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## Sentiments from an audience member

I was thrilled to be part of the sold out Premiere of the full length nature film, a Peace of Forest by Lee Ann and Thomas Mark Szelog on June 30, 2024 at the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta Maine. When I saw the trailer I knew this was an important film to watch and talk about with others. I assumed the film would be heavily narrated, like most nature documentaries.

About 30 minutes in, I realized the limited narration was intentional and very unique. I am accustomed to hearing a human explain animal behavior so I had to calm the part of me that went looking for answers and simply take in the inner world of the wildlife, embracing the "not knowing" more fully.

Soon, I found myself immersed in the sounds of nature as the many forest animals chattered, sent out alarm bells, gossiped, and otherwise just made noises that none of us humans could fully comprehend, although we try. The footage was of stunning artistic quality as it captured the intimate, whimsical, and sometimes challenging everyday lives of the wildlife.

This film adds to an essential part of our understanding and appreciation of wildlife. It calls on us to urgently and consistently protect the wildlife, allowing for original habitats to remain intact and undisturbed for generations to come. Our very lives depend on this.

Jennifer R Huffman

## What audiences are saying:

"Absolutely beautiful. Peace and serenity was the ultimate impression one left the theater with."

"This film is a gift; it is so rich."

"Waves of beauty of magnificent nature!"

"A magnificent escape to a world of peace and tranquility."

"Phenomenal film, incredible photography, saw behavior I was never aware of – unbelievable!"

"The most beautiful film I have ever seen, exhibiting our beautiful, natural world."

"A great time to slow down, breathe in and watch what's going on in the world."