



TIGRESS PRODUCTIONS BUILDS ANIMAL HOMES TO HUMAN PROPORTIONS FOR NAT GEO WILD

(London – May 23rd 2011) – Bristol-based **Tigress Productions** has been commissioned by **Nat Geo Wild** to produce a new three part series, **Live Like An Animal**, in which an intrepid team will occupy human scale recreations of some of the animal kingdom's most impressive architectural structures. **Live Like An Animal** will premiere globally on Nat Geo Wild in all territories including the U.S. and U.K. in 2012.

Art installation meets social experiment in **Live Like An Animal**, as a beaver lodge, swallows' nest and wasp nest are constructed in public venues and then inhabited by a team of experts – whose lives in their new "homes" will be viewable to passers-by. The design, construction and occupation of these structures, along with the public interaction will all be documented for inclusion in the series,

Joining the challenge are **Lloyd Buck**, **Matt Thompson** and **James Cooper** who previously brought TV viewers the series **Will Work for Nuts**, also available on Nat Geo Wild. Their studies of how animals, birds and insects work to create impressive 'animal architecture', will be absorbed into the construction process, and illustrates the remarkably advanced methods each species has uniquely adapted to build their homes.

Filming commences later this month in London for the first of these – a beaver lodge, complete with underwater entrance, which will be showcased around the municipal boating lake at London's Alexandra Palace beginning May 19. Other builds – a gravity-defying swallows' nest and a multi-celled papier-mâché wasp nest will follow in other major cities.

Nat Geo Wild's Senior Vice President Geoff Daniels said, "*We are delighted to work with Tigress Productions on this ambitious and innovative series. What better way to showcase the brilliance of these incredible architects of the animal world than to reconstruct their ingenious dwellings to human scale? This is a unique new entry approach to natural history, and is sure to entertain, amaze and delight viewers of all ages.*"

Tigress' Kath Moore added, "*The way Nat Geo Wild has embraced this project is beyond refreshing. The team is all fired up and already unearthing fascinating facts which will, in turn, become key elements of the construction process. But, experimenting with design on a massive scale never works exactly according to plan and Lloyd, Matt and James will have to do a lot of critical thinking on their feet to pull off this incredible challenge.*"

Following the series' global premiere, **Live Like An Animal** will air on U.K. terrestrial Channel 5.

The series will be Executive Produced for Tigress by Kath Moore and Directed by Martin Morrison. For Nat Geo Wild, Geoff Daniels is Senior Vice President.

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