

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour: San Francisco Bay Area

Film List - Night 1

This program will show at 7pm on the following dates:

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, UC Berkeley Wheeler Auditorium, Berkeley

Monday, March 5th, 2012, Lark Theatre, Larkspur

Wednesday, March 7th, 2012, Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, San Francisco

Friday, March 9th, 2012, Los Altos High School Eagle Theater, Los Altos

The Freedom Chair

Snow sports, Canada, 2011, 15 min

Best Film - Mountain Sports, Sponsored by Live Out There

Directed and produced by Mike Douglas. Josh Dueck was an aspiring skier and coach until a ski accident in 2004 changed his life for good. Despite his comeback and success in the world of competitive sit-skiing, he wasn't content. Josh's dream is to tackle the backcountry and the steepest and wildest mountains in the world – and with his infectious outlook, he may just catch his dream.

Blue Obsession

Ice climbing, USA, 2011, 8 min

Directed by Alan Gordon and Jordan Halland. The beautiful and ever-changing icefalls of Alaskan glaciers provide a stunning setting for some unusual ice climbing adventures

The Man and the Mammoth

Animation, skiing, Canada, 2010, 6 min

Directed by Callum Peterson. A caveman discovers skiing, thanks to his new friendship with a woolly mammoth.

Kadoma

Exploration, kayaking, USA, 2011, 42 min

Best Film - Exploration and Adventure Sponsored by Nemo

Directed and produced by Ben Stookesbury. "Kadoma" is the nickname for Hendri Coetzee, a legendary South African kayaker who is known for exploring some of Africa's wildest rivers. In December 2010, American pro kayakers Chris Korbolic and Ben Stookesbury followed Coetzee into the Democratic Republic of Congo for a first descent of the dangerous Lukuga River. Seven weeks into the expedition, tragedy struck.

Journey on the Wild Coast (Special edit for the Banff tour)

Adventure, USA, 2010, 30 min

Special Jury Mention

Directed and produced by Greg Chaney. A young married couple with a passion for adventure turn their camera on themselves, even in their weakest moments, as they attempt to walk, paddle and ski under their own power from Seattle to the Aleutians. Filmed over the period of a grueling year, this film reveals the rugged beauty of the wild northwest coast of North America – and the true meaning of intrepid.

On Assignment: Jimmy Chin

Photography, climbing, outdoor culture, USA, 2010, 6 min

Directed and produced by Renan Ozturk. A brief portrait of a passionate athlete who has melded climbing and photography. Jimmy Chin believes that "the most honest photos happen when both the subject and the photographer are just in the moment, and the rest of the world has just fallen away."

Ski Bums Never Die

Snow sports, Canada, 2011, 4 min

Directed by Eric Crosland, produced by Mike Douglas. What does it take to be a ski bum? An unending dedication to powder skiing? The ability to do anything in your ski boots? A lifelong quest for deep snow? Find out with this unusual and inspiring band of skiers in the Kootenay region of British Columbia.

Reel Rock: Sketchy Andy

Slack lining, BASE Jumping, USA, 2011, 22 min

Directed by Peter Mortimer, produced by Nick Rosen. American climbing dirtbag Andy Lewis is taking the discipline of slacklining into the future as he solos the world's longest high-lines and masters the hardest aerial tricks, while pushing his equipment to the limit. As Andy goes higher, harder, and faster with climbing, slack, and B.A.S.E., we all wonder how far he can go before it'll be one step over the line.

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Film List - Night 2

This program will show at 7pm on the following dates:

Sunday, March 4th, 2012, UC Berkeley Wheeler Auditorium, Berkeley

Tuesday, March 6th, 2012, Lark Theatre, Larkspur

Thursday, March 8th, 2012, Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, San Francisco

Saturday, March 10th, 2012, Los Altos High School Eagle Theater, Los Altos

All.I.Can: The Short Cut

Snow sports, Canada, 2011, 11 min

Best Feature-length Mountain Film, Sponsored by Town of Banff

Directed by Dave Mossop and Eric Crossland, produced by Eric Crossland and Malcolm Sangster.

Stunning time-lapse sequences, creative visuals, great skiers, and deep powder are highlights of this excerpt from the award-winning feature film that looks at snow sports and the environment.

Towers of the Ennedi

Climbing, exploration, USA, 2011, 14 min

Directed and produced by Renan Ozturk. The Ennedi Desert of Chad is a hot, sand-scoured and unfriendly place. But from its vast belly rise clusters of breathtakingly lovely spires, towers, and rock formations. Veteran climber Mark Synnott – known more for his far-flung adventures than his technical accomplishments – brings young climbing stars Alex Honnold and James Pearson to the Ennedi to explore its untouched landscapes.

On the Trail of Genghis Khan: The Last Frontier

Exploration, culture, Australia, 2011, 46 min

People's Choice Award – On the Trail of Genghis Khan (series), Sponsored by V.I.O.

Directed by Tim Cope, produced by Richard Dennison. On an epic journey of truly historic proportions, Australian Tim Cope, his band of horses, and his dog Tigon travel overland 10,000 km from Mongolia to Hungary, following the footsteps of legendary warrior and nomad Genghis Khan. Cope visits distant parts of the world rarely seen, places on the cusp of modernity yet proud of nomadic traditions. The Last Frontier captures the culmination of his stunning three-year journey, the crossing of the Carpathian Mountains.

Cold

Mountaineering, USA, 2011, 19 min

Grand Prize – Sponsored by Mountain Equipment Co-op

Best Film – Climbing, Sponsored by Alpine Club of Canada

Directed and produced by Anson Fogel. Experience Gasherbrum II in the middle of a deep, dark winter as seen from the raw, honest perspective of alpinist Cory Richard's camera. This film deftly captures the interwoven roles of pain, fear, and doubt – and reveals a harrowing descent that amplifies their isolation and exposure.

Seasons: Fall

Kayaking, USA, 2010, 4 min

Directed and produced by Skip Armstrong. Deep canyons with steep, spring-fed creeks provide Kate Wagner with a soul-session in this paddling paradise.

Chasing Water

Environment, USA, 2011, 18 min

Best Short Mountain Film – Chasing Water, Sponsored by The North Face

Directed by Peter McBride, Produced by Anson Fogel. Pete McBride grew up on a ranch in Western Colorado, a child of the Colorado River. After a life spent visiting other countries to tell stories as a National Geographic photojournalist, in 2008 Pete decided to follow the water from his family's ranch to see where it ends up. This is the story of Pete's journey, and a story about the lifeblood of the American West.

Reel Rock: Origins – Obe & Ashima

Bouldering, USA, 2011, 23 min

Directed and produced by Josh Lowell. There's a nine-year-old girl from New York City taking the bouldering world by storm, and her name is Ashima Shiraishi. Guided by her coach and former bouldering star Obe Carrion, this tiny master is crushing competitions and raising the bar for her peers. A trip to the bouldering mecca of Hueco Tanks provides a glimpse of the past for Obe and the start of amazing new adventures for Ashima.