

SONG FROM THE FOREST

by Michael Obert



SYNOPSIS

As a young man, American Louis Sarno heard a song on the radio that gripped his imagination. He followed the mysterious sounds all the way to the Central African rainforest and found their source with the Bayaka Pygmies, a tribe of hunters and gatherers. He never left. Today, twenty-five years later, Louis Sarno has recorded over 1,000 hours of unique Bayaka music. He is a fully accepted member of the Bayaka society and has a 13 year old son, Samedi. Now the time has come to fulfill an old promise, and Louis takes Samedi from the African rainforest to another jungle, one of concrete, glass, and asphalt: New York City. Carried by the contrasts between rainforest and urban America, with a fascinating soundtrack and peaceful, loving imagery, their stories are interwoven to form a touching portrait of an extraordinary man, and his son.

FESTIVALS

2013

VPRO Award for feature length Documentary – IDFA, Amsterdam

2014

Lower Silesia Grand Prix - The Marshall of Lower Silesia Award - 11th PLANETE+DOC FILM FESTIVAL

River Run International Film Festival – Wettbewerb bester Dokumentarfilm

One World Film Festival Ottawa, Special Mention

SXSW Festival in Austin, Texas

ZagrebDox – Internationaler Wettbewerb

Cleveland International Film Festival

Reykjavík Shorts & Docs Festival

It' All True International Documentary Film Festival Brazil –

Opening Film

DOK.fest Munich

DocAviv IFF, Tel Aviv

Eden Festival, Ecuador

Germany 2013

96 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait,
Arts/Culture, Migration, Music

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, German

PREMIERE

Germany (2013)

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