

STELLA POLARIS



ULLORIARSUAQ

The Project  
Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq

The shining memory of Mother Earth

Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq ist ein internationales Fotokunst- und Filmprojekt, das mit atemberaubenden Fotografien und Filmaufnahmen das verschwindende Eis Grönlands festgehalten hat. Mit außergewöhnlichen Bildern, die in der Polarnacht aufgenommen wurden, schafft das Projekt Bewusstsein für die Zerbrechlichkeit dieser Eiswelt. Das Projektteam bilden Nomi Baumgartl (Fotografin und Initiatorin), Sven Nieder (Fotograf), Yatri N. Niehaus (Filmregisseur) und Laali Lyberth (Koordination Grönland).

Die erste Lichtexpedition des Projekts startete im November 2012, eine weitere folgte im Februar 2013. Dabei wurde zusammen mit den Einwohnern Grönlands im wahrsten Sinne des Wortes »photographiert«, also »mit Licht gemalt«. Diese Menschen senden so durch das Medium der Kunstfotografie Lichtbotschaften in die Welt, indem sie nachts mit Hochleistungs-Taschenlampen Eisberge und Gletscher ausleuchteten. In Langzeitbelichtungen entstanden unter Polarlichtern am Himmel hieraus Fotokunstwerke dieser Lichtmalereien und äußerst beeindruckende Filmaufnahmen über das Projekt und seine Lichtbotschafter. Bei zeitweise  $-40^{\circ}$  Celsius mussten Mensch und Technik bis über ihre Grenzen hinaus gehen.

Mit einem Fotobuch, internationalen Ausstellungen, einem Film und vielem mehr wird ab 2014 die Schönheit der entstandenen Bilder und die Botschaft von Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq in der Welt verbreitet. Nach erfolgreicher Umsetzung dieser Phase wird das Projekt mit weiteren Konzepten fortgeführt.

**Ulloriarsuaq:** a fixed star in the northern sky;  
a significant point of reference for diverse cultures  
since the beginning of time. Mentor and torchbearer  
for Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq is Greenlandic  
shaman Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq.

Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq is an international photographic art project that captures Greenland's disappearing ice in breathtaking photos and film. With extraordinary photographs shot during the polar night, the venture sheds light upon the fragility of the world of ice. The project team includes Nomi Baumgartl (photographer and initiator), Sven Nieder (photographer), Yatri N. Niehaus (film director), and Laali Lyberth (coordinator for Greenland).

The first light expedition took place in November 2012, with another in February 2013. Together with Greenlanders, the team literally "photo-graphed." They "painted with light"—illuminating icebergs and glaciers with high-powered flashlights—thereby sending light-messages into the world through the medium of photography. Using time exposure under the northern lights, these light-paintings, true works of art, were produced along with awe-inspiring shots of the project and its light ambassadors. With temperatures of –40 degrees Celsius at times, man and technology were pushed beyond their limits.

As of 2014, the beauty of the resulting photos and the message of Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq are being spread throughout the world in a photographic compilation of the expedition in a book, international exhibitions, a film, and much more. Once the successful implementation of this phase has been achieved, the project will pursue further concepts.

**Qitittut – Dancing Ancestors**

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Lightambassadors: Adam Lyberth, Helena Poulsen, Ursilla Poulsen, Tina Lyberth, Juliane Abrahamsen, Anguak Lennert



# The Photo Art Edition

*(Selection)*



← SERMIP INNAARLUA  
CLIFF OF THE BIG ICE

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Nomi Baumgartl

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MOUNTAINS OF THE SEA I

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Reginald Guldager, Daisy Møller Petersen,  
Bror M. Petersen, Sascha P. Kristoffersen,  
Natasja P. Kristoffersen



NUUNU  
THE ONE TO BE BORN

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Laali Lyberth



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THE TINY BERGS

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Ralf Johansen





## THE FILM

The documentary film *Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq* follows the Light-Art-Project in Greenland from beginning to end in portrait-style. Using the latest in technology, budding director Yatri N. Niehaus, in his first solo attempt at a full-scale documentary, captures every moment of the project in this unique form of photographic art.

Besides the fascinating shots of Greenland's unparalleled glaciers and icebergs, Yatri interviews Greenland's Light-ambassadors, who have much to say to the world about the disappearance of the eternal ice. As it stands now, the documentary *Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq* is expected to be about 30 minutes. A full-length film is in the planning stages.

“The Greenland ice cap stretched many thousands of kilometers before me. When I stepped upon it for the first time, it moved under my feet, making loud crackling sounds. In that moment, it became clear to me—the indescribable connection—of how the changes that are happening in Greenland are linked to everything and everyone in the world. If more people were able to have this experience, it could possibly create a lasting change in their relationship with the nature that surrounds us all. Still, not everyone can be there—seeing, hearing. I believe that art, especially film, has the potential of taking people along on the journey and to contemplate our role in the world.”

*Yatri N. Niehaus*

The Project's Course of Events  
The Team

## THE PROJECT'S COURSE OF EVENTS

In November 2012, photographers Nomi Baumgartl and Sven Nieder, filmmaker Yatri N. Niehaus, and Greenlandic coordinator Laali Lyberth travelled to West-Greenland for three weeks. The main stops on this first light-expedition were Kangerlussuaq, Nuuk, Maniitsoq and Ilulissat, the vanishing UNESCO world natural heritage site.

In February 2013 the team returned to photograph further sites and to document the dramatic changes that had taken place over the past three winter months. Greenlandic shaman Angaangaq accompanied the group.

Despite a range of photographic limitations and extreme conditions for people and materials, the team—initiator and photographer Nomi Baumgartl, photographer Sven Nieder, and Greenlander Laali Lyberth, whose coordination was key in a project with such a sensitive nature—was successful in capturing one-of-a-kind images.





## THE LIGHTAMBASSADORS

Adam Lyberth | Helena Poulsen | Ursilla Poulsen | Tina Lyberth | Juliane Abrahamsen | Anguak Lennert  
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Photography “painted with light.” Greenlanders – instructors, teachers, and hunters—using the medium of artistic photography, send light-messages into the world by illuminating icebergs and glaciers with high-powered flashlights.



NOMI BAUMGARTL

Born in 1950 in southern Germany, the internationally renowned free-lance photographer lives in Munich and works all over the world on her projects. Her life's work focuses on showing the connections and complex associations of people, animals and nature, oceans and the earth—homage to Creation. Numerous publications, inclusions in magazines and books, films, exhibitions and awards are proof of Nomi's successful inter-national carrier. Her works are represented in notable collections and museums, including the Bibliothèque Nationale Paris, Museum Ludwig in Köln, F.C. Gundlach in Hamburg, Silvius Dornier Collection.



SVEN NIEDER

Born in 1976, Sven learned classical photography in a family run business. He graduated in 2004 from the Bielefeld College of Applied Science with a diploma in composition. Traveling the world over, Sven's work appears in numerous coffee-table books and as photo-reportages in magazines, as well as exhibitions all over Germany. He has taught photography over the past few years at the College of Applied Science in Trier, is an artist in the Culture and School Project for the region of Nordrhein Westfahlen and was also active on the country's board of directors at the Freelens Association. Sven Nieder works the world over as a free-lance photographer, with a focus on coffee-table books, reportages, and artistic concepts.



YATRI N. NIEHAUS

Yatri was born in Berlin in 1987. Directly after graduation from high school, he was drawn to a number of film sets where he completed his first short films. In 2009 Yatri applied to the College of Television and Film in Munich with his film “AnneLaureExposée.” He has been there ever since, studying Movie and Television Feature Film. To date, Yatri has made two short features, the most recent a 30-minute mystery-thriller titled “Karim.” In 2012 he was awarded the Hofbräu Trophy for his commercial spot “Always Sunday” and indoctrinated into the German National Merit Foundation for the German People. In 2013 Yatri was awarded the Climate Protection prize from the city of Dortmund for a commercial that raises awareness on water consumption.



LAALI LYBERTH

Laali was born in 1974 in Nuuk, Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland). She is deeply connected to her country and people. In her youth, Laali represented her country as Miss Greenland in 1992. Thereafter, she lived in Ottawa, Canada for twelve years where she worked in social services as a Residential Support Worker in a women’s shelter for abused indigenous women and their children, especially the Inuit and Meti. Since the middle of 2011 Laali lives in Germany and works as the coordinator of international projects with Sven Nieder. In addition to a diversity of art projects that often deal with awareness in regard to social concerns, her emphasis is on the coordination of the Stella Polaris\* Ulloriarsuaq project in Greenland.

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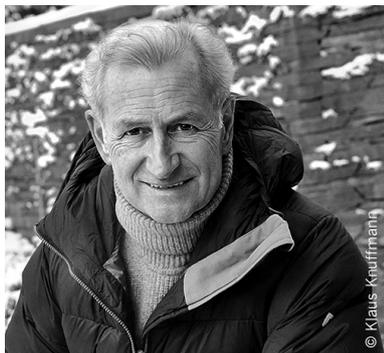
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