# STEKENJOKK and THE GUARDIANS OF THE EGGS



*A documentary*

*by*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Producer: Malla Grapengiesser

Cinemathographer: Alexander Rynéus & Per Bifrost

Editing: Malin Lindström

Music: Karl-Erik Berglund

Audio Post Production: Christian Christensen

Online: Terrassenpost Sweden – Thomas Ahlén

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*Logline*

*In Swedens windiest place, the valley of Stekenjokk rare birds try to breed while their eggs are threaten by poachers. Join two dedicated egg guards in a low-key but thrilling detective drama in a bird watching environment*

*Synopsis*

*Every year during the month of June, police officer Mimmi and nature guard Håkan patrol Sweden's windiest place, the valley of Stekenjokk. Eggs thieves ravages in the area where rare bird eggs are laid during the breeding season. Thousands of eggs have been stolen over the years and sold between collectors, a skein of crime that has now been unfolded. The poaching has threatened several species to be extinct. Just this period, spring never seems to arrive at Stekenjokk and the birds have their toughest years so far. The place is incredibly important for the birds, but also for Håkan who lives for the nature and wildlife, despite the fact that his worn down body, which he received after a career as world champion in arm wrestling, makes the work difficult for him. A documentary film about the place, the conversations that appears along the winding road that crosses the valley and the strange situation where the birds are constantly threatened and where everyone is a suspect.*

*Director's comments*

*Stekenjokk and the Guardians of the Eggs is a project where we wanted to meet two people on a mountain. For them, it was a limited time to watch an area and for us a limited opportunity to explore their meeting. But also about their meetings with others who create understanding and image of the situation, the background and the future of the place and the birds that nest there. It is very much about love for nature but also about the warmth and humor that arises in the somewhat absurd situation where they guard a mile-long area to prevent thieves from taking eggs from the nesting birds.*



Per Bifrost & Alexander Rynéus

Short Biography

**Alexander Rynéus & Per Bifrost**

Per Bifrost and Alexander Rynéus are a director and film duo who have grown up together and studied documentary films at Biskops Arnö. The words of the directors: “We have always thought that it is exciting how we choose to talk about places where we as filmmakers get our thoughts projected through the film but also a process of co-creation between us, the place and the people we meet. Together, a room is created where we want to give the people and the place time. For us, it is a lot to find and capture the small moments in life. The little details that shape us, the little or big we do, what is said and what you do not say ". In addition to Biskops Arnö, Per has studied at Alma Löv manuscript education and Alexander at Kulturama and Konstfack. Stekenjokk and Äggvaktarna are their fourth documentary film in collaboration with producer Malla Grapengiesser - Fosfor Produktion. Previously award-winning films shown at international film festivals: Malmberget - the Home and the Cavity, Autonomous and Giants and the Morning After

CV

Alexander Rynéus - Per Bifrost



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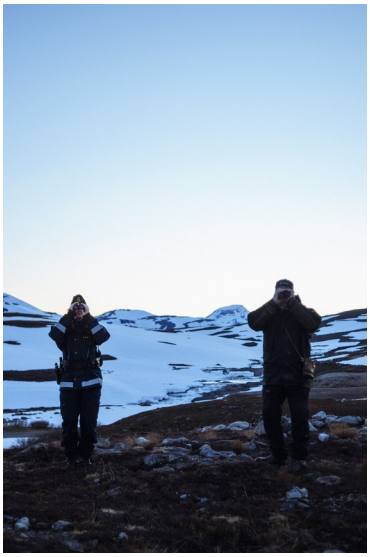
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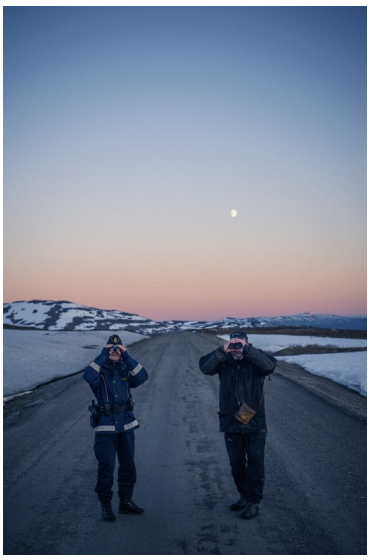
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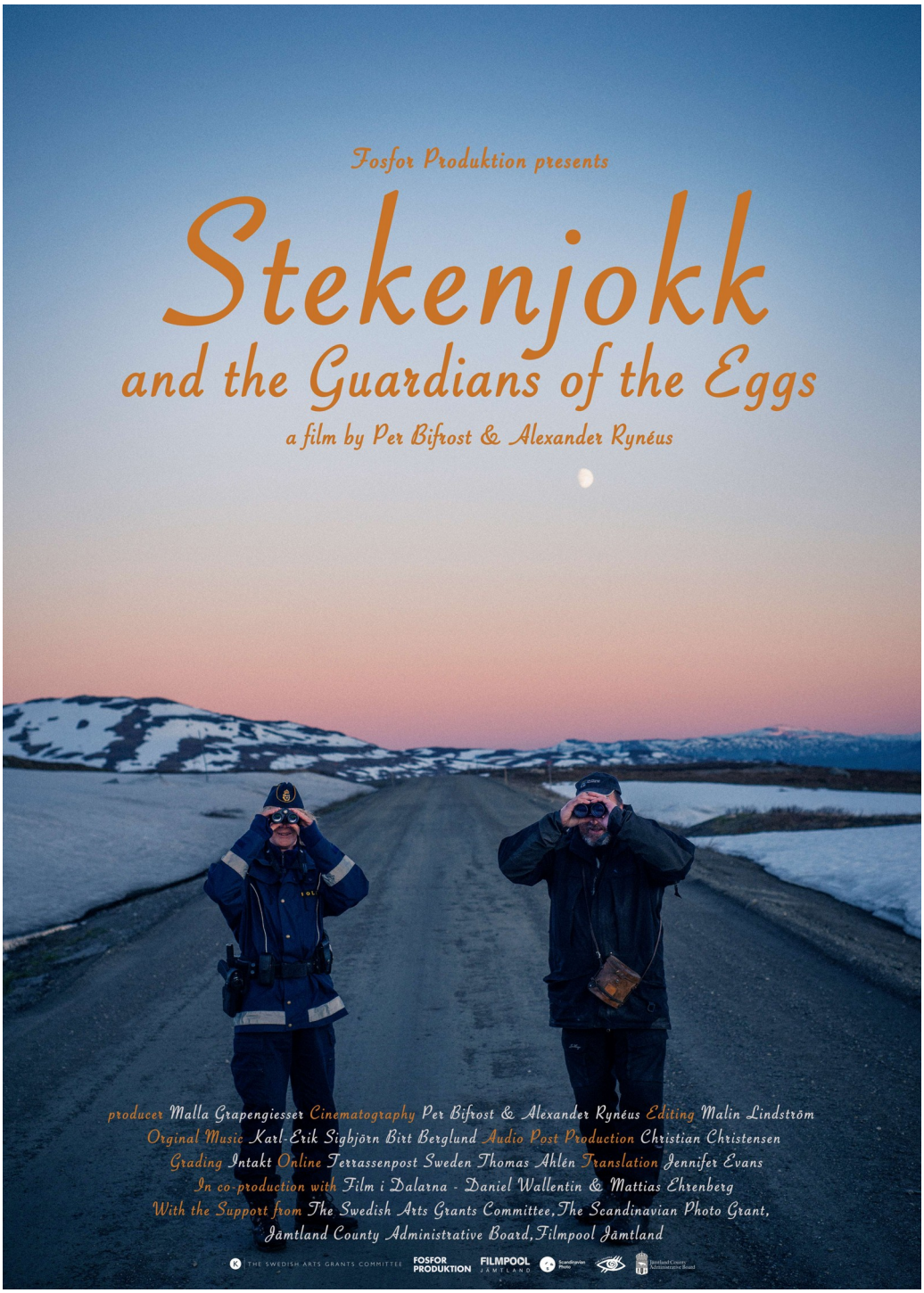


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