

A FILM BY URI MAGNUS

HIDDEN SPIRIT

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One Man's Quest To Free Himself From The Past

Film, Edit & Direct **Uri Magnus** | Screenwriter **Koby Netanel** | Color Grading **Ella Michaeli** |
Sound Design & Mix **Lee Zohar Sher** | Additional Music **Ron Klein** | Graphic Design **Studio Rampa** |
Opening-Scene Script **Kiley Alexandra Yanay** | still photography **Amit Eshel** | Additional Footage
Ingólfur Davíð Sigurðsson | Voice-Over Recording **Gal Hacohen**

Logline

Devastated by the death of his sister, wildlife photographer Amit Eshel embarks on the difficult journey to capture a phantom: the elusive snow leopard of the Altai Mountains of Mongolia.

Synopsis

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Expanded synopsis

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Amit Eshel

Amit Eshel, a world-renowned wildlife photographer, journeys to the most remote and rugged regions of the earth, seeking out predators ranging from the pumas of Patagonia to the Arctic wolves of Ellesmere Island. He has garnered recognition from the world's most prestigious wildlife photography competitions, including [Wildlife Photographer of the Year](#) and [Nature Photographer of the Year](#).

But two achievements have eluded him: peace of mind and the snow leopard of Central Asia.

In *HIDDEN SPIRIT*, amid the wonder and beauty of Western Mongolia, Amit reveals the tragic turning point that distilled his hopes and his grief into one pure objective: to push himself deep into inaccessible places to capture the phantom known as “The Ghost of the Mountain.”



Director's Bio

Uri Magnus is a world-renowned photographer/videographer who focuses on global adventure, interweaving travel, the outdoors and unusual lifestyles. Through years of round-the-clock work and dedication, Uri has had the honour of working on projects with embassies, leaders in the tourism industry and a multitude of brands worldwide.



Director's statement

When I set out to shoot a film following wildlife photographer Amit Eshel, I assumed I was making a documentary about the snow leopard.

Perhaps we would catch sight of this rare and mysterious creature, perhaps not. I expected difficulties and disappointment to accompany us, but what I did not foresee was what would eventually emerge amid the stunning natural beauty of Mongolia's Altai Mountains. For Amit, it turns out, there was more to his dream than shooting photos of the elusive "ghost of the mountain." In the vivid cold and muted quiet, Amit revealed to me a great loss in his life, his very personal story of his family's struggle to understand and help his mentally ill sister. It is my hope that Amit's soul-searching, beautifully and honestly told, will illuminate the importance of nature as a way of healing even the deepest wounds.

CREW

DIRECTOR | EDITOR | CINEMATOGRAPHER - [URI MAGNUS](#)

SCREENWRITER - [KOBI NETANEL](#)

SOUND DESIGN & MIX - [LEE ZOHAR SHER](#)

COMPOSER - [RON KLIEN](#)

COLOR GRADING - [ELLA MICHAELLI](#)

GRAPHIC DESIGNER - [STUDIO RAMPA](#)

OPENING SCENE SCRIPT - KEYLA ALEXANDER YANAY

ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE - [INGÓLFUR DAVÍÐ SIGURÐSSON](#)

VOICE-OVER RECORDING - GAL HACHOHEN

STILL PHOTOGRAPHY - [AMIT ESHEL](#)

PARTICIPANTS

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER - AMIT ESHEL

LOCAL GUIDES - OTGONBAYAR BAATARGAL AND HIS TEAM

Technical specifications

Year of production: **2024**

Genre: **Documentary**

Duration: **29:45**

Production country: **Israel**

Location: **Mongolia**

Premiere: **To be announced**

Dialog Language: **Hebrew, Mongolian, English**

Format: **4k UHD 3840 x 2160**

Audio Format: **5.1**

Camera: **Canon R5C**

Subtitles: **English**

Total Budget: **\$100,000**

Contact

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Movie's website

<https://www.hiddenspirit.co/>

Trailer link

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