

A Mountain Film Calgary Presentation
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2016 Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour
Rozsa Theatre. University of Calgary,

January 2017

Red Program

Max Your Days

(2016, Canada, 4 min)

Filmmaker: Malcolm Sangster

Website: www.sherpascinema.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Summer solstice on Canada's West Coast – the possibilities are endless!

Poumaka

(2016, USA, 15 min)

Filmmaker: Andy Mann, Keith Ladzinski

Website: www.3stringspro.com

Classification: **PG – Coarse Language**

Film Synopsis: With hopes of summiting the elusive Poumaka Tower, American bouldering champion, Angie Payne, leaves everything she knows behind as she ventures deep into the French Polynesian jungle with veteran climber and explorer, Mike Libeck.

Sea Gypsies: The Far Side of the World (Tour Edit)

(2016, USA, 46 min)

Filmmaker: Nicholas Edwards

Website: <http://www.seagypsiesmovie.com/>

Classification: **PG – Coarse Language and Nudity**

Film Synopsis: The vessel is Infinity, a 120-ft hand-built sailing ketch, crewed by a community of wanderers. The journey – a 12,800-kilometre Pacific crossing from New Zealand to Patagonia, with a stop in Antarctica, weather permitting. This film epitomizes the spirit of adventure.

Break

Ace and the Desert Dog

(2015, USA, 9 min)

Filmmaker: Brendan Leonard, Semi-Rad Media

Website: www.semi-rad.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: For his 60th birthday, adventure photographer Ace Kvale and his dog, Genghis Khan, set out on a 60-day trek in Utah's canyon country.

SHIFT

People's Choice Award

(2016, Canada, 28 min)

Filmmaker: Kelly Milner

Website: <http://www.shiftthefilm.info>

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Near a sacred mountain in the Yukon, an Indigenous community transforms itself into a world-class mountain biking destination through the hard work of their young trail crews.

The Perfect Flight

(2016, USA, 5 min)

Filmmaker: Joshua Izenberg

Website: www.speculativefilms.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: When some neighborhood kids gave Shawn Hayes an abandoned red-tailed hawk chick, it launched him on a lifelong journey into the medieval traditions of falconry.

The Super Salmon

Special Jury Mention

(2016, USA, 25 min)

Filmmaker: Ryan Peterson

Website: www.salmonbeyondborders.org

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Proponents of a plan to construct a \$5.2-billion hydroelectric mega-dam on Alaska's Susitna River say it wouldn't affect the watershed's famous salmon runs because of its location – upstream of where fish usually swim. Tell that to the Super Salmon.

Blue Program

January: Wed 18th, Fri 20th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd, Sat 28th Sun 29th.

Danny MacAskill's Wee Day Out

(2016, UK, 6 min)

Filmmaker: Stu Thomson

Website: <http://www.redbull.com/se-en/danny-macaskill-wee-day-out>

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Want to see what Danny MacAskill does on his day off? Explore the rural landscape around Edinburgh in a film that sets out to capture the simple fun of a ride in the country with moments of incredible riding and a touch of humour.

Dog Power (Tour Edit)

(2016, USA, 25 min)

Filmmakers: Kale Casey, Jordan Schevene

Website: www.dogpowermovie.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Get a fascinating view of the world of dog-powered sports and the special bond between dogs and their humans. Both share a passion for living, working and playing together outside in different forms of the sled-dog and musher relationship.

Four Mums In A Boat (Tour Edit)

(2015, UK, 30 min)

Filmmaker: Simon Tucker

Website: www.bowriverfilms.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: When four middle-aged working British mums announced they wanted to row the Atlantic Ocean, their families thought they had lost their minds.

Break

Young Guns

(2016, USA, 27 min)

Filmmaker: Sender Films

Website: www.reelrocktour.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Meet the new faces of climbing: 14-year-old Ashima Shiraishi and 15-year-old Kai Lightner. Pushed outside their comfort zone, Kai and Ashima learn some hard but important lessons that will carry them to even greater heights.

People's Choice, Radical Reels

Iran: A Skier's Journey

(2016, Canada, 12 min)

Filmmaker: Jordan Manley

Website: www.askiersjourney.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Cautioned not to travel to Iran, skiers Chad Sayers and Forrest Coots decide to go, regardless. They find comfort, bedazzlement, and a surprisingly cool ski culture.

The Accord

Creative Excellence Award

(2016, Iceland, 19 min)

Filmmaker: RC Cone

Website: <https://www.theaccordfilm.com/>

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: Being so far removed from the hustle and bustle of the tropical surf world hardens Iceland's surfers to confront the the harsh reality they all must face – that old and unforgiving North Atlantic wind.

Metronomic (Tour Edit)

Best Film Mountain Sports

(2016, France, 5 min)

Filmmaker: Vladimir Cellier

Website: www.barakafilms.com

Classification: **General**

Film Synopsis: High above the Gorges du Verdon, a skillful blend of artists and high-level balancing athletes play a high energy symphony devoted to risk. It's a hymn that melds visual performance and contemplative poetry into pure entertainment.

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