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Life Size Memories

Reisinger, Klaus, and Frédérique Lengaigne. *Life Size Memories*. Vienna: Compass Films/R2 Films, 2011. Color, Blu-Ray, 120 min. <https://vimeo.com/53868389>.

Too often we view wild animals as generic representatives of their species. But *Life Size Memories* attempts to change all that, discovering individual beings that stand out on their own terms. The film follows as two experienced war photojournalists train their lenses on captive elephants in war zones across Southeast Asia to create life-sized photographic portraits of these individuals. What do these portraits augur for the fate of the elephant? Reisinger and Lengaigne's beautiful film travels to four different nations to find a complicated answer—that regional variations in both human and elephant cultures will ultimately determine which individuals live and which become mere faded memories. (Source: [Tales from Planet Earth](#))

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Further readings:

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Related links:

- Life Size Memories at Compass Films
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- Official Film Website
<http://lifesizememories.com/>
- Asian Elephant Conservation (Globalteer)
<http://www.globalteer.org/asian-elephants.aspx>

Websites linked in this text:

- <http://nelson.wisc.edu/tales/festivals/schedule2012.php#L>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>