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Nature – Cloud: Challenge of the Stallions *Production Biographies*

Ginger Kathrens, filmmaker

Ginger Kathrens is an Emmy Award-winning producer, cinematographer, writer and editor as well as an award-winning author. Her documentary film-making trips have taken her to Africa, Asia, Europe, Central and South America and all over the U.S. She filmed and produced the acclaimed *Cloud: Wild Stallion of the Rockies* and *Cloud's Legacy: The Wild Stallion Returns* for THIRTEEN's *Nature* series on PBS. *Cloud* will kick off *Nature*'s 28th Season on October 25, 2009 with ***Cloud: Challenge of the Stallions***. Five years in the making, it is Kathrens' next chapter in the life of the charismatic wild stallion she has documented since his birth in May of 1995. Ginger's revealing journey with wild horses has been compared to Jane Goodall's experiences with Chimpanzees. Her documentation of *Cloud* represents the only continuing chronicle of a wild animal from birth in our hemisphere.

Kathrens was the co-producer and cinematographer of the two-hour Discovery Channel special, *Spirits of the Rainforest*, which won two Emmy Awards including one for Best Documentary. Additional projects for Discovery included *The Ultimate Guide: Horses* and *The Ultimate Guide: Dogs*. Kathrens also wrote, edited, and produced over two dozen segments of the *Wild America* series for PBS, and has filmed for National Geographic, Animal Planet and the BBC.

In 2008, Kathrens completed the cinema verité one hour program, *They Crossed the Mountains, The History of the Western States Trail* for the Western States Trail Foundation in Auburn,

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California. For twenty years, she was a political media consultant and producer, working with Presidents Reagan, Ford, and George H. Walker Bush. Her highly regarded political productions include the award-winning short subject, *Steady Under Fire*, the story of former Colorado U.S. Senator Hank Brown.

Ginger is the founder and Executive Director of The Cloud Foundation, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to the preservation of wild horses on our public lands with special attention on isolated, historically significant and genetically unique herds like Cloud's. She is an informed, impassioned and entertaining speaker on behalf of wild horses from coast to coast. She is an expert on Spanish wild horses and has served as a consultant for the television documentary, *Horses of the Conquistadors*.

Fred Kaufman, executive producer, *Nature*

Three-time Emmy Award-winner Fred Kaufman has been executive producer of the PBS series, ***Nature*** since 1991 and has worked on the series since its premiere in 1982. Many of ***Nature***'s most memorable presentations have been produced under Kaufman's stewardship, including the acclaimed three-part miniseries *Deep Jungle* (2005); the landmark eight-part *AFRICA* (2001); the mini-series, *Inside the Animal Mind* (2000); and the two hour special *Dogs That Changed The World* (2007). In 2006, Kaufman won a George Foster Peabody Award for *The Queen of Trees* - a stunning high-definition portrait of the relationship between the tiny fig wasp and the giant fig tree. In 2008, Kaufman won a second Peabody Award for *Silence of the Bees* which looked at the global crises of the disappearing honeybees. In 2002, he created and executive produced an urban wildlife series for kids called *Wild TV*. And in 1994, he executive produced a series of wildlife specials featuring celebrities called *In the Wild*. Memorable shows from that series included, *Dolphins with Robin Williams*, *In The Lions Den with Anthony Hopkins*, *Elephants with Goldie Hawn* and *Orangutans with Julia Roberts*, which won a prestigious Genesis Award for best PBS documentary.

To develop and fund programming, Kaufman has forged major international co-production partnerships with the BBC and National Geographic Television and he has collaborated with the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park. He has executive produced well over 200 documentaries and several mini-series for PBS. Under Kaufman's guidance, ***Nature*** has won seven prime-time Emmys and over 400 industry awards.

He serves on the advisory board of The Humane Society of the United States Hollywood Division and is a member of the Directors Guild of America and the Writer's Guild of America.

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