

A Mountain Film Calgary Presentation
2013 BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR-CALGARY
January 2014

Program 1

Flow: The Elements of Freeride

(2013, USA, 3 min)

Filmmaker: Oly Mingo

Website: www.north40productions.com

Focus: Biking

Delight in the flowing symbiosis of freeriding.

Push It

(2012, United Kingdom, 26 min)

Filmmaker: Jen Randall

Website: www.lightshedpictures.com/index.html

Focus: rockclimbing

Want to see what it takes to get a job done with unique style and grace – and friendship intact? Let these two women show you as they attempt their first big wall climb ever – El Capitan in Yosemite. Though yearning for greater confidence, they are inspiring from start to finish. You go! We're behind you all the way!

North of the Sun (Nordfor Sola)

Grand Prize Winner – sponsored by MEC People's Choice Award – sponsored by Treksta

Dolby Audio Award

(2012, Norway, 46 min) Filmmakers: Inge Wegge, Jørn Nyseth Ranum and Anne Bergseng

Website: <http://vimeo.com/ondemand/northofthesun>

Focus: adventure, surfing, environment, snowboarding

Tucked between the cold Atlantic Ocean and the rocky slopes of a remote, arctic island, two young Norwegian adventurers discover their own private playground. They build themselves a cabin out of flotsam while clearing the beach of debris, then spend the long winter skiing and surfing in the haunting low light.

Break

Split of a Second

(2012, Sweden, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Björn Fävremark and John Boisen

Website: www.goovinn.se/en/home/sense-of-flying-espen-fadnes

Focus: BASE jumping

99.9% of time is spent in preparation for living a few moments of joy. The other .1% is to only be here now, and step off that cliff!

Keeper of the Mountains (special edit)

Special Jury Mention

(2013, USA, 16 min) Filmmakers: Allison Otto, Scott McElroy

Website: smalldogonthego.tumblr.com

Focus: Culture/human story/female

Elizabeth Hawley bucked the conventions of her time by settling alone in Kathmandu in 1960, where she began chronicling Himalayan expeditions for The Himalayan Database. Even as she turns 90, she continues to update these records with rigorous accuracy and dedication.

Poor Man's Heli

(2013, Canada, 6 min)

Filmmaker: Mike Douglas, Switchback Entertainment

Focus: paragliding, skiing

A group of skiers launch themselves across a valley via paragliders to the remote slopes.

High Tension (Reel Rock 8)

Best Film — Mountain Culture— Sponsored by National Geographic

(2013, USA, 36 min)

Filmmakers: Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Zachary Barr, Josh Lowell

Website: www.reelrocktour.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; coarse language, violence

Focus: Mountaineering

Flying fists, obscenities, and death threats at 23,000 feet? Is this the new Everest reality? This film takes closer look at the 2013 incident at Camp II that made international headlines and had climbers Ueli Steck, Simone Moro, and Jonathan Griffith running for their lives.

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Cascada

(2012, USA, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Anson Fogel, Skip Armstrong, Shannon Ethridge (Camp4 Collective)

Website: www.camp4collective.com

Focus: paddling

Paddler and cinematographer alike explore a world beyond the unexpected ... and find perfection

The Last Ice Merchant – El ultimo Hielero

Best Film — Mountain Environment and Natural History - Sponsored by Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

(2012, USA, 14 min)

Filmmakers: Jeremy Yaches and Sandy Patch

Website: thelasticemerchant.com

Focus: Culture, human story

When Baltazar Ushca dies, the long-lived tradition of harvesting glacial ice from the tallest mountain in Ecuador will die with him. Every action is tenderly portrayed as Baltazar steadfastly wraps his bounty in hay and loads it on his donkey for delivery to his loyal customers.

Heaven's Gate

Best Film — Mountain Sports—Sponsored by Live Out There

(2013, Finland, 48 min)

Filmmakers: Iiro Seppanen, Nic Good, Pan Pacific Entertainment

Focus: wingsuit flying

A group of wingsuit pilots gather at Tianmen Mountain in China, the birthplace of the dream of human flight, to attempt an intimidating feat – flying through the sacred site known as Heaven's Gate, an archway carved out of the mountain. As Jeb Corliss drops from a helicopter and soars toward the opening, nearly a half-billion people hold their breath.

Spice Girl (Reel Rock 8)

(2013, USA, 24 min)

Filmmakers: Josh Lowell, Alex Lowther, Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen

Website: www.reelrocktour.com

Focus: rockclimbing

The UK climbing scene is known for its strict traditional ethic, yielding super sketchy, dangerous routes, and a competitive machismo. It's the last place you'd expect to find a nice little blond girl putting all the lads to shame, but Hazel Findlay is doing just that. The first woman to climb the British grade of E9, Hazel is a connoisseur of loose rock, dodgy gear, and big runouts.

The Last Great Climb (special edit)

Best Film — Climbing—Sponsored by the Alpine Club of Canada

(2013, UK, 26 min)

Filmmaker: Alastair Lee

Website: www.thelastgreatclimb.com

Focus: rockclimbing, expedition

Are rock stars Leo Houlding, Sean "Stanley" Leary, and Jason Pickles up to their old tricks again? Maybe so, but they've brought along a few new friends and hopes of a bold new line on a remote spire in Queen Maud Land, Antarctica. They're going big again – the majestic unclimbed Ulvetanna Peak is their goal this time. But they're in the middle of nowhere, miserably cold, a bit delirious. Hopefully it's nothing a little adrenaline can't cure.

Return to the Tepuis

(2013, USA, 9 min)

Filmmakers: Joe Riis and Jenny Nichols, Pongo Media

Website: pongomediaproductions.com/projects/return-tepuis/

Focus: Environmental, adventure

A wee pebble toad living in the crevices of the Tepuis of South America is the missing link to understanding the age of the species as well as the age of the Tepuis themselves.

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Best Short Mountain Film — Sponsored by The North Face

(2013, USA, 5 min)

Filmmakers: Nasa Koski, Austin Siadak, Matthe Van Biene, Fitz Cahall

Website: www.ducttapethenbeer.com/damn-that-was-awesome

Focus: Climbing, culture/human story

35 routes in one day to celebrate 35 years of life? Why not? Take the birthday challenge!