

December 1

Film Screening & Discussion with Director/Producer

Speaker: **Ann Prum** (Bowdoin Class of 1984 and BSS Alum), Science & Wildlife Documentary Film Maker

Film/Lecture Title: **“Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air”**

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Smith Auditorium (Sills Hall)

Producer/director/cinematographer **Ann Johnson Prum** (Bowdoin '84) will preview her new 1-hour documentary, “Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air” which was commissioned by the PBS series, *Nova*.

“Hummingbirds: Magic in The Air” is a 60-minute documentary made for Nature/PBS that explores the world of the hummingbird. Hummingbirds represent one of nature’s most interesting paradoxes: they are the tiniest birds, yet they are some of the toughest and most energetic creatures on the planet. New knowledge gained from scientists making great breakthroughs in hummingbird biology make this a perfect time to focus on these shimmering flashing jewels of the natural world. Stunningly beautiful high definition, high speed footage of hummingbirds in the wild combined with high tech presentations of their remarkable abilities help us to understand the world of the hummingbird like never before.

Ann Prum has worked in science and wildlife documentary for fifteen years. She began her career as a cinematographer for *Nature*, *National Geographic* and *Discovery*. As a producer she has worked for TBS’ *Wildlife Adventures* series producing and directing one-hour celebrity hosted specials: *Pollinators in Peril* and *Caught on the Line*. Ann then turned her attention to the prehistoric world producing *Creating Torosaurus* for PBS. She has produced two dinosaur specials for the Science Channel –*The Dinosaur Feather Mystery* and *T. rex: New Science New Beasts*. Ann is now producing an hour program on hummingbirds for WNET/PBS. She strives to bring the world of science and discovery straight into the living rooms of viewers, translating the excitement and knowledge of informed scientists into exciting programming.

Ann started **Coneflower Productions** in 1995, which specializes in creating non-fiction television programming that explores science, wildlife, and art through compelling characters, great storytelling, and beautiful images. Coneflower has created programs for *PBS*, *National Geographic*, *The Discovery Channel*, *The Science Channel*, *TLC* and *TBS*.

There will be a reception for Ann that will be open to the public and will take place immediately after her presentation. Students, faculty, or staff interested in meeting with Ann in small groups should contact Damon Gannon dgannon@bowdoin.edu.