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## T H E B E A U T I F U L

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**Maddie Close**  
***Producer and Director***

Maddie Close joined the “America the Beautiful” team in 2019. She came to Wildstar Films from the BBC Natural History unit, where she spent many years working on some of their most successful series, including BAFTA- and Emmy® Award-winning “Planet Earth II” and “Seven Worlds, One Planet.” She also worked on the well-loved British series “Springwatch” and the popular CBBC children’s series “Namoi’s Nightmares of Nature.”

These projects took her to six continents and numerous countries across the globe — from the extremes of Alaska to the Amazon rainforest — delivering footage of the highest quality in the most demanding of situations.

Close has a degree in zoology and a master’s in wildlife filmmaking. She was selected for the BBC’s hotlist of new emerging director talent.

Close is driven by her passion for bringing the appreciation of the natural world to wider audiences. Her style combines high-end programming and emotional storytelling in the hope of driving impact to make our world a better place.