# TELUS WORLD of SCIENCE Edmonton

## **News Release**

## Explore the unexpected wonders of nature in Backyard Wilderness

## Opening in IMAX<sup>®</sup> at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton November 8, 2019

**Edmonton, AB – November 6, 2019** – From the award-winning company that brought you *Amazon Adventure* and *Flight of the Butterflies*, comes an inspirational story about observing the surprises nature delivers every day - right in your own backyard: *Backyard Wilderness*.

**Backyard Wilderness** opens in IMAX at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton, Friday, November 8. Spanning a seasonal year around a suburban home, the film displays a stunning array of unique wildlife imagery and behavior – all captured by cameras mounted inside dens and nests, and moving along forest floors and pond bottoms to reveal the animal inhabitants in rare and breathtaking detail. Audiences follow Katie, a young girl, and her family who are absorbed by an array of electronic devices and, at first, oblivious to the natural world just outside their home. Gradually, Katie discovers the intricate secrets that nature has hidden so close to her front door, and audiences experience the joy she finds in her interactions with this newly uncovered world. The film is a reminder that Wi-Fi is not the only connection that matters and that sometimes you can uncover extraordinary things in ordinary places – you just need to step outside.

"Backyard Wilderness is a fascinating film for people of all-ages to experience together," said Alan Nursall, President and CEO of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. "It really captures magical moments in nature we rarely get to see in our day-to-day lives and puts them on the IMAX screen for an intense experience."

Through breathtaking camerawork, *Backyard Wilderness* shows audiences an intimate portrait of the world around us, to inspire the next generation of scientists and explorers to look closely and observe the natural world around them to better understand and appreciate how it works.

For tickets and showtimes visit twose.ca/backyardwilderness.

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#### **About TELUS World of Science Edmonton**

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans' hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.

#### About Arise Media / Archipelago Films

Archipelago Films is a production company created by Academy Award-nominated, Emmy-Award-winning filmmakers Susan Todd and Andrew Young. Arise Media is the non-profit they formed to make innovative media about the most urgent social and environmental challenges facing the planet, and to inspire a new appreciation for our own interconnected role in nature. With a well-established track record of directing, producing and filming, for television, theatrical and now 3D IMAX®/Giant Screens, Archipelago and Arise aim to bring passionate and entertaining films to global audiences through the highest quality visual storytelling. For more information, please visit www.archipelagofilms.com, www.arisemedia.org

#### **About SK Films**

SK Films is an award-winning content provider and a global leader in the IMAX®/Giant Screen industry. SK works across various genres and platforms, including theatrical, television and digital media, with a special emphasis on creating high impact natural history and science related content. SK has a reputation as one of the most accomplished and respected producers and distributors supplying 3D, 2D and Dome product to IMAX and other Giant Screen theatres worldwide, with a mission to entertain and inspire audiences and immerse them in the awe and wonder of the world we live in. For more information, please visit www.SKFilms.ca

### **About HHMI Tangled Bank Studios**

HHMI Tangled Bank Studios is a production company established and funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) as an extension of its longstanding science education mission. Dedicated to the creation of original science documentaries for broadcast, theatrical and digital distribution, the company's award-winning programs address important contemporary issues and capture compelling stories of discovery across all branches of scientific inquiry. For more information, please visit www.tangledbankstudios.org. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. HHMI is a science philanthropy whose mission is to advance basic biomedical research and science education for the benefit of humanity. The institute is the largest private supporter of