

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Films 2012/13

1st Afghan Ski Challenge

Best Film. Mountain Sports – Sponsored by Live Out There

Switzerland, 2011, 17 minutes

Directed by: Hans-Urs Bachmann

Produced by: Alec Wohlgroth

Website: www.afghanskichallenge.com, www.halsundbeinbruch.ch

In a quiet corner of this conflicted country, gutsy first-time skiers learn to ski through trial by fire! Racing with a true spirit of camaraderie, they take part in the first-ever downhill racing competition in Afghanistan.

5 Races, 5 Continents (special edit)

South Africa, 2011, 11 minutes

Directed by: Dean Leslie

Produced by: Greg Fell

Website: www.theafricanattachment.com

A look into the world of mountain running, depicting the joy, pain, transformation, and inspiration found in races around the world.

Crossing the Ice

Grand Prize - Sponsored by Mountain Equipment Coop

People's Choice Award - Sponsored by Buff

Best Film, Exploration and Adventure – Sponsored by Nemo

Australia, 2012, 44 minutes

Directed by: Justin Jones

Produced by: Justin Jones, Greg Quail, Doug Howard

Website: www.casandjonesy.com.au, [facebook.com/casandjonesy](https://www.facebook.com/casandjonesy)

Australian adventurers, James Castrission and Justin Jones, dare to tackle the perilous journey across Antarctica to the South Pole and back again, completely unassisted – just two men dragging their food and shelter across 1140 kilometres of barren ice. Many have tried - all have failed. After much planning and preparation, Cas and Jonesy arrive to tackle one of the last great Antarctic odysseys, but discover an eerie similarity to Captain Scott's race to the South Pole: there's a Norwegian on the ice. He's more experienced, he's tackling the same record, and he has a head start.

The Denali Experiment

USA, 2011, 16 minutes

Directed by: Jimmy Chin

Produced by: Shannon Ethridge

Website: www.camp4collective.com

Freeride skier Sage Cattabriga-Alosa and big mountain snowboarder Lucas Debari step out of their elements while heading toward their most ambitious goal: to descend Mount Denali. But first they must put everything they have into making it to the summit!

The Dream Factory (special edit)

USA, 2012, 27 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Teton Gravity Research

Website: www.tetongravity.com

For the past 16 years, Teton Gravity Research has made the pilgrimage to America's last frontier, Alaska: The Dream Factory. From the early gold rush days, to the rise of commercial fishing, to the explosion of the ski and snowboard freeride movement, people have left everything to follow their dreams and journey to this foreign, mystical land. The Dream Factory shows us the past, the present, and a glimpse at the future.

Ernest

USA, 2012, 5 minutes

Directed by: Samuel Bricker

Produced by: Nathan Ward

You'll fall in love with Ernest Wilkinson, one of the last of a vanishing breed of mountain men, as he explains what your best survival tool is!

Flow Hunters (special edit)

2012, New Zealand, 9 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Jon Forder

Website: www.redbull.com

Some of the world's best paddlers experience adventure and risk as they explore New Zealand's white water.

The Gimp Monkeys

USA, 2012, 8 minutes

Directed by: Mikey Schaefer

Produced by: Fitz Cahall

Website: www.ducttapethenbeer.com

What has four legs, five arms, and three heads? The Gimp Monkeys. Three friends attempt the first all-disabled ascent of Yosemite's iconic El Capitan.

Gone Curling

Special Jury Mention

New Zealand, 2011, 25 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Rachael Patching, Roland Kahurangi

Website: www.gonecurling.com

A zealous cast of disparate – and utterly charming – characters bound together by their love of outdoor curling, attempt to uphold the sport. But a changing climate in the highlands of New Zealand could mean that outdoor rinks may soon become a thing of the past.

Highway Wilding (special edit)

Canada, 2012, 13 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Leanne Allison

Website: www.highwaywilding.org

Build them and they will live. That is the simple message in this short documentary that looks at the issue of wildlife and highways, and some of the pioneering solutions that exist to prevent road kill and reconnect landscapes. After seeing this film, you'll never drive down a highway the same way again.

Huck

USA, 2012, 6 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Andy Maser

Website: www.andymaser.com

Evan Garcia considers both the risks and rewards of a life driven by big waterfalls.

Industrial Revolutions

Special Jury Mention

UK, 2011, 5 minutes

Directed by: Stu Thomson

Produced by: Mike Christie

Website: www.cutmedia.com

World renowned trials rider Danny MacAskill is at it again -- only this time he uses an abandoned ironworks as his playground!

Last of the Great Unknown

USA, 2012, 23 minutes

Directed by: Dan Ransom

Produced by: John Harlin III, Rich Rudow

Website: www.lastofthegreatunknown.com

The Grand Canyon is an immense place, almost unfathomable in scale, and one of the last places in the American West to be explored. Deep within this vast wilderness run concealed tributaries, hiding some of the Canyon's most remarkable features – enchanting slot canyons and the secrets deep within their walls.

Lily Shreds Trailside

2011, USA, 4 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Ross Downard

Website: www.rossdownard.com

Just try to keep up with Lily - go ahead we dare ya!

Moonwalk

USA, 2011, 4 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Mikey Schaefer

Website: www.mikeyschaeferphotography.com

A full moon like no other!

Mountains in Motion: The Canadian Rockies (special edit)

USA, 2012, 10 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Paul Zizka, Doug Urquhart

Website: www.mountainsinmotion.ca

This 100% human-powered film uses striking time-lapse photography and an original story to bring the landscape center-stage and offers a thrilling new perspective that re-establishes the Canadian Rockies among the finest mountains in the world.

NDIZOTHEKA (it is possible) special edit

Canada, 2012, 46 minutes

Directed by: Benjamin Jordan

Produced by: Benjamin Jordan and Godfrey Masauli

Website: www.ndizotheka.com

From opposite corners of the earth, two men are united by a common dream; to be the first to paraglide from Mount Mulanje, Malawi's highest peak. Things go well until they discover that one has taken on a little more than he has bargained for – and the other has never learned to paraglide. In the end, their commitment to each other and to ideas not yet realized dissolves borders and creates opportunities neither anticipated. This delightful adventure will have you dancing out the door to the pulse of possibilities!

One Step Beyond

France, 2012, 57 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Sébastien Montaz-Rosset

Website: www.sebmontaz.com

World-renowned snowboarder and base jumper Géraldine Fasnacht tells a poignant and extremely personal story of friendship, loss, achievement, and angst mixed with incredible moments of euphoria. Living life in a whirlwind of adrenaline can take an enormous toll, though – and causes Fasnacht to reconsider her chosen path.

On the Road - Skiing the Void

USA, 2012, 7 minutes

Directed by: Nick Waggoner

Produced by: Zac Ramras

Website: www.sweetgrass-productions.com

Classification: General, coarse language

Add outstanding camera work and captivating narration to an expedition in South America – and you're in for a sweet treat!

On Thin Sea Ice 2

Norway, 2011, 2 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Tor Eckhoff

Website: www.facebook.com/apetorfilm

Slide away with simple pleasures: skating, bathing, and a little vodka!

Petzl RocTrip China

The Banff Centre Award for Creative Excellence

France, 2012, 23 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Vladimir Cellier, Julien Nadiras, Guillaume Broust

Website: www.barakafilms.com (it really is "flims"), www.petzl.com/roctrip

Being stuck in traffic has never seemed so enchanting! A superb soundtrack of traditional music takes us to a remarkable spot that offers climbers from all over the world no fewer than 250 pitches on delicious limestone walls.

Reel Rock 7: Honnold 3.0

Best Film, Climbing – Sponsored by the Alpine Club of Canada

USA, 2012, 33 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Josh Lowell, Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Alex Lowther

Website: www.reelrocktour.com

Alex Honnold is a bit of an enigma. He's become known as the boldest soloist of his generation, but how does he balance pure ambition with self-preservation? Honnold wrestles with this question in preparation for his biggest adventure yet – the Yosemite Triple.

Reel Rock 7: Wide Boyz

Best Short Mountain Film – Sponsored by The North Face

USA, 2012, 12 minutes

From the feature film by: Paul Duffley & Chris Alstrin, www.hotaches.com

Special version created by: Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Josh Lowell, Alex Lowther

Website: www.reelrocktour.com

Meet UK off-width crack climbing specialists Pete Whittaker and Tom Randall who train hard and play harder. Wide Boyz is about suffering in a dodgy Sheffield basement, the ethics of style, and big payoffs in the Southwestern US.

Strength in Numbers (special edit)

Canada, 2012, 15 minutes

Directed by: Darcy Wittenburg

Produced by: Ian Dunn

Website: www.anthillfilms.com

The world of mountain biking has many communities. And while different riders follow different lines, they all end up in the same place. Tire to ground, foot to pedal, hand to bar - people drawn together by trails of dirt. Come join us!

Unicorn Sashimi

USA, 2012, 6 minutes

Directed by: Ben Knight

Produced by: Travis Rummel

Website: www.feltsoulmedia.com

This sweet piece of visual and musical poetry builds to a climax of Taiko drumming and swirling snow that will envelope you!

Viva La Vie (special edit)

USA, 2012, 17 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Andy Mann and Keith Ladzinski

Website: www.3stringsproductions.com

American climber Jonathan Siegrist, visits France to pay tribute to the roots of modern sport climbing. After teaming up with Swiss superstar Nina Caprez, the two stumble upon a greater meaning of climbing while venturing up some of the hardest routes the Verdon Gorge has to offer.

The Way Home

2011, United States, 9 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Amy Marquis

Website: www.npca.org

Although our national parks belong to all citizens, too few people of color ever visit them. Take a journey to Yosemite National Park with those looking to reverse that trend.

Wild Bill's Run (special edit)

USA, 2012, 47 minutes

Directed and Produced by: Mike Scholtz

Website: www.wildbillsrun.com

In 1972, American folk hero Wild Bill Cooper led a ragtag crew of adventurers on a most unlikely expedition over the top of the world, with goal of snowmobiling from Minnesota to Moscow. Filled with humour and misadventure, this amazing story is not like anything you have ever seen!