

A Mountain Film Calgary Presentation

2015 Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Rozsa Theatre. University of Calgary,
January 2016

Program One

Pretty Faces (special edit)

(2014, USA, 11 min)

Filmmaker: Lynsey Dyer

Website: www.unicornpicnic.com

Classification: General; no advisory

Film Synopsis:

Celebrate women who thrive in the snow! Follow her as she chases snow, from the time she needs to be lifted onto the chairlift to her first Alaskan dream line and beyond.

Salween Spring

(2015, USA, 9 min)

Filmmaker: Will Stauffer-Norris

Website: www.willstauffernorris.com

Classification: General; no advisory

Film Synopsis:

Travis Winn has been running rivers in China for 15 years. He's explored first descents, but also watched rivers disappear behind dams. Now he's founded a rafting company to bring Chinese to see their rivers before they're gone. Salween Spring is Travis's meditation on change, personal struggle, and kayaking along China's frontier.

Curiosity

(2014, USA, 13 min)

Filmmaker: Aimee Tetreault, Renan Ozturk, Tim Kemple

Website: www.camp4collective.com

Classification: General; no advisory

Film Synopsis:

How does curiosity inspire ultra-marathoners Rory Bosio, Timothy Olson and Hal Koerner as they prepare for the Ultra-Trail du Mont Blanc? Their artistry gives them lots in common with local artist sculptor ANDY Parkin.

Unbranded (special edit)

People's Choice Award – sponsored by Osprey

(2015, USA, 44 min)

Filmmakers: Dennis Aig, Phillip Baribeau

Website: www.unbrandedthefilm.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Four men and 16 wild mustangs set off on a 5000 kilometre journey across the American West from Mexico to Canada. In the spirit of true adventure, whiskey is drunk, tempers fly, tragedy strikes, and the bonds of friendship hold fast. But can the journey help save the plight of the wild horses roaming on public lands? Only time will tell.

Intermission

Nature Rx

(2015, USA, 2 min)

Filmmaker: Justin Bogardus

Website: www.nature-rx.org

Classification: General; no Advisory

Film Synopsis:

Is life a little too mundane or overwhelming ? Feeling tired, irritable or stressed out? Maybe Nature Rx is just the ticket.

Climbing Ice: The Iceland Trifecta

(2015, USA, 17 min)

Filmmakers: Chris MacAskill, Anton Lorimer

Website: www.Smugmug.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Join award-winning photographer Tim Kemple and ice climbers Klemen Premrl and Rahel Schelb for an expedition to Iceland's Vatnajökull Glacier to discover new ways to push the boundaries of climbing ice.

unReal (special edit)

(2015, USA, 12min)

Filmmaker: Teton Gravity Research

Website: www.tetongravity.com

Classification: General; no advisory

Film Synopsis:

Imagine a world where you ride the perfect trail perfectly, and sometime snow isn't the only stuff that falls from the sky. When you spend all of your time at work dreaming about mountain biking, which life is real?

Sounds of Paragliding

(2014, France, 4 min)

Filmmaker: Shams

Website: www.shams.fr

Classification: General; no advisory

Film Synopsis:

Listen to nature's harmony while aerobatic paragliding pilot Théo de Blic dances to the sounds of the sky.

The Warmth of Winter

(2015, USA, 6 min)

Filmmakers: Ben Sturgulewski, Philip Drake, Erme Catino, Stephan Drake

Classification: General; no advisory

Website: www.sturgetfilm.com

Film Synopsis:

Outside, the snow flies and the wind roars. But here, quiet and safe in the candlelight, the warmth and the wood wrap around you like a blanket, and the mind melts into reflections of days gone by. Take shelter from the storm. Sit down by the fire, have a drink, and take a load off. There is no warmth like a warmth found in winter.

Denali

(2015, USA, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Ben Moon, Ben Knight

Website: www.benmoon.com

Classification: General, no advisory

Film Synopsis:

There's no easy way to say goodbye to a friend, especially when they've supported you through your darkest times. A collaboration between Ben Knight, Skip Armstrong and Ben Moon.

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Program Two

The Important Places

Best Short Mountain Film – sponsored by The North Face

(2015, USA, 9 min)

Filmmaker: Gnarly Bay, Forest Woodward

Website: www.gnarlybay.com

Classification: General; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Using a mix of old 16mm footage and new visuals, a son rediscovers the necessity of returning to and protecting “the important places” in our lives.

Builder (special edit)

(2015, Canada, 9 min)

Filmmakers: Julian Coffey, Scott Secco

Website: www.pinkbike.com/builder

Classification: General; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Some people grow up and leave childish things behind. Others just take their childhood dreams and turn them up to 11 as they age. Building trails and tricks for your mountain bike never gets old, no matter your age.

Kroger’s Canteen

(2015, South Africa, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Greg Fell, Dean Leslie

Website: www.theafricanattachment.com

Classification: General; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

In 2014, Kilian Jornet won the Hardrock 100 mile race through the San Juan’s of Colorado. Along the way he stopped at Kroger’s Canteen – an aid station perched on a tiny ledge, 13,100ft above sea level. This is a story about that aid station, about the people who make it happen, and about the spirit one can only find at the Hardrock 100.

REEL ROCK 10: A Line Across the Sky

Best Film – Climbing – sponsored by Alpine Club of Canada

(2015, USA, 40 min)

Filmmakers: Peter Mortimer, Josh Lowell

Website: www.senderfilms.com; www.bigupproductions.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Long considered impossible, coveted by many and attempted by a few, the Fitz Traverse has fueled the imaginations of climbers in Patagonia for decades. Tracing the iconic skyline of Cerro Fitz Roy and its six satellite peaks, it spans four miles and 13,000 feet across snow and ice-covered rock, with epic route finding and endless rappelling. Seizing their chance during a rare extended weather window, Tommy Caldwell and Alex Honnold went big. The pair completed the first ascent in a five-day push during February 2014.

Break

Eclipse

Best Film – Snow Sports – sponsored by Bergans of Norway

(2015, Canada, 31 min)

Filmmaker: Anthony Bonello, Switchback Entertainment

Website: www.switchbackentertainment.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

The odds are low, the risks are high – photographer Reuben Krabbe is determined to capture a photo of a skier in front of the 2015 solar eclipse in Svalbard. But the weather's bad, the guide is sketchy, the pressure is massive and the skiers just want to ski.

Living Rivers - Surf

(2015, USA, 3 min)

Filmmaker: Max Lowe

Website: www.maxlowemedia.com

Classification: General; no advisory

Film Synopsis:

There is a new and emerging river surfing scene in Montana.

Women's Speed Ascent

(2015, USA, 4 min)

Filmmakers: Keith Ladzinski, Chris Alstrin

Website: www.3stringspro.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; Coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Mayan Smith-Gobat and Libby Sauter knew that the women's speed record for the ascent of The Nose on El Cap was theirs for the taking. Crushing the old record after just a few days of attempts, Mayan and Libby put their names in the record book of the infamous route in the Yosemite National Park.

55 Hours in Mexico

(2015, USA, 9 min)

Filmmakers: Joey Schusler, Karl Thompson, Thomas Woodson

Website: www.joeyschusler.com

Classification: Parental Guidance; coarse language

Film Synopsis:

Fly to Veracruz on a Friday, rent a car, climb the third-highest peak in North America, ski down and return to your desk Monday. How hard could it be?