



HERDERS

by Mark Michel



SYNOPSIS

HERDERS – GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH follows five herders and their families in Peru, Kyrgyzstan, Uganda, India and Germany throughout the seasons. For months they trek through changing landscapes with their herds, living only from what nature provides. It is a life far from the romantic picture we have, a life under harsh conditions, in direct contact with nature and its extreme elements – birth, death, storm and sun, rain and drought are fundamental parts of their lives. HERDERS tells the story of their struggles for survival. Their animals are partners, even friends.

HERDERS – GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH is a graceful and moving meditation on a disappearing life form. Tender and unsentimental at the same time. In landscapes of remarkable size and beauty, the film portrays the lives of the often invisible and marginalised pastoralist cultures that exist throughout the world. The film captures the beauty and hardship of this dying way of life, explores the deep and ancient union...

FESTIVALS

2023

nominated for the German nature Film Award

Darßer NaturfilmFestival

2024

SWR DOKUFESTIVAL

NaturVision

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Mark Michel · PRODUCER Juergen Kleinig Neue Celluloid Fabrik · EDITOR Steffen Werner · DOP Ines Thomsen, Johannes Praus (BVK)

2023

103 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

HIRTEN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait,
Sustainability,
Ecology/Environment, Economy

PREMIERE

Germany (2023)

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