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Sauvons Bambi



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LOGLINE

Sauvons Bambi (Saving Bambi) is a documentary project to highlight the role that hunters, hunting federations, and other organizations are playing in saving Roe Deer every harvest season. This is the alternative story line to the famous "Bambi Film" a story line of respect, ethics, and a deep caring of wildlife by those that sustainably utilize them.

SYNOPSIS

This film documentary project was to show the investment and respect that hunters and hunting organizations have in saving baby fawn Roe Deer - essentially the basis of the Bambi film. The Disney film was the first piece of work that painted hunters and hunting in a bad light - showing how deer are afraid of hunters.

Our documentary Sauvons Bambi is about showing that the only people that truly respect Roe Deer in the European landscapes are hunters and hunting organizations. Those people that truly value the animal.

Every year between May 15th and June 15th farmers are cutting their respective hay fields for the very first time. This is the very same time that doe Roe Deer are dropping their fawns. Given the lack of undercover under the forests in Europe, these baby fawns are hidden in the hay fields. This poses a conflict that results in the mutilation of baby Roe Deer due to the hay cutters.

In certain countries (Germany) its mandatory for agriculture and farmers to contact the local organizations and alert them to cutting times so that Roe Deer can be found.

In Belgium and France it is done voluntarily by organizations interested in saving these deer. In Belgium, the Sauvons Bambi organization is not a purely hunter led organization but instead has both hunters and non-hunters working as drone pilots and volunteers working the landscape. In France, the work of saving Roe Deer is led by the many hunting federations across the country.

TITLE: Sauvons Bambi

GENRE: Environmental Documentary

LOCATION: Belgium + France

PRODUCTION YEAR: 2025

LANGUAGE: English + French

DURATION: 32:55

PROJECT PARTNERS:



STORY LINES

- Bergara Foundation funded the conservation work of this project including purchasing over \$45,000 worth of drones and administration support for Sauvons Bambi organization in Belgium and the hunting federations in France
- Only organizations doing the vast majority of the work on saving these Roe Deer fawns are hunters and hunting organizations
- This documentary provides an alternative storyline to the original Bambi film about the respect and ethics that hunters in Europe have around Roe Deer and wildlife conservation

THE ORIGINAL BAMBI

The original Bambi story is the 1923 novel Bambi, a Life in the Woods by Austrian author Felix Salten. Far darker than the Disney film, it is a realistic, often brutal coming-of-age story about a Roe Deer navigating the dangers of nature and the existential threat of "He" (man/hunters), serving as a parable for Jewish persecution.

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TRAILER





DR. ROBBIE KROGER

Director

Dr. Robbie Kroger is an environmental scientist specializing in restoration ecology. He has a Ph.D. in wetland ecology and aquatic biogeochemistry. He was born in Rio De Janiero, Brazil, moved to South Africa when he was 3 yrs old, and moved to the United States to complete his PhD when he was 25. He was raised in and around South African wildlife, becoming a game ranger, and working as a research scientist in Kruger National Park for his honors and masters degrees, and embedded himself in wetlands in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana for his PhD and academic career. He has a deep connection to wildlife and people from all over the world given his family tree that spans Australia, Germany, and Russia, including family members that are the first conservationists of forests in Germany. He entered into the content space in 2017 as a means to convey the truth about wildlife conservation efforts all around the world that for the vast majority, most people never get to see. 2023 was the first time his films were being brought to a bigger stage. In 2026 he continues to bring new work and new stories to life.



WILLIAM REYNTIENS
Sauvons Bambi | Belgium

William Reyntiens was the point of contact for the Belgium leg of this documentary. He is an avid hunter and belongs to and connected the team with the Sauvons Bambi organization. He is one of multiple volunteer drone operators that work for Sauvons Bambi. A part of this project was funding the respective organizations to help them do the work tied to Roe Deer. The Bergara Foundation funded the administrative support for Sauvons Bambi in 2024 as well as funded a thermal drone for their program.

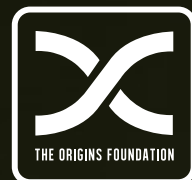




GUILLAUME RIPAUX

Fédération Interdépartementale des Chasseurs d'Île-de-France Ouest (FICIF)

Guillaume Ripaux is a drone operator that spends most of May and early June looking for fawns throughout the various hunting federations. He has an incredible bank of experience doing this work having been operating in this space for over a decade. The Bergara Foundation also provided a thermal drone to the hunting federation to add capability to their drone program looking for Roe Deer every spring.





SERGE MULLENERS

Sauvons Bambi | Belgium

Serge Mulleners was a volunteer drone pilot with the Sauvons Bambi organization in Belgium. He is a non-hunter and was an invaluable component of this film as we need a non-hunter perspective around hunters role in saving Roe Deer in Belgium and the perceptions of hunters doing that work.



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