

Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)

Wätterschmöcker [Weather Gazers]

Horat, Thomas. *Wätterschmöcker*. Switzerland: Mythenfilm, 2011. 35 mm, 98 min. <https://youtu.be/y20jasCjPHk>.

In the heartland of Switzerland and particularly in the Muota valley an old tradition is still alive. An old tradition that is under threat of being forgotten by the modern age of satellite pictures and computer generated weather predictions. It is the prophesying of the weather on the basis of in-depth observations of animals and plants, winds and clouds. This intense, poetic documentary film accompanies seven weather prophets, from the Swiss interior, on their surveys of nature through the changes of the seasons. Landscapes, the music of the *Hujässler* and the unadulterated dialect of the locals, enables the viewer to experience a nearly forgotten, archaic world. (Source: [Official Film Website](#) and [Press Kit](#))

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Further readings:

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- Johnson, Sarah, ed. *Indigenous Knowledge*. Cambridge: The White Horse Press, 2012.
- Stehr, Nico, and Hans von Starch, eds. *Eduard Brückner — The Sources and Consequences of Climate Change and Climate Variability in Historical Times*. Cham: Springer, 2000.
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Related links:

- Wetter Propheten (Website of the Seven Weather Prophets - in German)
<http://www.wetterpropheten.ch/index.html>

Websites linked in this text:

- <http://www.mythenfilm.ch/waeterschmoecker/waeterschmoecker.html>
- http://www.mythenfilm.ch/resources/waeterschmoecker/presse/ws_synopsis_en.pdf
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>