through February 28, 2013. So if you are traveling by air through Bozeman, Montana, be sure to watch some great TERRA content while waiting for your flight!



Field Notes

Keep your eye out for a new section of the website called "Field Notes" where we will interview wildlife and natural history filmmakers about their work around the globe. Stay tuned for upcoming features from filmmakers working in Mozambique, New Zealand, and India. And if you find yourself making a science or natural history film in an interesting place, contact us at info@lifeonterra.com.

#### **Monthly Photo Contests**

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to vote for their favorite. The winners will not only be featured on lifeonterra. com, but the 12 winning photos will be featured in the first TERRA wall calendar, 2014 edition. Congratulations to Kevin Collins for winning the January contest with his photo of a giant leopard moth! To see full details and how to enter, go to: www.lifeonterra.com/photo-contest



#### Get Involved!

Now's your chance to get involved with TERRA! Check out Mystery Mondays and Trivia Tuesdays on facebook to test your science and natural history knowledge. Or submit a photo to our monthly photo contest. Have you just finished a great science or natural history film that might make a good TERRA episode? Or are you headed out into the field and want to join our new "Field Notes" community? Let us know by sending an email to info@lifeonterra.com