

## **Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Films 2013/14**

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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](http://www.ducttapethenbeer.com)

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

#### **The Beauty of the Irrational**

(2012, South Africa, 6 min)

Filmmakers: Dean Leslie, Greg Fell, The African Attachment

Website: [www.theafricanattachment.com](http://www.theafricanattachment.com)

Running in the wilds of Namibia can be primal – as utterly simple and beautiful as it is daunting and irrational.

#### **The Burn**

(2012, Canada, 6 min)

Filmmakers: Mike Douglas, Jeff Thomas, Switchback Entertainment

Website: [www.switchbackentertainment.com](http://www.switchbackentertainment.com)

Fire frees new lines for skiers, who revel in the newly-charred forest.

#### **Cascada**

(2012, USA, 8 min)

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

Website: [www.camp4collective.com](http://www.camp4collective.com)

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

#### **Down the Line**

(2012, Canada, 22 min)

Filmmaker: Francois-Xavier 'Fix' De Ruydts, De Ruydts Photography

Website: [www.deruydtsphotography.com](http://www.deruydtsphotography.com)

None of these deep slot canyons and magnificent waterfalls have ever been explored – and once in, the only way out is down.

### **Dubai - A Skier's Journey**

(2012, Canada, 10 min)

Filmmaker: Jordan Manley and Danny Irvine

Website: [www.jordanmanley.com](http://www.jordanmanley.com)

In the midst of a city dizzy with ambition, a dedicated community of desert-dwellers embraces the local ski hill.

### **Flow: The Elements of Freeride**

(2013, USA, 3 min)

Filmmaker: Oly Mingo

Website: [www.north40productions.com](http://www.north40productions.com)

Follow Geophysicist Rex Flake on a high-adrenaline mountain bike ride through the Cascade Mountains as he identifies the flora, fauna, and geology of this cinematic region. Uniquely edited without the typical hard core soundtrack, Flow uses creative graphics and sound design to bring the viewer uncomfortably close to the action.

### **Heavens Gate**

#### **Best Film – Mountain Sports—Sponsored by Live Out There**

(2013, Finland, 48 min)

Filmmakers: Iiro Seppanen, Nic Good, Pan Pacific Entertainment

Website: [www.panpacificentertainment.com](http://www.panpacificentertainment.com)

#### **Film Synopsis:**

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.

### **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](http://www.reelrocktour.com)

Flying fists, obscenities, and death threats at 23,000 feet? Is this the new Everest reality? This film takes a 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.

### **I AM RED**

(2013, USA, 4 min)

Filmmaker: Peter McBride

Website: [www.petemcbride.com](http://www.petemcbride.com)

A visual poem of the Colorado River delivers a simple yet powerful message.

### **Into the Mind (special edit)**

(2013, Canada, 12 min)

Filmmakers: Dave Mossop, Eric Crosland, JP Auclair, Malcolm Sangster,

Website: [www.intothemindmovie.com](http://www.intothemindmovie.com)

Amazing skiing, stunning imagery, and fabulous music are showcased in this high-energy excerpt from the feature film

### **Kayak Free Kayaking**

(2013, USA, 5 mins)

Filmmakers: Mark Odlum and John Dabrowski

Website: [www.SmartDepartment.com](http://www.SmartDepartment.com)

World Kayak Champion Trip Deacon pushes the limits of the new sport he created- Kayak Free Kayaking. Follow him as he searches for his life's meaning and attempts to conquer his dream in the Heart of Northern California.

### **Keeper of the Mountains (special edit)**

#### **Special Jury Mention**

(2013, USA, 16 min)

Filmmakers: Allison Otto, Scott McElroy

Website: [www.smalldogonthego.com](http://www.smalldogonthego.com)

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.

### **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](http://www.thelastgreatclimb.com)

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.

**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: [www.thelasticmerchant.com](http://www.thelasticmerchant.com)

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.

**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 and Anne Bergseng

Website: [www.facebook.com/nordforsola](http://www.facebook.com/nordforsola)

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.

**NotBad (special edit)**

(2013, Canada, 10 min)

Filmmakers: Darcy Wittenburg, Darren McCullough, Colin Jones and Ian Dunn

Website: [www.anthillfilms.com](http://www.anthillfilms.com)

Seven brave riders set out from the four corners of the globe for thirty days of outrageous fun and bicycle tomfoolery in New Zealand.

**Poor Man’s Heli**

(2013, Canada, 6 min)

Filmmaker: Mike Douglas, Switchback Entertainment

Website: [www.switchbackentertainment.com](http://www.switchbackentertainment.com)

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

**Push It**

(2012, United Kingdom, 26 min)

Filmmaker: Jen Randall

Website: [www.lightshedpictures.com](http://www.lightshedpictures.com)

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!

**The Questions We Ask**

(2013, Canada, 3 min)

Filmmakers: Kalum Ko, Bruce Kirkby, Jeff Pew

Website: [www.kalumko.com](http://www.kalumko.com)

Bruce Kirkby crosses the Pacific from Vancouver to Victoria on a stand-up paddleboard, and ponders what adventure means to him.

**Ready to Fly****2012 Best Feature-Length Mountain Film (for original 76 minute version)**

(2012, USA, 56 min)

Filmmakers: William A. Kerig, Scott Zeller

Website: [www.readytoflyfilm.com](http://www.readytoflyfilm.com)

Full of pluck and determination, a woman battles massive obstacles not only to achieve her dream, but also to help change the world for other women. In an emotional and triumphant journey with more ups and downs than a ski jumping competition itself, Lindsey Van and her colleagues take us along on their 15-year fight to achieve equality in the Olympic Winter Games.

**Return to the Tepuis**

(2013, USA, 9 min)

Filmmakers: Joe Riis and Jenny Nichols, Pongo Media

Website: [www.pongomediaproductions.com](http://www.pongomediaproductions.com)

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.

### **Sea of Rock**

(2012, Switzerland, 12 min)

Filmmaker: Sebastian Doerk, Infinite Trails Production

Website: [www.infinite Trails.de](http://www.infinite Trails.de)

A bicycle found lodged on a climbing route in the Austrian Alps inspires two expert riders to follow in the treads of the early cyclists, down the über-gnarly slopes of the Sea of Rock.

### **Sensory Overload**

(2013, USA, 8 min)

Filmmaker: Robert Raker, Raker Productions Inc

Website: [www.robraker.com](http://www.robraker.com)

Blind kayaker Erik Weißenmayer turns whitewater into a new form of braille.

### **Spice Girl (Reel Rock 8)**

(2013, USA, 24 min)

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

Website: [www.reelrocktour.com](http://www.reelrocktour.com)

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.

### **Split of a Second**

(2012, Sweden, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Björn Fävremark and John Boisen

Website: [www.facebook.com/espen.fadnes](http://www.facebook.com/espen.fadnes)

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!

### **Stand (special edit)**

(2013, Canada, 23 min)

Filmmakers: Anthony Bonello and Nicolas Teichrob

Website: [www.standfilm.com](http://www.standfilm.com)

With a pipeline proposal always comes talk of what will be gained – but shouldn't we be asking, 'What do we stand to lose?' A hauntingly beautiful examination of the people and culture of the Great Bear Rainforest– and the lives of those committed to defending its fragile ecosystems and fjords, one paddle stroke at a time.

### **Streams of Consequence**

(2013, USA, 17 min)

Filmmaker: James Q Martin

Website: [www.rioslibres.com](http://www.rioslibres.com)

One of the last remaining wilderness areas in the world is threatened as plans for mega-dams on the rivers of Chilean Patagonia are solidified. What is the outcome for these people and their struggle to keep their lands dam-free?

### **Sufferfest**

(2013, USA, 18 mins)

Filmmaker: Cedar Wright

Website: [www.cedarwright.com](http://www.cedarwright.com)

Alex Honnold and Cedar Wright embark on a wholly human-powered adventure to link all of California's 14,000 foot peaks. Utterly new to biking, the quirky yet endearing duo push themselves to their absolute limits in pursuit of success.

### **Valhalla (special edit)**

(2013, USA, 3 min)

Filmmakers: Ben Sturgulewski, Nick Waggoner, Michael Brown, Zac Ramras  
(Sweetgrass Productions)

Website: [www.sweetgrass-productions.com](http://www.sweetgrass-productions.com)

From naked chairlift riding to cliff airs wearing nothing more than an avalanche beacon and a smile, Valhalla's naked snow segment sparks laughter from skiers and non-skiers alike.

## Radical Reels Tour Films 2013/14

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### **Arrival (special edit)**

(2013, Canada, 15 minutes)

Filmmakers: Kyle Norbraten, Dylan Dunkerton and Curtis Robinson,  
the Coastal Crew

Websites: [www.thecoastalcrew.com](http://www.thecoastalcrew.com) [www.anthillfilms.com](http://www.anthillfilms.com)  
[www.secondbasefilms.com](http://www.secondbasefilms.com)

Focus: biking

Featuring the talents of the next wave of mountain bike riders and photographers, *Arrival* showcases diverse styles, new lines and new places.

### **Be The Trail**

(2013, Canada, 5 minutes)

Filmmakers: Logan Tacoma, Michelle Peters, Morgan Edwards

Website: n/a

Focus: biking, humor

A mountain biker has a radical vision. No longer can he just ride the trail — he must become the trail.

### **Beyond the Drop**

(2013, USA, 7 minutes)

Filmmakers: Seth Pulford, Mark Anders, Rush Sturges

Website: [www.river-roots.com](http://www.river-roots.com)

Focus: paddling

Six pro kayakers from around the world connect in the rainforests of Southern Mexico to explore the impossibly blue water of the Agua Azul. When it comes to running waterfalls, there's a lot more to it than just the drop.

### **Dream Lines IV (special edit)**

(2014, Norway, 6 minutes)

Filmmaker: Jocke Sommer

Website: [www.jokkesommer.com](http://www.jokkesommer.com)

Focus: wingsuit

Some of the world's top wingsuit flyers take on wild new lines in France and Switzerland.



### **Ghost Town**

(2013, Canada, 6 minutes)

Filmmakers: Switchback Entertainment

Website: [www.switchbackentertainment.com](http://www.switchbackentertainment.com)

Focus: skiing, history

In the mid 1800's, BC's mountain towns boomed as prospectors flocked north during the great gold rush. Josh Daiek, Mike Henitiuk & Kieran Nikula arrive 150 years later in search of their own fortune.

### **Nine Queens – Shades of Winter (special edit)**

(2013, Austria, 4 minutes)

Filmmakers: Sandra Lahnsteiner and The Distillery

Website: [www.shades-of-winter.com](http://www.shades-of-winter.com)

Focus: skiing

What do you get when you invite the best female freestyle skiers and provide them with a 24-metre floating kicker in the shape of a castle to play with? The best-ever Nine Queens throwing down insane tricks, including things never done by girls before.

### **Off-Width Outlaw**

(2013, USA, 5 minutes)

Filmmaker: Celin Serbo

Website: [www.serbophoto.com](http://www.serbophoto.com)

Focus: climbing

Meet Pamela Shanti Pack. Tough as nails, she's the meanest crack climbing thug you've ever met. Just don't ask her to climb slab.

### **Outlines**

(2013, Norway, 4 minutes)

Filmmakers: Fredrik Sellergren, Paul Goransson, Is This It

Website: n/a

Focus: wingsuit

World Wingsuit Champion Espen Fadnes on the future of wingsuiting and his transition to life as a professional extreme sports athlete.

### **The Sensei (Reel Rock 8)**

#### **Radical Reels Night People's Choice Award - Sponsored by Bergans of Norway**

(2013, USA, 26 minutes)

Filmmakers: Josh Lowell, Nick Rosen, Brett Lowell, Peter Mortimer, Big UP Productions, Sender Films

Website: [www.reelrocktour.com](http://www.reelrocktour.com)

Focus: climbing

East meets West and old meets new. Twenty-something world class boulderer, Daniel Woods, and 43-year old climbing veteran, Yuji Hirayama, team up for the expedition of a lifetime. But when Daniel-san travels to Japan to prove himself worthy of Hirayama's mentorship, the question becomes, who learns from whom?

### **Supervention (special edit)**

(2013, Norway, 16 minutes)

Filmmakers: Filip Christensen, Even Sigstad, Field Productions

Website: [www.fieldprod.com](http://www.fieldprod.com)

Focus: skiing

World-class skiers share their delight and uncertainty as they tackle big mountains and gnarly rail slides in spectacular Norwegian locations.

### **Walled In (special edit)**

(2013, USA, 20 minutes)

Filmmaker: Ben Stookesberry, Clear H2O Films

Website: [www.clearh2ofilms.com](http://www.clearh2ofilms.com)

Focus: paddling, adventure

Why does Ben Stookesberry always pick the sketchiest lines on a river? This time, he's asking himself the same question as he and his cohorts push an exposed portage line down into the heart of a gorge. Is a kayak the way out or just a bad idea?