

# A Mountain Film Calgary Presentation

## Best of the 2009 Banff Mountain Film Festival

*Rozsa Theatre. University of Calgary*

*January 2010*

**Program One**

### ***Kranked – Revolve***

*People's Choice Award on Radical Reels Night*

Canada, 2009, 11 minutes

Directed and produced by Bjørn Enga

Website: [www.radical-films.com](http://www.radical-films.com)

Focus: Mountain biking

*The coolest human-powered adrenaline tool ever invented -- the mountain bike? "Revolve" blasts in cinematic glory from the French Alps to the lush coast of B.C., incorporating dirt jump, trail, freeride, slopestyle and downhill.*

### ***Deep/Shinsetsu***

Japan, 2009, 3 minutes

Directed and Produced by Masaki Sekiguchi

Website: [www.ebisfilms.jp](http://www.ebisfilms.jp)

Focus: Powder skiing, family-friendly

*"Shinsetsu" means deep powder in Japanese.*

*This short film expresses a typical day in the mountains in Japan.*

### ***Solo***

*Award for Best Film on Mountain Sports, sponsored by Western State College of Colorado*

Australia, 2008, 58 minutes

Directed by: David Michod, Jennifer Peedom

Produced by: Jennifer Peedom

Website: <http://essential-media.com>

Focus: Sea-kayaking, adventure, human story

*On January 11, 2007, Andrew McAuley set out on his quest to become the first person to kayak from Australia to New Zealand across 1600 kilometres of one of the wildest and loneliest stretches of ocean on Earth.*

*Thirty days later, New Zealand maritime authorities received his distress call.*

*Break*

***Azazel***

France, 2007, 22 minutes  
Directed and produced by Guillaume Broust  
Website: [www.petzl.com](http://www.petzl.com)  
Focus: Mountaineering, family-friendly

*Four friends set out to establish a new route on the Trango Pulpit Tower, a mythic 6000-metre-high rock wall in Pakistan. Days and days of pleasure, quantities of testosterone expended, frozen fingers and naps on the wall.*

***Mont-Blanc Speed Flying***

*Award for Best Short Mountain Film, sponsored by Mountain Hardwear*

France, 2008, 10 minutes  
Directed and produced by Didier Lafond  
Website: [www.didierlafond.com](http://www.didierlafond.com)  
Focus: Speed riding, family-friendly

*Six speed riders fly from the upper slopes of Mont Blanc down to Chamonix in one continuous 10-minute shot, filmed in Cineflex.*

***First Ascent: The Impossible Climb***

USA, 2009, 24 minutes  
Directed and Produced by Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen and Josh Lowell  
Website: [www.senderfilms.com](http://www.senderfilms.com)  
Focus: rock climbing

*Star sport climber Chris Sharma takes on his greatest challenge yet: the unclimbed, 90-metre limestone cave on Mt. Clark, California. He dangles from one finger, jumps between minuscule handholds and takes 30-metre free falls as he endeavours to make the first ascent of what will be the most difficult rock climb in the world.*

***Project Megawoosh***

*Special Jury Mention*  
Germany, 2009, 4 minutes  
Directed by Minh Duong  
Produced by Nikolas Hannack  
Website: [www.okifilms.com](http://www.okifilms.com)  
Focus: Humour, spoof, family friendly

*Bruno Kammerl, a German engineer, works to perfect the world's tallest human water slide.*

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**Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Matinee**

## **Program Two**

### ***Revolution One***

USA, 2009, 10 minutes

Directed and Produced by Dan Heaton

Website: [www.sykoproductions.com](http://www.sykoproductions.com)

Focus: Unicycling

*"Revolution One" takes a look into the history, people and places that have defined the rapidly emerging sport of off-road unicycling. Follow world champion unicyclists Kris Holm and Dan Heaton as they display riding that has blown the minds of viewers worldwide.*

### ***Hunlen***

Canada, 2009, 12 minutes

Directed and produced by Will Gadd

Website: [www.gravsports.com](http://www.gravsports.com)

Focus: Ice climbing

*What happens if you show up to climb one of the biggest frozen waterfalls in Canada -- but it isn't completely frozen? Will Gadd and EJ Plimley battle to do the first ascent of B.C.'s remote Hunlen Falls. Falling ice, crashing water, fear, big fun!*

### ***Take a Seat***

*Special Jury Mention*

UK, 2009, 46 minutes

Directed by: Ed Stobart, Dominic Gill

Produced by: Lucy Wilcox

Website: [www.ginger.tv](http://www.ginger.tv)

Focus: Human story, adventure, biking, humour

*Dominic Gill's mission is to cycle the 32,000 kilometres from the northern coast of Alaska to the southern tip of South America, on a tandem bike, picking up random strangers on the way. A gripping tale of two years and two continents, full of extraordinary characters and incidents.*

Break

**Signatures: Canvas of Snow**

USA, 2009, 16 minutes

Directed by Nick Waggoner

Produced by Ben Sturgulewski

Website: [www.sweetgrass-productions.com](http://www.sweetgrass-productions.com)

Focus: Skiing, snowboarding and noboarding, family-friendly

*In Japan there is a cultural connection to the different signatures of terrestrial home - a sense that the rhythm of fall, winter, spring and summer influences the rhythm of the person, their energy, their riding style and the lines they choose.*

*This special edit features skiers, snowboarders, a photographer and a noboarder who are each in tune with this connection to winter and the environment they ride in.*

**Africa Revolutions Tour**

USA, 2009, 20 minutes

Directed by Rush Sturges

Produced by Tyler Bradt

Website: [www.Rev-Inn.com](http://www.Rev-Inn.com)

Focus: White-water kayaking, Sun Catcher's Project (NGO in Africa)

*From the crocodile-infested White Nile in Uganda to big-water first descents in Madagascar, a group of friends seek adventure on African rivers. Accompanying the team is Rita Riewerts, the founder of the Sun Catchers Project, a non-profit that installs solar cooking facilities in orphanages, hospitals and communities.*

**First Ascent: Alone on the Wall**

USA, 2009, 24 minutes

Directed and produced by Peter Mortimer and Nick Rosen

Website: [www.senderfilms](http://www.senderfilms)

Focus: Rock Climbing, free solo climbing

*After gaining international climbing renown for his landmark free-solo of "Moonlight Buttress" (V, 5.12+, 9 pitches) in Zion National Park, Utah, in April 2008, 24-year-old Alex Honnold moves on to his next big challenge: the first free-solo of the "Regular Northwest Face" route (VI, 5.12a, 23 pitches) on Yosemite's Half Dome*

**The Ultimate Skiing Showdown**

Canada, 2009, 4 minutes

Directed and produced by David McMahon

Website: [www.xczone.tv](http://www.xczone.tv)

Focus: Nordic skiing, family friendly

*The final sprint showdown between the fastest skiers on Earth in juxtaposition with a stunt performer showing some of the sickest moves on Nordic skis. A lot of fun!*