

## Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour Films 2019/20

### A NORDIC SKATER

(2018, Lithuania, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Paulius Neverbickas

**Film Synopsis:** The story of a man who uses every sense he has to travel on thin ice while Nordic skating in the Oslo region of Norway. He tells the story of how the little known sport of Nordic skating came to play a big part in his life.

### BAYANDALAI- LORD OF THE TAIGA

(2018, Spain, 11 minutes)

Filmmaker: Lara Izagirre Garizurieta, Aner Etxebarria Moral & Pablo Vidal Santos

**Film Synopsis:** From inside his yurt deep within the heart of the Taiga, an elder of the Dukhas tribe muses about the significance of life and death in the largest forest on Earth. He is the last of the great reindeer herders of the Taiga.

### BILLDER

(2019, Canada, 6 minutes)

Filmmaker: Catherine Legros, Scott Secco

**Film Synopsis:** Bilder tells the story of Bill McLane, a mountain bike trail builder. We'll find out what trails mean to him and how his work impacts his community.

### CAMEL FINDS WATER

(2019, USA, 9 minutes)

Filmmaker: Ian Durkin, Trevor Gordon

**Film Synopsis:** Trevor found the hull of an abandoned fishing boat in a field. He brought it home and built it back to a sea-worthy state over the course of a summer. Then, he took it on its maiden voyage to British Columbia in search of waves.

### CHARGE

(2019, Canada, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Mike Douglas, Mike Gamble, Anthony Bonello (Switchback Entertainment)

**Film Synopsis:** Four top freeskiers and a World Champion drone pilot are dropped at Chatter Creek, BC for one week. Their instructions: charge as hard as you can everyday.

### CHASING MONSTERS

(2019, Australia, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Krystle Wright

**Film Synopsis:** Ever considered trying to photograph a storm with over 200km/h winds? Experience the adrenaline-fueled moments as photographer Nick Moir tracks America's wildest tornadoes to capture the images of nightmares.

## CIRCLE OF THE SUN

(2019, Germany, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Lena Stoffel, Inigo Grasset

**Film Synopsis:** Steep mountains, the ocean, the sun and the aurora borealis. One rotation of the sun high in the Arctic on skis equals one day of magic.

## DANNY DAYCARE

(2019, UK, 4 minutes)

Filmmaker: Cut Media, Stu Thomson

**Film Synopsis:** In his latest film Danny MacAskill takes on some child care the only way he knows how... by taking them for a wee bike ride around Scotland!

## DEER 139 (TOUR EDIT)

(2019, USA, 44 minutes)

Filmmaker: Samantha Dwinell, Emilene Ostlind. Kevin Monteith, Ana Tyson, Tennessee Watson (producers); Morgan Heim and Jayme Dittmar (directors)

**Film Synopsis:** Three women follow the 137 km migration path of a scruffy, pregnant mule deer doe and in the process, learn to see the world differently.

## DEFIANCE

(2019, Canada, 13 minutes)

Filmmaker: Sherpas Cinema

**Film Synopsis:** A short snowboarding documentary featuring three of the world's best snowboarders riding some of the steepest terrain in Canada.

## ELECTRIC GREG

(2019, Canada, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Mike Douglas, Mike Gamble, Anthony Bonello (Switchback Entertainment)

**Film Synopsis:** Having seen the affects of climate change first-hand, Greg Hill sets out to climb 100 peaks without burning any fossil fuels. But the question is: will it make a difference?

## ELI

(2019, USA, 6 minutes)

Filmmaker: Patagonia Films, Monika McClure

**Film Synopsis:** As a rancher growing up in the rugged northeast corner of the Navajo Nation with no electricity or running water, Eli Neztosie learned through years of work what it meant to rely on discipline and endurance. Now he relies on those same skills, running long distances.

## GONE TOMORROW: KENTUCKY ICE CLIMBING

(2019, USA, 20 minutes)

Filmmaker: Mike Wilkinson

**Film Synopsis:** A bourbon-fueled ride deep into the bushy hollers of Appalachia with a crew of harmless misfits as they race to search out and climb new ice routes before they're gone.

## GOOD MORNING

(2018, France, 4 minutes)

Filmmaker: PVS Company; Maxime Moulin, Antoine Frioux, Richard Permin

**Film Synopsis:** Every day, skier Richard Permin falls into his mundane morning routine. Right after getting out of bed, he clicks on his skis and rides down the snow-covered rooftops of Avoriaz.

## HOME (TOUR EDIT)

(2019, Canada, 47 minutes)

Filmmaker: Jen Randall (Light Shed Pictures), Sarah Outen

**Film Synopsis:** Between 2011 and 2015 UK adventurer Sarah Outen traversed the globe by bike, kayak and rowing boat, travelling over 32,000 km by human power alone. The solo trip took its toll, and a violent storm on the Pacific takes Sarah to the physical and mental brink.

## HORS PISTE

(2018, France, 6 minutes)

Filmmaker: Ecole des Nouvelles Images: Léo BRUNEL, Loris CAVALIER, Camille JALABERT, Oscar MALET

**Film Synopsis:** The two best mountain rescue workers of the region are ready for their new mission. Despite their professionalism and their determination, it will not go as planned...

## HUNZA: SKI AND CULTURE IN PAKISTAN (TOUR EDIT)

(2018, France, 33 minutes)

Filmmaker: Alexis Blaise and Sam Favret, Invade Media

**Film Synopsis:** Get on board with Sam Favret, Leo Slemett and Julien Herry as they set off on a vibrant freeriding and cultural adventure in the remote Hunza Valley, way off the beaten track.

## INTO THE CANYON (TOUR EDIT)

(2019, USA, 45 minutes)

Filmmaker: Pete McBride, Amanda Pollak (Insignia Films)

**Film Synopsis:** Pete McBride and Kevin Fedarko tell a story of extreme physical hardship where the bonds of friendship are stretched and the timeless beauty of the Grand Canyon becomes meditation and ultimately a cautionary tale for our complex relationship with the natural world.

## LHOTSE

(2019, USA, 23 minutes)

Filmmaker: Dutch Simpson, Rob Wassmer, Kaki Or (Field Day Studios)

**Film Synopsis:** It's not always what we achieve that defines us, rather it is why we achieve such things that creates clarity in our existence. In 2018, Hilaree Nelson and Jim Morrison completed the first ski descent of the 27,940-foot Lhotse, the fourth-highest mountain in the world. This is their story.

## LIFE OF PIE

(2019, USA, 12 minutes)

Filmmaker: Felt Soul Media - Ben Knight, Travis Rummel

**Film Synopsis:** When Jen Zeuner and Anne Keller moved to the tiny, conservative high desert town of Fruita, Colorado almost twenty years ago, it was not on the map as far as mountain biking was concerned and they were on the fringe and a bit ostracized. Now they're at the very heart and soul of the community.

## MYRTLE SIMPSON: A LIFE ON ICE (TOUR EDIT)

(2019, USA, 25 minutes)

Filmmaker: Leigh Anne Sides, Andrew Cahill

**Film Synopsis:** Myrtle Simpson - trailblazer, pioneer, adventurer, mountain climber, polar explorer, writer, and mother. From Spitzbergen to Greenland, from the North Pole to the Highlands of Scotland, from New Zealand to Peru, Myrtle blazed her own trail. She experienced places most people only dream about, all while writing 13 books, collecting specimens for museum botanical collections and raising four children.

## OPENING THE EARTH: THE POTATO KING (TOUR EDIT)

(2018, USA, 13 minutes)

Filmmaker: Eric Ebner, Aaron Ebner (Directors), Paul J Lynch, Jenna Semenoff (Producers)

**Film Synopsis:** Julio Hanco is a guardian of biodiversity, critical to the survival of humanity. He represents a people, a culture, and way of life that is being lost to modernization. Will their culture survive? Or will it all be lost with the last Potato King?

## OUT ON A LIMB

(2019, USA, 22 minutes)

Filmmaker: Jordan Manley, Diana Brucculieri, Narrows Media

**Film Synopsis:** Engineer Kai Lin teams up with climber Craig DeMartino to design a badass prosthetic foot, which if they succeed won't just level the playing field, but will dish up, if not superpowers, then a real sense of empowerment. Which is almost the same thing.

## REEL ROCK 13: UP TO SPEED

(2018, USA, 20 minutes)

Filmmaker: Peter Mortimer, Zachary Barr, Nick Rosen (Sender Films)

**Film Synopsis:** When climbing was announced as part of the 2020 Olympics, it was a monumental occasion for the sport. But many climbers were shocked to learn that one of three combined events required to compete for a medal is... speed climbing.

## REEL ROCK 14: THE HIGH ROAD

(2019, USA, 18 minutes)

Filmmaker: Peter Mortimer, Zachary Barr, Nick Rosen (Sender Films)

**Film Synopsis:** Highball bouldering ace Nina Williams flexes her guns and tests her nerves well into the no-fall zone.

## RETURN TO EARTH (TOUR EDIT)

(2019, Canada, 14 minutes)

Filmmaker: Ian Dunn, Darren McCullough, Colin Jones, Darcy Wittenburg (Anthill Films)

**Film Synopsis:** Connected by true to life examples set by some of mountain biking's biggest athletes, unsung shredders and up-and-coming youth, Return to Earth proves that when we lose track of time, we can make the most of it.

## SAFE HAVEN

(2018, USA, 8 minutes)

Filmmaker: Wondercamp; Tim Kressin, Davis Goslin

**Film Synopsis:** Founded on the belief that everyone is welcome, Memphis Rox opened a climbing gym to challenge stereotypes and be at the center of the city's revitalization.

## SIBLINGS

(2019, Canada, 3 minutes)

Filmmaker: Mike Hopkins, Scott Carlson

**Film Synopsis:** A short coming of age film that celebrates childhood and the relationship between siblings.

## SPECTRE EXPEDITION – MISSION ANTARCTICA

(2019, UK, 36 minutes)

Filmmaker: Alastair Lee, Sender Films, Leo Houlding

**Film Synopsis:** 1000 miles, 200+ kgs, 65 days, 3 mates, 1 mountain. Unsupported, using snow-kites to travel great distance, with massive loads at speeds up to 60 kmph this is the epic tale of Leo Houlding, Jean Burgun & Mark Sedon's daring dream to reach the summit of the most remote mountain on Earth; The Spectre, Antarctica.

## SURFER DAN

(2018, USA, 8 minutes)

Filmmaker: Tim Kemple, Camp4 Collective

**Film Synopsis:** In a time when it can feel like you need to fly to the opposite side of the globe to find adventure and challenge, Surfer Dan proves that with dedication, grit and a little creativity you might already have all you need outside your own backdoor.

## THABANG

(2019, South Africa, 13 minutes)

Filmmaker: Hannah Slezacek & Dean Leslie (Producers), Dean Leslie (Director),  
Wandering Fever

**Film Synopsis:** Thabang Madiba somehow found his way into the world of trail running and in the last few years has become everyone's favourite in the South African trail scene.

## THE FLIP

(2019, USA, 3 minutes)

Filmmaker: Reed Rickert

**Film Synopsis:** French Skydiver Remi Angeli must face his fears in order to explore new expressions of movement while BASE jumping in Mexico. On the other side of his fear he discovers life in its purest form.

## THE IMAGINARY LINE

(2019, USA, 11 minutes)

Filmmaker: Kylor Melton

**Film Synopsis:** In an act of political solidarity, a team from Mexico and the U.S.A assemble with the sole purpose of establishing a slackline that crosses the border between them. In a world that is constantly tearing us apart, they come together to cross an imaginary line and tell a different story.

## THE LADAKH PROJECT

(2019, Austria, 13 minutes)

Filmmaker: David Arnaud, Corinna Halloran, Red Bull Media House

**Film Synopsis:** Seven days, three rivers, one woman. This is the story of Nouria Newman's solo kayak adventure in the Indian Himalaya.

## THE LONG RIVER HOME

(2019, USA, 20 minutes)

Filmmaker: Timmy O'Neill, Seth Dahl, Big Cedar Media

**Film Synopsis:** US veterans who were injured in war come together for another mission as they guide blind Navy veteran, Lonnie Bedwell, on a 14 day river trip in the Grand Canyon.

## THE MOTIVATOR

(2019, USA, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Rockhouse Motion – Aaron Hitchins

**Film Synopsis:** Filmmaker Aaron Hitchins turns his camera on the person who has motivated him to lead a life connected to the outdoors: his mother, Maureen.

## THE RUNNING PASTOR

(2019, USA, 9 minutes)

Filmmaker: Camp4 Collective, Tim Kemple

**Film Synopsis:** Sverri is a local Pastor and avid runner who uses his time on the trails to work through not only his own personal conflicts, but the conflicts of others he often is burdened with.