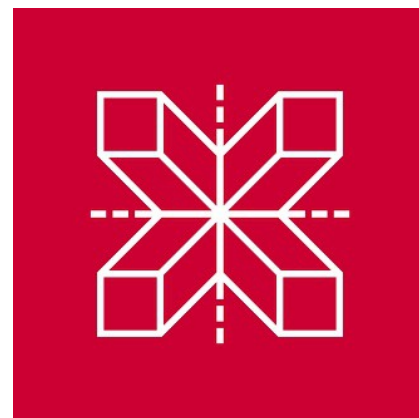


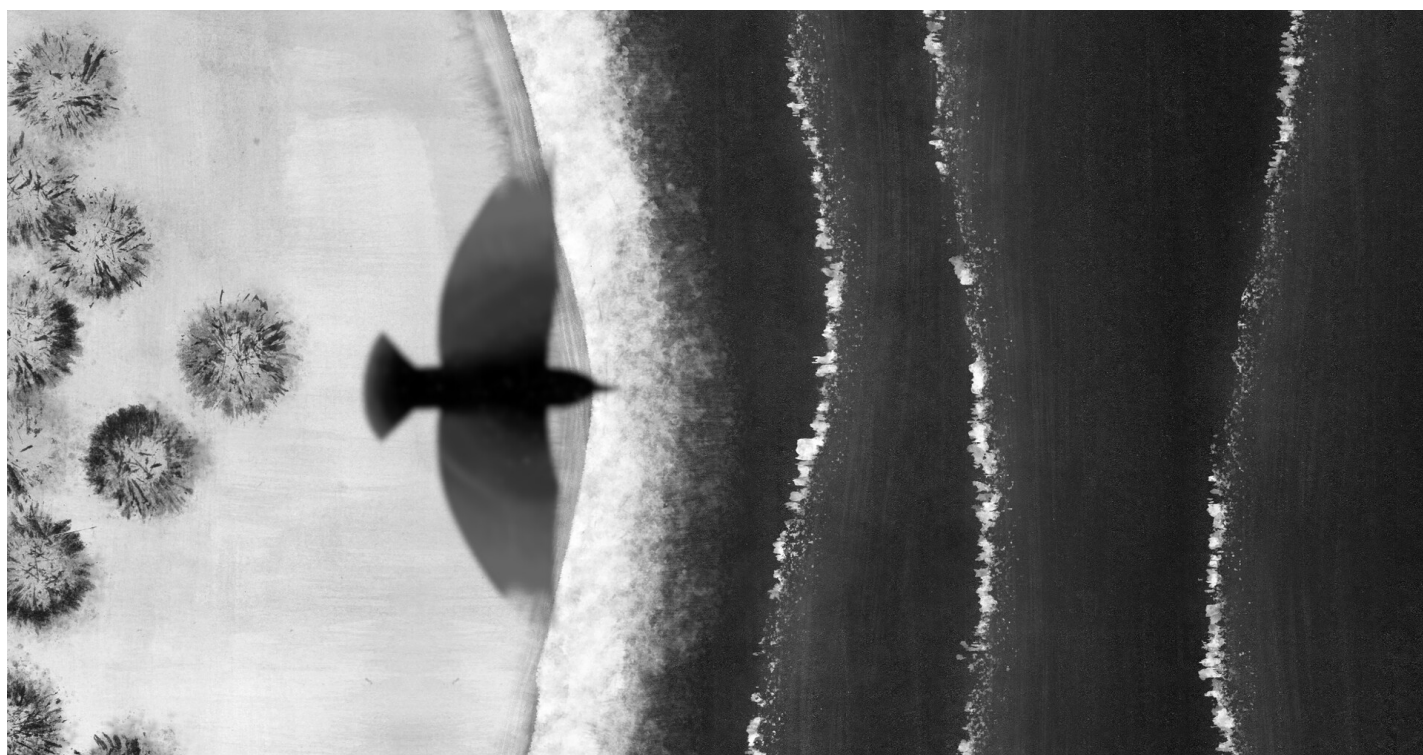
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WILDKIND

JOHN MCDAID (2025)

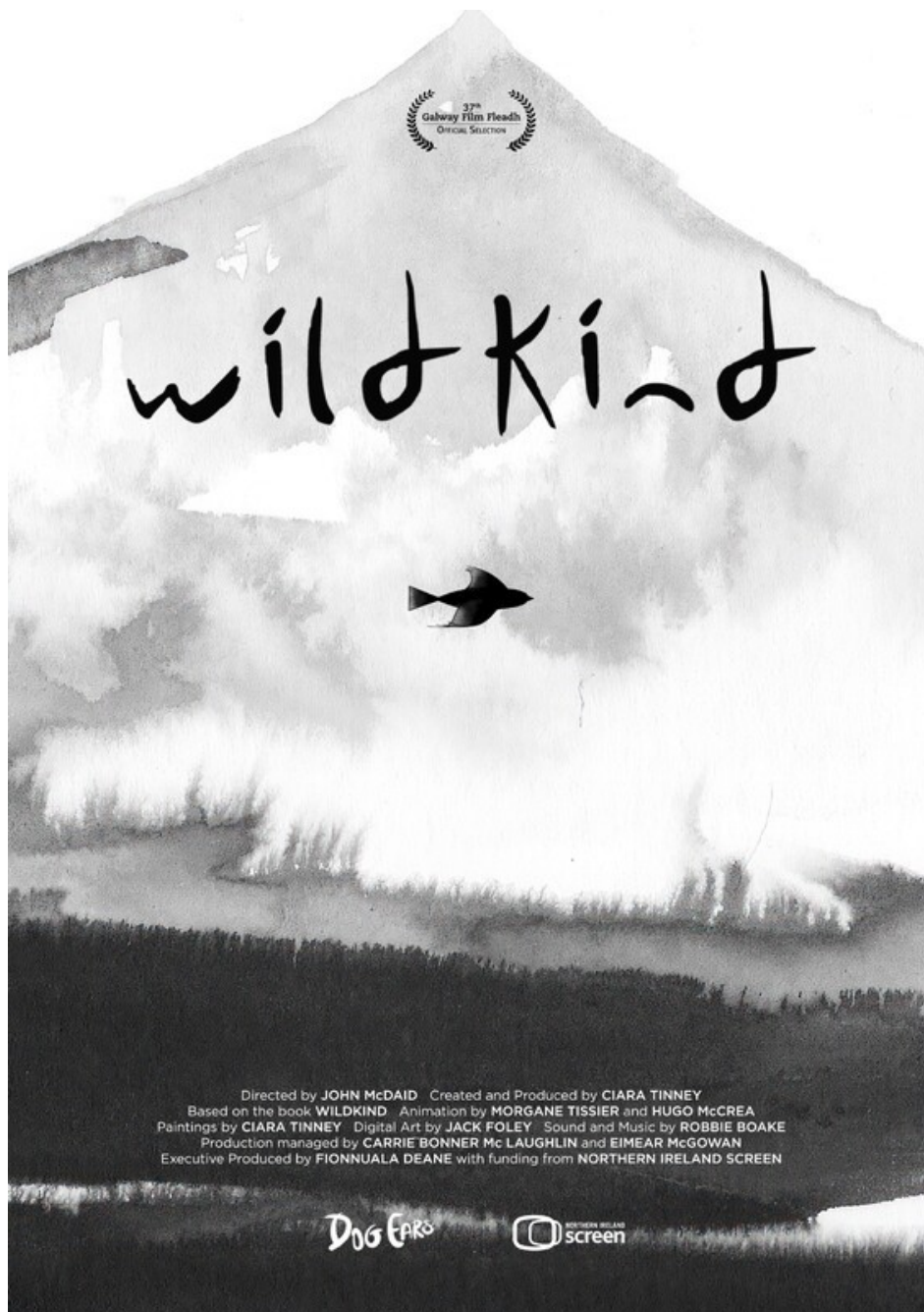


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About the film

Full Cast & Crew:

- **John McDaid** : Director
- **Ciara Tinney** : Writer
- **Ciara Tinney** : Producer
- **Jo Tinney** : Key Cast "Narrator"
- **Ciara Tinney** : Key Cast "Narrator"
- **Adabelle Boake** : Key Cast "Narrator"
- **Fiadh Rós Boake** : Key Cast "Narrator"
- **Birdie Blue Boake** : Key Cast "Narrator"
- **Fionnuala Deane** : Executive Producer
- **John McDaid** : Editor
- **Robbie Boake** : Sound Designer
- **Robbie Boake** : Composer

Synopsis:

Voiced by three generations of one family, WildKind is a poem painted to awaken the senses, a fluid journey of hope and healing across our shared watercolour motherland.

A universal bedtime story, a call to nurture a life wild and kind.

Your notes:

About the director



John McDaid is Creative Director of Dog Ears, a kid's content company based in Derry. John has worked as Producer on all 3 seasons of animated TV series, Puffin Rock, and the feature film "Puffin Rock and the New Friends".

His statement about the film :

Our work in Dog Ears has always aimed to be emotionally resonant and driven by empathy. We create work we would love in our own homes, to share with our own children. Reading Ciara's book to my daughters, the elegance and strength of her words and imagery moved us all.

Translating the gentle but profound storytelling of her book to animation has been a joyful process. Working with a small team of 3 artist/animators, with Ciara at the creative centre, we meticulously recreated her paintings in digital form, bringing her ink to life across time. Similarly, the words of her poem moved from the page onto the screen - narrated by Ciara, her daughters and her mother - in a way which amplified the emotional heart of the original poem.

Set in a beautiful soundscape, composed and scored by Ciara's husband Robbie Boake, our finished film reflects the care and intention of the original book, the passion and dedication of our small team, and the timely message Wildkind carries for us all.

Topics and issues

Cycle 4

Axe culturel nouveaux programmes 4e

Langages et messages artistiques :

- re-connecting to nature
- disconnecting from social media
- connecting to environmental causes
- living more slowly

Documents and links:

- re-connecting to nature

Article du Guardian : <https://www.theguardian.com/society/article/2024/may/24/how-to-rewild-your-teenagers-a-parents-guide-to-reconnecting-them-with-nature> (à simplifier peut-être)

- living more slowly / connecting to the Earth and to nature

Site web du livre : <https://www.wegrowslow.org/portfolio-2/project-two-llrgk-94ybr>

A list of activities to reconnect to nature and to grow slow

Explore the website of the book, in the “we grow slow” section:

- How do you connect to nature?
- Do you ever connect to nature?

Tasks: Write a poem about your connection to nature / re-write the poem

How to write a poem : https://ww2.ac-poitiers.fr/anglais_lp/spip.php?article643 (needs to be adapted to the task)

To go further: Work with the art teacher to illustrate the poems written by the students.