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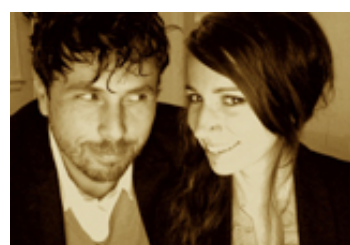
a cross-platform documentary  
animals are hidden in the shadows of our highly mechanized world

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**Animal Ambassadors**  
**Joseph Pace and**  
**Shannon Kornelsen**

"We find ourselves living in a time of inspiring societal awakening (and reawakening). While this is exciting, it is imperative that our efforts, our social movements, and our revolutions truly include animals, and see them for who they are: irreplaceable individuals with a right to live free from harm and exploitation. From the moment we heard about this film, and learned that it would be Liz Marshall's brilliant vision shining light into the dark corners of our profit-driven 'machine', we couldn't wait to be involved."

*Joseph Pace, Shannon Kornelsen*

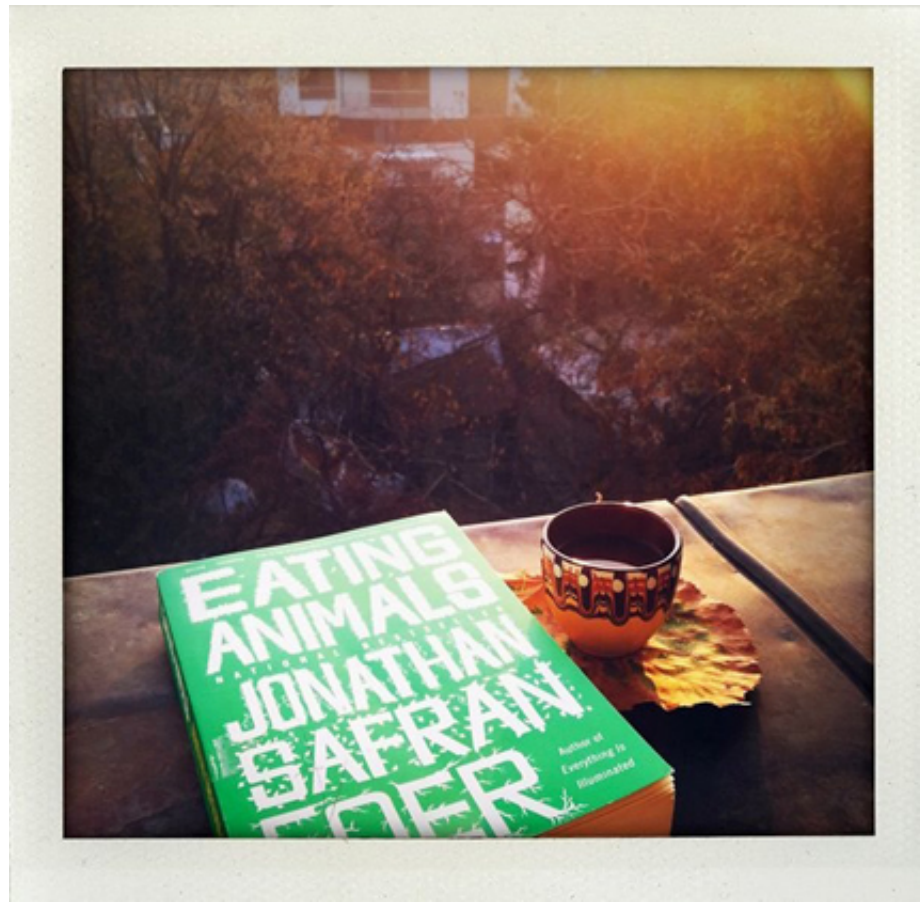
Joseph and Shannon grew up in different parts of rural Ontario, meeting for the first time at a vegetarian restaurant in Guelph, one of Canada's main agricultural centres. Not long afterward, Joseph and Shannon were asked to coordinate a commissioned report on the animal welfare, environmental, public health and rural community impacts of industrial animal agriculture in Canada -- the first national report of its kind. They also organized '10 000 Tastes, 10 Billion Reasons', the largest vegan event in Canada's history, which provided more than 12,000 people with free plant-based food samples at Yonge-Dundas Square, Canada's busiest pedestrian intersection.

It's always a busy time for us as we work hard to make our documentary a reality. Right now we are preparing to begin production in January. Exciting times. 2012 will be an all-consuming and fulfilling year for me; actualizing the vision that has been forming for many months. I am inspired and excited to be collaborating with an exceptional team on this social-issue, creative and philosophical journey.

AS A CROSS MEDIA PROJECT we are equally focused on building our online community. Our online presence will continue to unfold over the course of the next year and beyond. Check out our [REVISED WEBSITE](#), it includes a blog, share tools and additional information. We are proud to welcome Toronto activist-duo Shannon Kornelsen and Joseph Pace to our family of [Animal Ambassadors](#). Shannon and Joseph are heading up [Mercy for Animals](#) Canada, Canada's first national vegan advocacy group, to be launched in early 2012. Stay tuned for lots of info to come on this new Canadian initiative.

OUR CANADIAN THANKSGIVING has come and gone and as American Thanksgiving approaches we are doing a few things to encourage people to think differently. Our researcher Lorena Elke has written a [debut article for One Green Planet](#). In it she says "this holiday has come to represent the values of gratitude, reflection, sharing, peace and celebration of the harvest ... how can there remain such a disconnection to the experiences of animals used for food?". And, we created [Hildy's Story](#), a short heart warming film about Hildy, a turkey who was born and bred in a factory farm, but was mysteriously dropped off at the doorstep of [Farm Sanctuary](#), in upstate New York.

TODAY IS [DAY 4 of our 10-DAY GHOST FREE JOURNEY](#), facilitated by our fab coaches Donna Oakes and Rosemary Foos, and featuring the lucky and talented Abigail Doan, an [environmental fiber artist](#) and writer on [ethical fashion and textiles](#). The theme is Vegan Thanksgiving. Follow Abigail's journey, and join the conversation.



Day One of the Ghost Free Journey  
photo by Abigail Doan

*I am currently living in Sofia, Bulgaria this autumn and winter, and Thanksgiving will be celebrated in our home but not with the ritual of acquiring and preparing a turkey with all of the traditional American trimmings ... I will aim to create a celebration where the focus of our meal is on local ingredients, the cultural dialogue that we bring to the table, and the collective spirit and nourishment that we take away. This process will hopefully include a better understanding of why a vegan diet might resonate with the other vital things that I do in my life, i.e. my work as an environmental artist and activist.*

THINK GHOST-FREE  
what a concept ...

For the Ghosts,

Liz Marshall  
Writer, Director, Producer

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