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## SPECIAL EVENT

### AYR TOWN HALL

**Thursday 31 January 2019**

Screening at 19.30 hrs.

**RSPB Central Ayrshire Local Group in conjunction with Ayr Film Society present the award-winning documentary**

### **The Messenger**

in support of RSPB Scotland and helping to save endangered species and habitat loss in South-West Scotland

**Tickets £5.00 each - available at all RSPB and SOC Ayrshire meetings and at the door on 31.01.2019.**

Please support us by encouraging your friends and family to come along and see this astonishing film



Ortolan bunting, as seen in 'The Messenger'. Photo: Kino Lorber

*The film takes us to France, where we learn about the illegal hunting and trapping of ortolan bunting, for what some people consider is a gourmet dish. Hunting and trapping throughout the Mediterranean causes the deaths of 25 million birds annually, and of hundreds of species, not just one! We visit Canada's boreal forest where the impact of oil drilling and related development has a devastating effect on bird habitats. This is an important and long-overdue documentary - we hope it has the impact it deserves to have.*

### **The Messenger**

Director: Su Rynard

Canada/France/USA/Germany/Netherlands/Turkey/Costa Rica 2015 1h24m

**The Messenger** is an amazing documentary, revealing the struggles of song birds worldwide. At its world premiere at the Hot Docs International Film Festival in Toronto, audiences voted it their third favourite. Ancient cultures viewed songbirds as messengers from the gods. Today, the film argues, birds are delivering an urgent message about Earth's health - one that we ignore at our peril. Visually, the film is stunning. We see indigo buntings, Blackburnian and black-throated blue warblers, and other species flying in slow motion. Plus: a selection of RSPB short films to complete the programme.