

Banff Mountain Grant Recipients 2003

Six projects documenting mountain culture, from the mountain porters of Nepal to an activity book for children visiting the Canadian Rockies, will receive a total of \$15,000 (CAD) in funding from The Banff Centre's 2003 Banff Mountain Grants sponsored by Mountain Hardwear. These projects communicate the stories of mountain landscapes as places of ecological, inspirational, and cultural value, and celebrate the spirit of adventure.

"We're delighted to be able to support such a broad range of worthy mountain projects in different parts of the world," says Leslie Taylor, associate director, Mountain Culture at The Banff Centre. This year's selection committee reviewed 47 grant applications from 10 countries. The 2003 recipients are:

The Friends of Jasper National Park, Jasper, AB for *Rocky Mountain Junior Naturalist*, an activity book for children visiting the mountains of the Canadian West — \$1,000.

Prakaj Kumar, Mumbai, India, for *Survival*, a film about water resource management and sustainable development in India — \$2,500.

Urpichallay/The Mountain Institute, Ancash, Peru for *The house of our grandparents*, a Cultural Centre in Vicos, Peru — \$2,500.

Dr. Charles Houston, Vermont, USA for the final editing of his autobiographical video, including footage from historic Himalayan expeditions and high altitude physiology research — \$2,500.

Wandering Eye Media, Vancouver, BC for *Bharriya*, a documentary on mountain porters in Nepal — \$5,000.00

Ellen Pearlman, Brooklyn, NY, USA for a DVD on Tibetan Cham Dance and Achi Lhamo Opera — \$1,500.