

## **CHILDREN OF THE SUN: WILD BEES & BUTTERFLIES**

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Produced by: nautilusfilm  
Produced for: BR, arte, WDR, ORF  
Length: 2 x 52 (ENG), 2 x 45' (GER, FRE)  
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Format: HD  
Genre: Nature . Wildlife

### **Discover nature's little helpers as they drift from flower to flower, pollinating as they go.**

Bees and butterflies play an important role in the pollination of plants and the production of crops for human and animal consumption. The buzzing of the bees and the vibrant colours of butterflies are the staples of the tranquillity and raw beauty of the countryside – a place which beguiles the eyes and calms the soul. But with the hustle and bustle of modern day life, we tend to neglect the microscopic worlds embedded within our own; the symbiotic relationship between their worlds and ours. Here you will be entertained by captivating fights and sensational performances and be rendered speechless by imposing yet delicate natural structures - a few of what you will find in the habitat of earth's tiniest nomads – the bees. The realm of the butterflies is also begrudgingly gorgeous and these creatures are perhaps the most fancied species in the insect world. Their beautiful colouring and graceful flight appeal to everyone. And most of all, their phenomenal transformation is testament to the evolving nature of life on earth. This two part film magnifies the world of the bees and the butterflies, showing exactly what they have to offer.

#### **Wild Bees:**

Most people associate honey producing insects with the name "BEE". Few realize that there are over 560 different species of bees - most of them live their lives as "busy as a bee," some "abuse" other insects and others are even known to be murderers. The film *Children of the Sun - Wild Bees* shows the incredible diversity and the stunning adaptations of our "BEES" to various habitats and diverse living conditions. Fascinating fights, sensational performances, imposing structures and colourful creatures – the world of Wild Bees offers all of this and more.

#### **Butterflies:**

Butterflies are surely the most fancied species of insect. Their beautiful colouring and their graceful flight appeal to everyone. There are close to 4000 types of Butterflies – today many of them are endangered due to the loss of their habitat. What and who is responsible for this loss? *Children of the Sun – Butterflies* takes you up close and personal to these sun loving

beauties and explains why it is crucial for us humans to preserve and provide habitats so the survival of these delicate animals can be ensured.