

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Films 2006/2007

Anomaly (custom edit)

USA, 2006, 16 minutes

Directed by Todd Jones, Dirk Collins, Steve Jones, Corey Gavitt

Produced by Todd Jones, Dirk Collins, Steve Jones, Corey Gavitt

Website: www.tetongravity.com

ANOMALY n. (a·nom·a·ly) 1. Deviation or departure from the normal or common order, form, or rule 2. One that is peculiar, irregular, abnormal, or difficult to classify. Hard to define, never easy to apply. Yet, this has come to embody a year of extraordinary feats, tribulation and continued progression within the Ski & Snowboard arena. *Anomaly*, TGR's newest 16mm and HD ski and snowboard release, showcases the freakish and abnormal abilities of today's top athletes as they push the boundary of what is humanly possible.

Asiemut

People's Choice Award & Special Jury Mention

Canada, 2006, 56 minutes

Directed and Produced by Olivier Higgins & Mélanie Carrier

Website: www.asiemut.mine.nu

In 2005, Olivier Higgins and Mélanie Carrier went on their first cycling expedition - 8000 kilometers across Asia. In six months they pedaled from Mongolia to Calcutta, India, traveling through Xinjiang, the Taklimakan Desert, the high Tibetan plateau and the jungle of Nepal. Why? Not only to discover the world, but also to discover themselves.

Aweberg

Special Jury Award

Canada, 2006, 26 minutes

Directed & Produced by Will Gadd

Website: www.gravsports.com

Will Gadd and Ben Firth are two top Canadian ice climbers. They thought climbing "awesome" bergs would be a lot of fun, so the Aweberg trip was born. The bergs looked great, but the reality was somewhat different. Note that the sounds of the picks in the film are much quieter than in real life!

The Best of Jo

Canada, 2006, 3 minutes

Directed & Produced by Logan Carlstrom

"The Best of Jo" is a stop-action Lego film about a coffee-addicted guy named Jo. He is eager to try all the mountain sports available to him, such as climbing, skiing and fishing.

Beyond Iraq

USA, 2005, 8 minutes

Directed by Tom Eldridge

Produced by Annalisa Hodgkins

Website: www.ikandimedia.co.uk

Five newly disabled Iraqi veterans travel to the Rocky Mountains to participate in an adaptive winter sports program. The soldiers are at first skeptical, not wanting to cause more harm to their bodies. However, they are soon experiencing the freedom and adventure of skiing and snowboarding.

Cayesh – The Calling

USA, 2006, 17 minutes

Directed and Produced by Steve House

A one-day ascent of a new route on the west face of Cayesh, in Peru, filmed entirely by the two climbers. They wish to present a real taste of modern lightweight alpinism as practised by two of today's best alpinists.

Cobra Crack

Canada, 2006, 12 minutes

Directed by Sonnie Trotter & Paul Bride

Produced by Ivan Hughes

In 1981, Peter Croft and Tami Knight used aid to climb a wildly overhanging crack on the back side of the Squamish Chief, in British Columbia. Despite attempts from some of the world's top climbers, this route sat for 25 years without a free ascent. On June 23, 2006, Sonnie Trotter free climbed the 40-metre "Cobra Crack" after three years of work. It is currently recognized as the world's hardest traditional climb. This is his story...

Conflict Tiger

Grand Prize

UK, 2005, 62 minutes

Directed by Sasha Snow

Produced by Sasha Snow Film Production/Scandinature

Website: www.sashasnow.com

In the forests of the Russian Far East, an inexperienced and foolhardy poacher triggers an infamous series of tiger attacks on people. The authorities call upon the services of Yuri Trush, a specialist in tracking and eliminating tigers that have lost their fear of man. *Conflict Tiger* takes Yuri's most notorious pursuit of a "man-eating" tiger as the basis for a documentary thriller. In the aftermath of this epic confrontation, the film emerges as a parable that challenges the cozy illusions of traditional "big cat" natural history by setting the animal's precarious situation against the pressing needs of human survival.

Conversing with Aotearoa/New Zealand

USA, 2006, 15 minutes

Directed and Produced by Corrie Francis

Website: www.corriefrancis.com

In an age of technological integration and urban life, people turn to the natural world for a wilderness experience. What draws us to the remote corners of land and sea when we realize something in our lives is missing? In this animated documentary, New Zealanders attempt to fathom their deep, personal connection with their land.

Exploring the Mother of Waters

Australia, 2006, 45 minutes

Directed & Produced by Mick O'Shea/ Exploremore Productions

Website: www.mekongfirstdescent.org

The first-ever complete navigation of the Mekong River from its source in Tibet to the South China Sea was completed by Australian filmmaker and extreme kayaker Mick O'Shea in 2004. With this cutting-edge expedition, the film explores and celebrates the diverse cultures and environments of the Mekong valley while exposing some of the most pressing human rights and resource rights issues facing the region's subsistence peoples.

Fatima's Hand

Best Film on Mountain Sport

Germany, 2006, 38 minutes

Directed by Jens Hoffmann

Website: www.f24film.de

A 27-year-old woman from Norway plans to climb and BASE jump off an imposing mountain in one of the most remote and poorest area of Mali, West Africa. The project does not work out as planned. It turns into a risky adventure and opens the eyes of the filmmakers and athletes, to a different reality.

First Ascent: Didier Vs. The Cobra (Custom Edit)

USA, 2006, 25 minutes

Directed by Peter Mortimer

Produced by Peter Mortimer, Timmy O'Neill, Nick Rosen, Pascal Bronnimann

Website: www.senderfilms.com

The elegant, granite Cobra crack in Squamish, British Columbia is perhaps the hardest crack climb in the world and the Swiss climber Didier Berthod is among the world's best crack climbers. Far from the spotlight, Didier spends months in his epic quest to snag the first ascent.

First Ascent: Thailand (Custom Edit)

USA, 2006, 8 minutes

Directed by Peter Mortimer

Produced by Peter Mortimer, Timmy O'Neill, Nick Rosen, Pascal Bronnimann

Website: www.senderfilms.com

Steep towers of untouched rock jutting out of the ocean. And the best part is, with only the sea below you, there's no rope. Thailand is a dream come true for David Lama, perhaps the best on-site climber in the world, and purportedly the future of the sport. Amidst the exotic beauty of the Andaman Coast, Lama and friends take 60-footers into the drink, and bring deep water soloing to a new level.

Kids Who Rip (Custom Edit)

USA, 2005, 12 minutes

Produced by Rod Parmenter

Website: www.kidswhorip.com

Amazing young athletes in the action sports community. This special edit features remarkable kids who love to ski, snowboard, skateboard and surf.

Mission: Epicocity (Custom Edit)

USA, 2006, 15 minutes

Directed & produced by Trip Jennings/ The Epicocity Project

Website: www.epicocity.com

This film features some of the world's best kayakers running mind-bending waterfalls and rapids in South America and Africa, with a section that highlights native African paddlers.

Mountains without Barriers

USA, 2006, 24 minutes

Directed by Michael Brown

Produced by Mark Wellman, Dave D'Angelo

Website: www.seracfilms.com

Two blind men and a man with no legs tackle a 1000-foot rock tower in Italy. They are here as part of a festival called No Barriers, whose principal aim is to facilitate knowledge exchange between people with disabilities and those who create assistive technologies.

Patagonia – A Travel to the End of the World

Norway, 2006, 40 minutes

Director/Producer: Vebjørn Hagen / TV 2 AS

Website: www.ousland.no

Attempting the first unsupported traverse of the Southern Patagonia Icecap, Børge Ousland and Thomas Ulrich start from the small village of Tortel in August 2003. After three days of paddling into the Patagonian fjords with two kayaks each, they reach the bottom of the Jorge Montt Glacier; from here they carry their equipment up and start skiing across the ice cap. This film is most of all about the spirit of adventure. Few expeditions have had to master so many different skills to reach their goal.

Québec Givré (Crazy Québec)

France, 2005, 27 minutes

Directed by Sam Beaugey, Erwan Le Lann

Produced by Séverine Gauci

Website: www.sevendoc.com

A team of crazy ice climbers called "Les Givrés" head into the depths of Quebec in search of a mythical ice route that would be great to climb and would also allow for a BASE jump from its top. Along the way, in the midst of their performances, encounters and laughs, they end up getting caught off guard by two brutal accidents. Their approach will change but their humour remains intact. Finally, they find the treasure they've been seeking.

Ride of the Mergansers

USA, 2004, 11 minutes

Directed & produced by Steve Furman/ Furman Technologies

Website: www.rideofthemergansers.com

The hooded merganser is a rare and reclusive duck found only in North America. Every spring, in the Great Lakes region, the wary hen lays and incubates her eggs in a nest high in the trees. Just 24 hours after hatching, the tiny ducklings must make the perilous leap to the ground below. *Ride of the Mergansers* brings this hidden drama to the screen.

Roam (Custom Edit)

Canada, 2006, 18 minutes

Directed & Produced by Darcy Wittenburg, Jamie Houssian/ The Collective

Website: www.thecollectivefilm.com

Roam is a mountain-bike film that follows the travels of the world's top riders as they explore new places to ride, and visit some of the notorious meccas of mountain biking such as, Moab, UT and Whistler, BC.

The Simplicity Factor

Canada, 2006, 7 minutes

Directed & produced by Nathan Cando

Website: www.fanaticalfilms.com, www.top20classics.com

The Simplicity Factor is a segment from *The Top 20 Classic Boulder Problems of North America*. Featuring an all-female cast of athletes, it looks at bouldering's overall appeal while showcasing ascents of several famous boulder problems.

The Thrill Seekers (Extreme Film School)

UK, 2005, 3 minutes

Directed by Roland Arnison, George Arnison

Website: www.nakedledge.co.uk

One of the 12 productions from the Kendal Mountain Film Festival Extreme Film School "48-hour Film Marathon". Two brothers try their hand at mountain biking, climbing and another extreme sport on a camping weekend with hilarious results.

Tyrol – Land in the Mountains

Austria, 2001, 10 minutes

Directed & Produced by Georg Riha

Website: www.brainsandpictures.com

Images of the Tyrolean Alps by Georg Riha combined with piano music composed by Philip Glass ("Koyaanisqatsi") form a symphony, a declaration of love for the beauty of the Tyrolean landscape.

Unchained: New World Disorder VI [short]

Canada, 2005, 7 minutes

Directed by Derek Westerlund

Produced by Derek Westerlund, Carey Bokser

Website: www.freeride-entertainment.com

This short excerpt from *New World Disorder VI: Unchained* showcases a group of young, daring riders who push the limits of Freeride Mountain biking beyond imagination.

Yes to the No

Canada, 2006, 10 minutes

Directed by David Mossop

Produced by Spencer Francey

Website: www.rockymountainsherpas.com; www.biglines.com

A look into the sport of noboarding, which is snowboarding without the use of bindings. The sport of snowboarding was essentially started by skateboarders and surfers looking for a winter alternative to the two summer sports. Now that snowboarding has reached its peak, there is only one way to change the way snowboarding is done, and that is to take the bindings off the board and really surf the mountain.

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2nd BASE (Custom Edit)

Norway, 2005, 13 minutes

Directed by Espen Wang Kristiansen with André Bach, Terje Halvorsen

Produced by Oslo BASE/Plastikk Media/Monster Media

Website: www.oslobase.no

Focus: BASE jumping

Five years after the release of the resoundingly successful "1st BASE", the Norwegians at Oslo BASE are back with the sequel.

DistURBAN Behaviour

Canada, 2005, 10 minutes

Directed & Produced by Antoine Séguin

Website: www.drtopo.com

Focus: Urban Climbing/Bouldering

Our cities and buildings provide for our every living moment. We have adapted its architecture for our activities and movements; we work in offices, shop in malls and live in condos. "DistURBAN Behaviour" explores the potential to do much more than walking and driving in our cities. In this short film, Montreal climbers create their own city experience. Skyscrapers and buildings become infinite climbing possibilities.

First Ascent: The Tombstone

USA, 2006, 7 minutes

Directed by Peter Mortimer

Produced by Peter Mortimer, Timmy O'Neill, Nick Rosen, Pascal Bronnimann

Website: www.senderfilms.com

Focus: Climbing

World-class daredevil Dean Potter risks life and limb to make the first ascent of a perfect crack up a 600-foot desert tower known as the Tombstone. Dean survives 60-foot falls onto his gear before climbing the Tombstone, then BASE jumping from its summit.

Flying High Again - NWD VII (Custom Edit)

Canada, 2006, 16 minutes

Directed & Produced by Derek Westerlund

Website: www.freeride-entertainment.com

Focus: Mountain Biking

Freeride Entertainment travels the globe to capture the best riding on the planet! Filmed in HD and 16mm, "Flying High Again" presents a visual landscape that feels weightless one moment and powerfully raw the next. Your heart will race as you witness in vibrant clarity, huge air and sick stunts in this action packed film!

Hustle & Snow (Custom Edit)

USA, 2006, 18 minutes

Directed & Produced by Duane Kubischta

Website: www.adventurefilmworks.com

Focus: Skiing

This ski action documentary follows a small group of athletes as they power through the winter while competing and trying to hold down their night jobs in Tahoe, Calif. A love of skiing transcends all aspects of their lives and provides the motivational energy that drives them. Join Miles Clark, Jason Dobbs & Dave Gibbs as they sweat it out day after day on their skis, striving for exposure and recognition while maintaining good humour and a genuine love for life.

The Professional Adrenalinists

Canada, 2005, 5 minutes

Directed & Produced by Adam Besse

Website: N/A

Focus: Freestyle Walking

"The Professional Adrenalinists" is a mockumentary that looks into the world of Freestyle Walking. See this young group known as the professional adrenalinists talk about their love for the sport and the companionship that they have together. We also get to take a look at some of their moves.

Storms – The Movie: Touching My Self

UK, 2005, 12 minutes

Directed & Produced by David Halstead and Alastair Lee

Website: www.posingproductions.com

Focus: Mountaineering/ Humour

This segment from the anarchic and slightly risqué climbing comedy Storms - The Movie, parodies the acclaimed movie "Touching the Void", based on the book by Joe Simpson.

Wet-House (Custom Edit)

USA, 2005, 18 minutes

Directed & Produced by Ammen Jordan

Website: www.wet-house.com

Focus: Kayaking

"Wet-House" combines amazing footage from around the globe with intriguing commentary as it artistically profiles a select group of the world's best paddlers -- not just as athletes but also as individuals with personality, character