

THUNDER RISES

a stop motion film by EVAN CURTIS



Trailer: 00:35
Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1

Short Synopsis:

In a vanishing wilderness, man silences the freedom of the wolf.

Long Synopsis:

The conflict between wilderness and civilization, and the expectation that wild creatures obey human laws is displayed through The Hunter, the Wolf, and its domesticated descendant, the Dog. Based on a true story of a Fish and Wildlife biologist tasked with exterminating a reintroduced wolf for feeding on livestock, as required by his state's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

Filmed on location in Southwest Colorado.

Production Process: Outdoor Animation

Similar to live-action filmmaking, I shoot on location which allows me to improvise. As an outdoor animator, I am able to capture unscripted moments such as weather changes. In this scene, a storm rolls in, rain falls, and the sun bursts through the clouds.





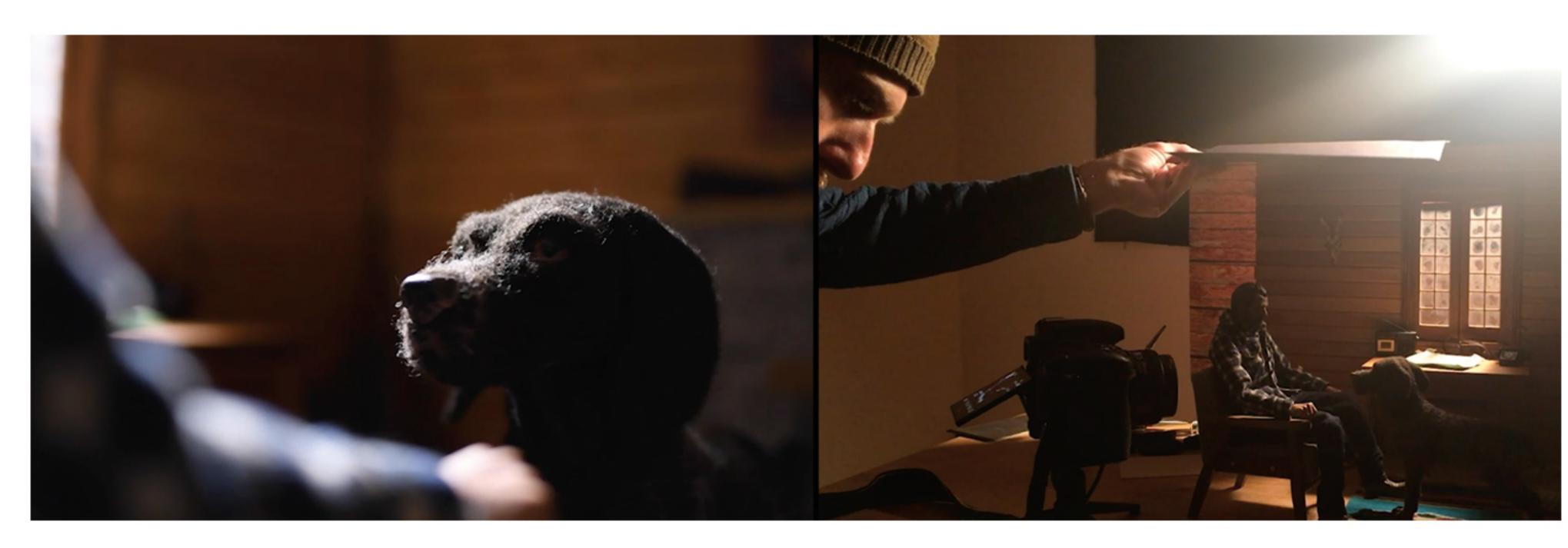


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Production Videos



Sound Design 00:24



Lighting 00:42



Cabin - Deer Painting



Cabin - Fire Light 00:40



Stop Motion Filmmaker Evan Curtis

Evan Curtis is an award-winning independent stop motion filmmaker. His work has screened at SXSW, on PBS and in festivals worldwide.

Growing up in the Adirondack Mountains, and working as a trail crew leader building trails in National and State Parks, provided adventures and inspiration for themes that explore our place in an ever-changing landscape.

Roles on *Thunder Rises:* Director, Writer, Editor, Animator, Sound Designer, and Cinematographer.

Puppet Fabricator Eszter Zrubka

Eszter Zrubka lives in Budapest, Hungary and specializes in needle felting. She created the Wolf and two Dog puppets for this film using wool, which offers a thematic contrast between the natural fibers of the animal characters and the hard plastic of the human character.

Voice Actor G. Michael Nicolisi

G. Michael Nicolisi is an actor and voice actor. He created a voice for the Hunter that captured the nuance, reflection, and emotion in a character who struggles with his role in the wolf's fate.