



a Peace of Forest

A quiet wildlife movie, filmed in Maine
By Lee Ann Szelog & Thomas Mark Szelog
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[Movie trailer link](#)

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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.”

Theater Executive Director Testimonials:

“We were thrilled to host the premiere screening of a Peace of Forest here at the historic Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta, Maine. The sold-out screening, lengthy waiting list, and the many folks gathered in the lobby in the hopes of getting a ticket, were a testament to the excitement surrounding this first-ever feature length wildlife movie, filmed entirely in Maine. The beauty of the filming, the peace of the animals, and the kindness of filmmakers Lee Ann and Tom Szelog, left audiences feeling a sense of connection to their community and to the natural beauty that surrounds us every day, often going unnoticed. Working with Lee Ann and Tom was an absolute pleasure. Their passion and dedication with creating the film and desire to share it with the world is a gift to all those who view it.” **Christina Belknap, Executive Director, Lincoln Theater**

“After a major renovation, a Peace of Forest was the first movie shown in 68 years at the Johnson Hall Opera House. As evident by the audience rousing applause, and participation with the filmmakers’ Q&A after the screening, the uniqueness and high quality of the film, along with the quiet beauty was savored. The filmmakers and producers, Lee Ann and Tom Szelog demonstrate not only their lifelong advocacy and passion for wildlife in this film, but also their utmost professionalism with inspiring others about the mysterious beauty of our natural world. This film may be one of the most beautiful and serene documentaries I have ever seen and is a film you can watch over and over again.” **Michael R. Miclon, Executive/Artistic Director, Johnson Hall Opera House**