

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Films 2014/15

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(2014, USA, 9 min)

Filmmakers: George Knowles, EVOLV Sports & Designs

Website: www.goodiepocket.com

Film Synopsis:

Kai Lightner discovered rock climbing at the age of six. Now 14, he is pushing the limits of hard climbing and trying to staying focused, all with his single mom on belay.

Africa Fusion (special edit)

(2014, South Africa, 20 min)

Filmmakers: Robert Breyer and Nic Good

Website: www.africafusion.co.za

Film Synopsis:

Climbers Alex Honnold (USA) and Hazel Findlay (UK) team up for a journey into the exotic landscapes of South Africa. Breathtaking scenery and some of the best climbing in the world await.

Afterglow (special edit)

(2014, USA, 3 min)

Filmmakers: Michael Brown, Nick Waggoner, Zac Ramras,
Sweetgrass Productions

Website: www.sweetgrass-productions.com

Film Synopsis:

Afterglow turns big mountain skiing on its end, and then turns it upside down again, heading into the night through a wintery glow of trippy technicolor.

And Then We Swam

Best Film – Exploration and Adventure – sponsored by MSR

(2013, UK, 37min)

Filmmaker: Ben Finney and Robb Ellender

Website: www.benjaminfinney.com/andthenweswam

Film Synopsis:

Most adventurers who set out to cross the Indian Ocean have some rowing experience. For two blokes from the UK, that seemed like a minor detail, not a death wish.

ARCTIC SWELL – Surfing the Ends of the Earth

(2014, USA, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Anton Lorimer, Chris Burkard

Website: www.chrisburkard.com

Film Synopsis:

Surfing photographer Chris Burkard loves capturing cold water surfers. He's prepared to venture to the ends of the earth to snap that once in a lifetime shot.

Caleb

(2014, New Zealand, 4 min)

Filmmaker: Blair Trotman, Papatuanuku Film

Website: www.papatuanukufilm.com

Film Synopsis:

Paralyzed in a skiing accident in 2007, Caleb has defied the odds and continued to thrive in his chosen passions. Learning to kayak after his injury, Caleb is positive, inspiring and one epic human!

Cerro Torre - A Snowball's Chance in Hell (special edit)

Full feature film won Best Film – Climbing – sponsored by the Alpine Club of Canada

(2013, Austria, 53 min)

Filmmakers: Philipp Manderla, Thomas Dirnhofer, Red Bull Media House GmbH

Website: www.cerrotorre-movie.com

Film Synopsis:

Storms are expected in Patagonia, but the drama that ensued during the big-budget filming of David Lama's quest to free climb the infamous mountain brought a new level of controversy. Challenge, scandal, adventure, and transformation on a mountain often said to be the most difficult in the world.

DamNation (special edit)

(2014, USA, 52 min)

Filmmakers: Ben Knight, Travis Rummel, Matt Stoecker, Patagonia Inc – Lost Arrow Corporation

Website: www.damnationfilm.com

Film Synopsis:

DamNation explores the economic, environmental and cultural value of a river and goes behind the myths surrounding hydro energy, highlighting what can happen when low value, high cost dams come down.

Danny MacAskill: The Ridge

(2014, Scotland, 7 min)

Filmmaker: Stu Thomson

Website: www.cutmedia.com; www.dannymacaskill.co.uk

Film Synopsis:

World-renowned trials rider Danny MacAskill is back! Filmed on the stunning Isle of Skye in Scotland, MacAskill returns to his childhood haunt for a new challenge: riding a mountain bike on the infamous Cuillin Ridge.

Delta Dawn

Best Short Mountain Film – sponsored by The North Face

(2014, USA, 16 min)

Filmmaker: Pete McBride

Website: www.petemcbride.com

Film Synopsis:

During an experimental pulse flow in the spring of 2014, filmmaker Pete McBride packed up his stand-up paddle board and headed to the Colorado River Delta to investigate how we use and abuse Western water - and how restoration is possible.

DRAWN

(2014, USA, 40 min)

Filmmakers: Jeremy Collins, James Q Martin

Website: www.Jercollins.com

Film Synopsis:

Four years, four cardinal points, four epic adventures — acclaimed climbing artist Jeremy Collins embarks on four journeys, from the Venezuelan Amazon, to the China-Mongolian Border, to the northern reaches of Canada, and closer to home in the Yosemite Valley.

Forgotten Dirt (special edit)

(2013, Canada, 10 min)

Filmmakers: Colin Jones, Darcy Wittenburg, Ian Dunn

Website: www.anthillfilms.com

Film Synopsis:

A small team of mountain bikers travels to the remote Wakhan Corridor of Afghanistan in search of remote cultures and trails that are thousands of years old.

Happy Winter

(2013, Sweden, 8 min)

Filmmakers: Bjarne Salén, EndlessFlowFilms

Website: www.endlessflow.net

Film Synopsis:

Being grateful makes you happier, and there is so much to be grateful for. Especially if you spend as much time in the mountains as Andreas Fransson did.

Into The Empty Quarter (special edit)

(2013, England, 20 min)

Filmmakers: Alastair Humphreys, Leon McCarron

Website: www.intotheemptyquarter.com

Film Synopsis:

Inspired by their hero Wilfred Thesiger, adventurers Alastair Humphreys and Leon McCarron attempt a trip into the Empty Quarter desert on the Arabian Peninsula. The 1,000-mile journey sometimes puts the cart before the camel, and then, all you can do is laugh along the way.

Just Keep Running

(2014, New Zealand, 10 min)

Filmmaker: Aaron Smart

Website: www.smartasproductions.com

Film Synopsis:

Ruby Muir is one of the world's most promising young trail runners. Ruby shares her journey of love and loss and the inner struggles which have helped shape her into the running sensation she is today.

The Little Things – Meghann O'Brien (special edit)

(2014, Canada, 6 min)

Filmmakers: Darcy Turenne and Marie-France Roy

Website: www.thelittlethingsmovie.net

Film Synopsis:

Six years ago, snowboarder Meghann O'Brien started delving into her First Nations roots. She sold her sled, said good-bye to Whistler-livin', and headed north to learn from her Haida elders the fine art of weaving.

Love in the Tetons

(2013, USA, 9 min)

Filmmakers: Amy Marquis, Dana Romanoff

Website: www.npexperience.com/#mission

Film Synopsis:

A former resident of south-central Los Angeles and a park ranger from a family of Mexican-American migrant workers share their vows in Grand Teton National Park. This is not your average wedding video!

Mending the Line (special edit)

People's Choice Award at the BMFF Festival – sponsored by Treksta

(2014, USA, 20 min)

Filmmakers: Steve Engman and John Waller, Uncage the Soul Productions

Website: www.uncagethesoul.com

Film Synopsis:

In 1944, 20-year-old Frank Moore landed on the beaches of Normandy. Now, at the age of 90, he returns with his wife and son to heal the wounds of his past by fly-fishing the streams he once helped free.

Sculpted in Time: The Wise Man

(2014, Canada, 5 min)

Filmmaker: Dave Mossop, Malcolm Sangster, Sherpas Cinema

Website: www.sherpascinema.com

Film Synopsis:

Eddie Hunter is 88 years old and has skied over 2,500 days during the past 79 years. Follow him as he continues to shred on the home town mountain he just can't seem to get enough of.

Sufferfest 2: Desert Alpine

Radical Reels People's Choice Award at the BMFF sponsored by Deuter

(2014, USA, 27 min)

Filmmakers: Cedar Wright

Website: www.cedarwright.com

Film Synopsis:

Cedar Wright and Alex Honnold are back! This time, a month riding their bikes and climbing desert towers in the American Southwest should be a piece of cake for these fast friends. Or will it?

Sun Dog

(2014, USA, 5min)

Filmmaker: Ben Sturgulewski

Website: www.sturgetfilm.com

Film Synopsis:

What could be better than riding gorgeous lines of untouched snow with your best friend at your side?

Tashi and the Monk

Best Film – Mountain Culture – sponsored by Helly Hansen

(2014, England, 40min)

Filmmakers: Andrew Hinton, Johnny Burke

Website: www.pilgrimfilms.com; www.jhamtsegatsal.org

Film Synopsis:

There's a brave social experiment taking place on a remote mountaintop in the foothills of the Himalaya. A former Buddhist monk is seeking to transform the lives of abandoned children through love and compassion. Tashi is especially vulnerable as she struggles to make friends, and learns that love can help heal even the saddest memories.

Touch

(2014, France, 5 min)

Filmmaker: Jean-Baptiste Chandelier

Website: www.jeanbaptistechandelier.com

Film Synopsis:

Touch is a colorful and spectacular flying tour of Santorini in Greece, the Aiguille du Midi above Chamonix and the Col du Galibier in France, with a bit of cheekiness added in, just for fun.

Tumwater Solitude

(2014, USA, 6 min)

Filmmakers: Leah Hemberry, Shane Wilder

Website: www.icycle.tv.com

Film Synopsis:

With peak flow levels in Washington's Tumwater Canyon, Sam Grafton sets out to kayak massive waves and Class V+ whitewater.

Valley Uprising – The Golden Age

Feature film won Grand Prize – sponsored by MEC

(2014, USA, 28 min)

Filmmakers: Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Josh Lowell, Zachary Barr, Sender Films and Big Up Productions

Website: www.senderfilms.com

Film Synopsis:

Valley Uprising: The Golden Age takes us on a journey through an amazing period in the climbing history of Yosemite, from the counterculture lifestyle to the legendary big wall rivalry of pioneers Royal Robbins and Warren Harding.

Vasu Sojitra: Out on a Limb

(2014, USA, 7 min)

Filmmaker: Tyler Wilkinson-Ray

Website: www.t-barfilms.com/projects; www.vasusojitra.com

Film Synopsis:

Vasu Sojitra lost his right leg to a blood infection at nine months old, but that doesn't stop him from venturing deep into the backcountry to ski challenging lines – entirely unassisted.

Wild Women - Faith Dickey

(2014, UK, 3 min)

Filmmakers: Wojtek Kozakiewicz, Polished Project

Website: www.polishedproject.com

Film Synopsis:

Smile and laugh along with slack-liner Faith Dickey as she shows us just how fun life on the line can be.

Wingsuit Daredevil – Flying Dagger

(2014, Finland, 50 min)

Filmmakers: Nic 'Moose' Good, Iiro Seppanen and Feng "Frank" Yang, Pan Pacific Entertainment

Film Synopsis:

A story of failure, tenacity and redemption, expert flyer Jeb Corliss has a brush with death that leaves him questioning the value of life. Packed with suspense and ever-present drama, *Wingsuit Daredevil – Flying Dagger* will keep you on the edge of your seat as Corliss attempts one more mind boggling flight, despite all the odds working against him.

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All My Own Stunts (special edit)

(2014, England, 14 min)

Filmmaker: Alastair Lee

Website: www.posingproductions.com

Film Synopsis:

Rob Jarman is a downhill mountain bike specialist and a professional stuntman. Following a near-fatal accident, he has battled to stay atop both fields. It's an emotional and gripping story about how hard it is to let go.

Desert Ice

(USA, 2014, 12min)

Filmmakers: Keith Ladzinski, 3 Strings Productions

Website: www.3stringsproductions.com

Film Synopsis:

American ice climbers Jesse Huey and Scott Adamson climb into the remote high-desert slot canyons of Southwest Utah in search of what some are calling the best water-ice discovery of the last 20 years.

DREAM

(2014, USA, 5 min)

Filmmakers: Skip Armstrong, Wazee Motion Pictures

Website: www.wazeemotionpictures.com

Film Synopsis:

When a newbie kayaker goes paddling, he discovers a posse of pros on the river and wonders whether someday he could ever be that cool.

Into the Ditch

(2014, USA, 2 min)

Filmmaker: Rush Sturges

Website: www.river-roots.com

Film Synopsis:

2 friends, 1 ditch. Nothing has changed, but now everything is different. Watch as friends Ben Marr and Rush Sturges tackle breakneck speeds down a 500ft tall drainage ditch.

Little Red Bus (Petit Bus Rouge) (special edit)

Full length film won Best Film – Mountain Sports sponsored by

Live Out There

(2013, France, 22 min)

Filmmaker: Sébastien Montaz-Rosset

Website: www.sebmontaz.com

Film Synopsis:

Hold onto your hats, get ready, and buckle up for a wild ride packed full of thrills and spills. All aboard the Little Red Bus!

UNDEAD (special edit)

(2014, Austria, 8 mins)

Filmmaker: Fabian Kluhs

Website: www.fabiankluhs.com

Film Synopsis:

Two energetic young athletes re-invigorate the sport of SMX, a combination of mountain biking and snowboarding.

The Unrideables: Alaska Range (special edit)

(2014, USA, 18 min)

Filmmakers: Derek Westerlund, Steve Reska, Red Bull Media House

Website: www.theunrideables.com

Film Synopsis:

Glorious cinematographic eye candy! Expert speed flyers test their limits in a massive, volatile landscape of ice and snow.

Valley Uprising – The Stonemasters (special edit)

Feature film won Grand Prize – sponsored by MEC

(2014, USA, 31 min)

Filmmakers: Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Josh Lowell, Zachary Barr, Sender Films and Big Up Productions

Website: www.senderfilms.com

Film Synopsis:

The legendary “Stonemasters” ushered in a raucous new era of climbing in Yosemite’s climbing revolution, marked by drugs, partying, battles with park authorities and some of the world’s hardest climbing.