



# THINGS THAT HAPPEN ON EARTH

by Michele Cinque



## SYNOPSIS

Brave cattle ranchers in an increasingly arid part of Italy have changed course: this couple with two children have imported heat-resistant livestock from the United States, invested in an inventive breeding program, and introduced an ecologically responsible grazing plan.

But the costs are high, as are the risks. Wolves have made their home around the ranch, and regulations and shareholders prove to be as forbidding as the landscape on which these ranchers herd their cattle, like archetypal cowboys complete with lassos, cowboy hats and western saddles.

Michele Cinque followed the family over an extended period. He shows their lives without commentary, in wide, stylish shots—down to the microcosm in the rugged landscape. In voice-over, the mother and daughter talk about the ranch, the family history, the maverick choices of the parents, and their dreams and worries. They also discuss their vision of life, in which all animals, including the threatening wolves, and human beings...

## FESTIVALS

2024

65 FDP – Festival dei Popoli Florence

37 IDFA Amsterdam

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Michele Cinque

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83 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

COSE CHE ACCADONE SULIA TERRA

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Family, Sustainability, Ecology/Environment, Economy

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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PREMIERE

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