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A Natural History fantasy, following the dramatic life cycle of the female Salmon, from the river bed to sea and back, portraying the fish in human form. Featuring animated free diving characters, taking the part of the Salmon.

Beyond a unique ecological tone, a factual narrative with much drama and beauty, and a road trip of sorts, we aim for this film to be a discussion about the humans and their relationship with natural world.

More than anything, it is a philosophical note about the brutal yet poetic life cycle, whether it is an exposed one, like the Salmon's, or hidden behind layers of sophisticated culture like ours.

We still struggle up the river to give birth to a new generation. Be Fish.



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DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY - KARNI ARIELI, SAUL FREED

BAFTA nominated directing duo Karni and Saul, an Israeli British male female couple, create mixed media films, commercials and music videos. Together they make "casual fantasy" films, a merging of beautiful photography and film with high-end animation and magical elements. In their art, visual pleasure and emotional narrative are key.

In 2010 Karni & Saul directed their short film *TURNING*, for BBC, which was nominated for a BAFTA.

Their second short film *FLYTOPIA* was commissioned by Film4 as part of the short-to-feature scheme, it has toured the festival's circuit and been screened worldwide.

Karni and Saul's films have won awards at Annecy, British animation awards, and Clermont Ferrand festivals among many others.





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## DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Wild Summon is our attempt to become fish.  
As a story, The life cycle of the Salmon brings with it rich metaphors for human life, both on personal and collective levels.

We wanted to create a film that creates a deep connection between the natural world/animals and humans. A message of empathy and care for nature and each other. To try and feel again within the image overload of our world.

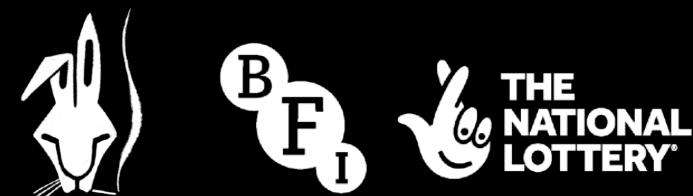
We also tried to challenge the concept of a nature film... using animation to bring in a different kind of storytelling to the natural history genre.

The realities of making this film in 2020, with the lockdown and pandemic were humbling. little did we know how much humanity would struggle in that time for survival, just like nature and these fish.

We made the film as a directing duo with a family, This was an epic adventure! A journey of two years, during which we wrote, directed, shot, animated and made the music.

finally, the voice of narrator Marianne Faithfull... as a human female survivor and warrior herself we couldn't think of anyone better suited.

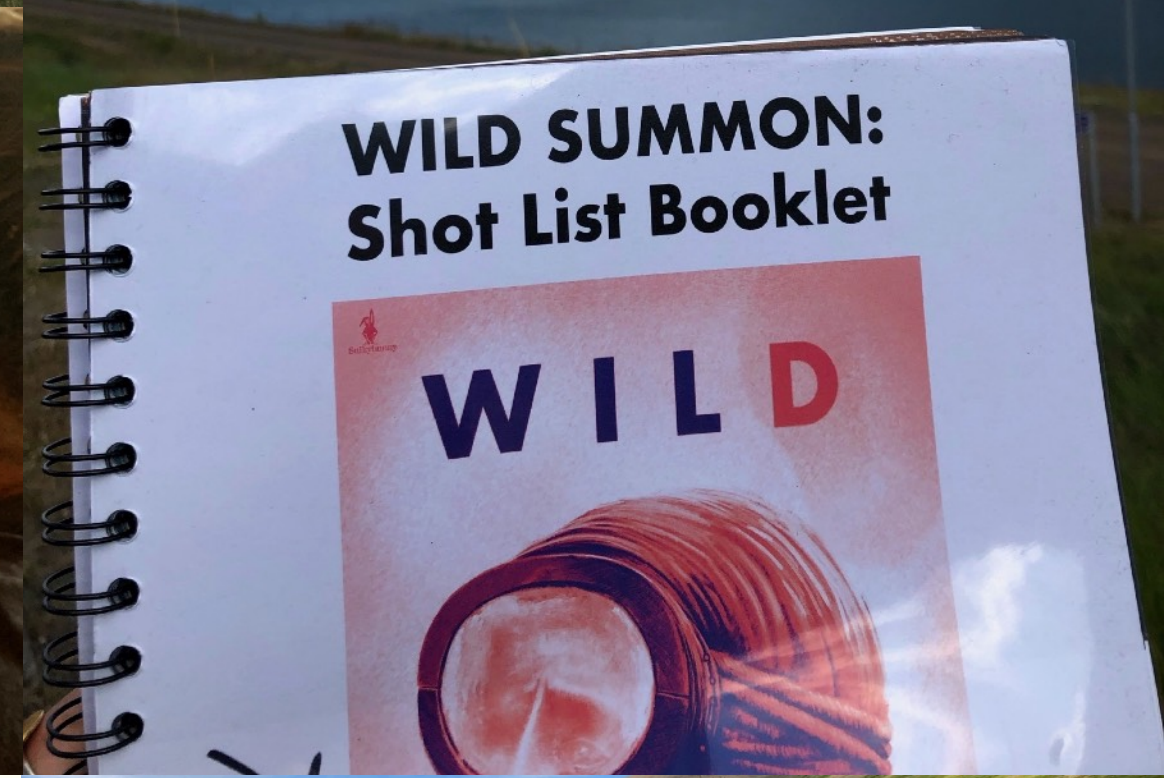
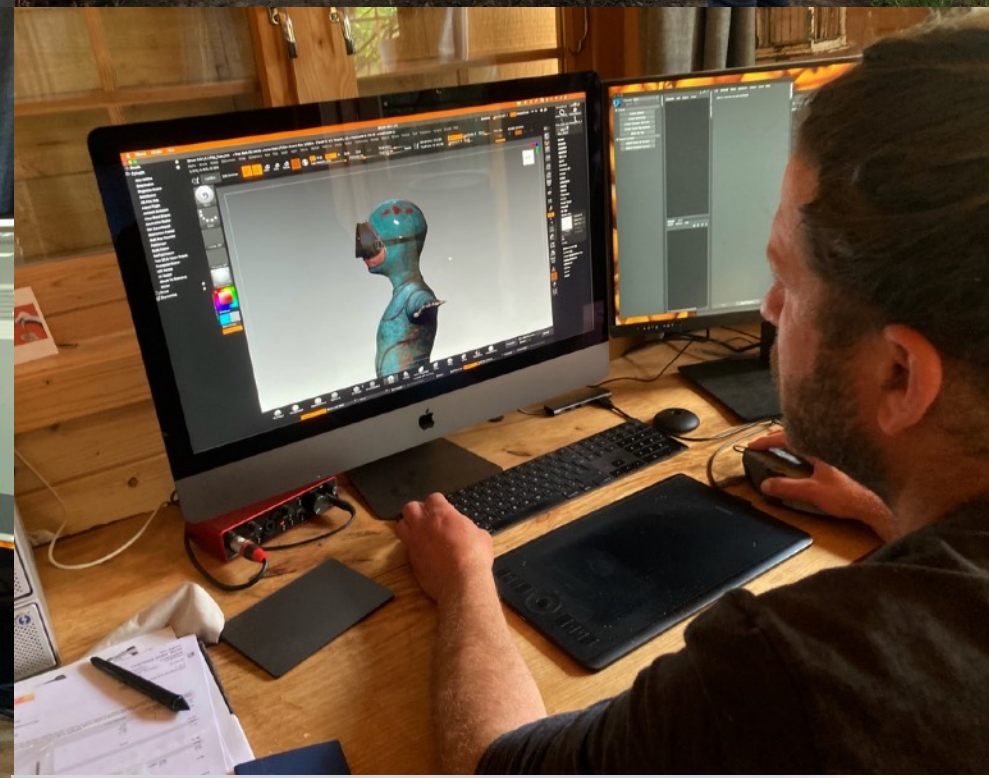
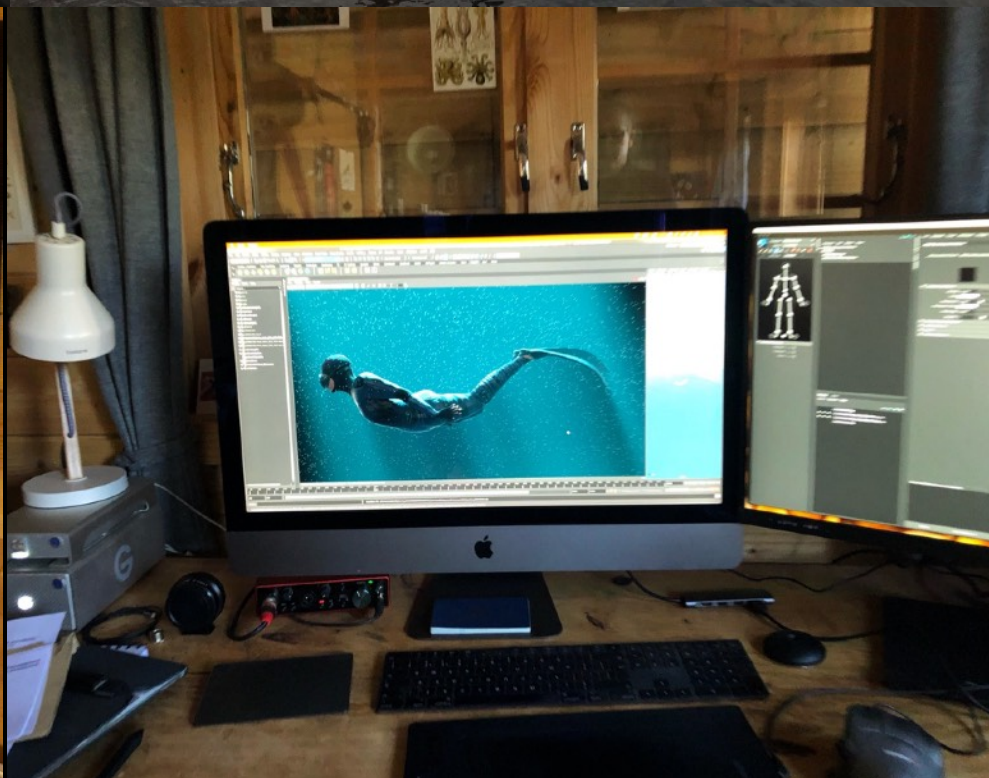
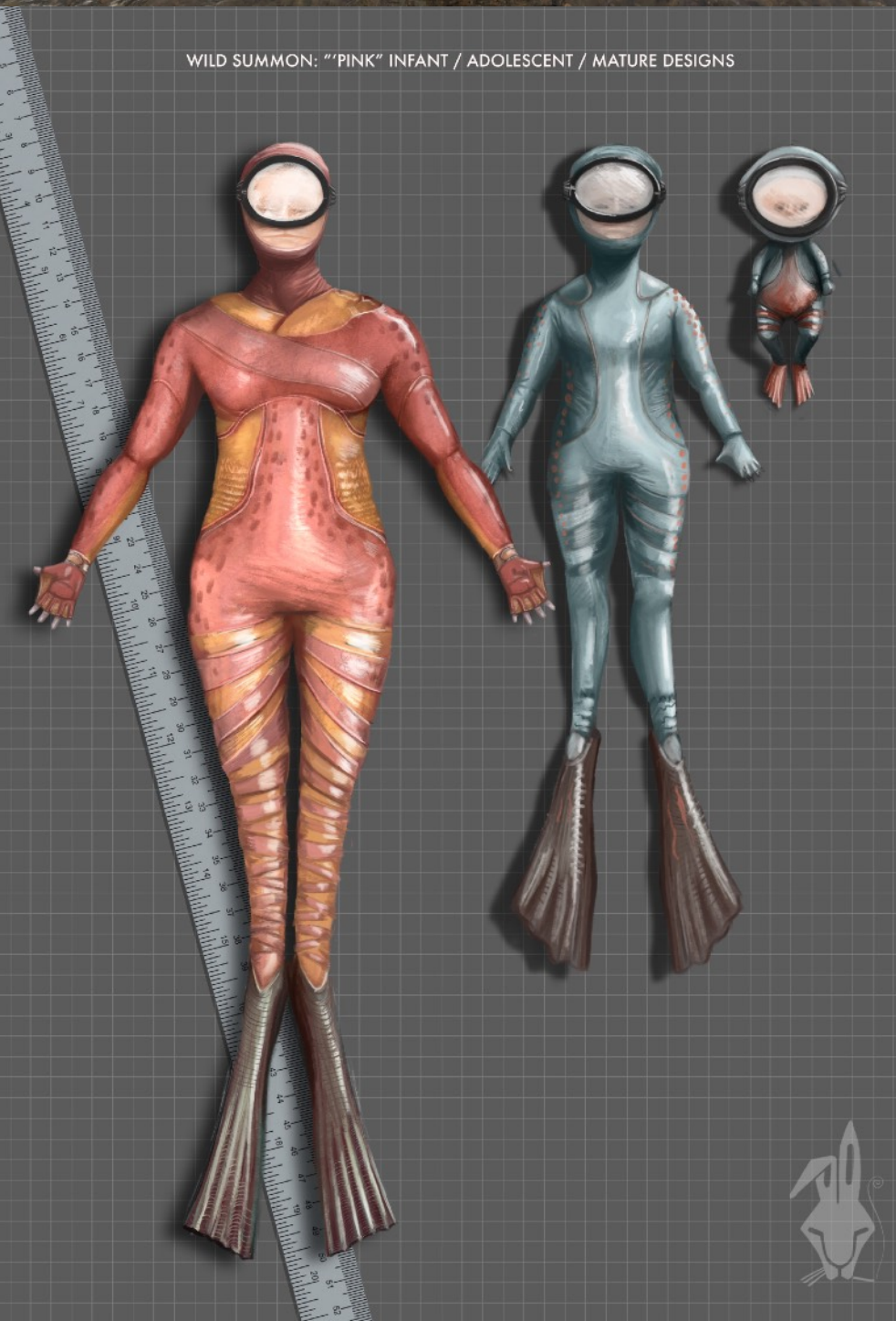
Wild Summon is our poem about earth and humanity made for our children.  
Be fish.





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## CREDIT LIST

Written & Directed  
by  
Karni and Saul

Production Manager

Iris Cohen

Animation and VFX

Saul Freed @ Sulkybunny Studio

Music

Composed by Saul Freed

Thank you

Marianne Faithfull

Produced  
by  
Saul Freed & Karni Arieli

Head of Production Finance

Ian Kirk

Additional CG

Amy Dolphin

Performed by

Saul Freed, Roxana Vilk & Peter Vilk

Atli Þór Gunnarsson, Laxá á Refasveit

Magnús B. Jónsson

Produced  
by  
Jay Woolley

Business Affairs Manager

Vicky Skea

Production assistant

Kristin Saevarsdottir

Music recorded, engineered and  
mixed by Peter Vilk

Nes residency and the town  
of Skagastrond

Skuli Malmquist

For BFI

Director Of Photography

Karni Arieli & Saul Freed

Cloud Rendering

Conductor Technologies, Inc

For Wounded Buffalo

Sound Editor Jonny Crew

Foley Artist Rory Joseph

Foley Editor George Baynes

Dubbing Mixer Ben Peace

Troublemakers Productions

Sophie Slattery

Executive Producer

Kristin Irving

Aerial Cinematography

Yuli Freed

Graded at halo post production

Colourist Duncan Russell

Grade Assistant Sumit Malhotra

Post Producer Oscar Hayhow-Khan

Head of Film David Turner

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Howard 'Head' Bullivant

Development Executive

Phoebe Sutherland

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& Uladzimir Taukachou



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