

Across the Atlas

USA, 2006, 23 min

Directed by Michael Brown, Produced by Dave D'Angelo

Screening:

Saturday September 20, 1:30 - 6:30pm

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What began as a search for the ultimate adventure becomes an epic exploration full of misadventures. A humorous take on the 'hero's journey' narrated by Timmy O'Neill, this film will take audiences to Morocco to follow an expedition to ski North Africa's highest peak.

Director Michael Brown

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Asiemut

Canada, 2006, 56 min

Directed by Olivier Higgins & Mélanie Carrier, Produced by IDEM

Screening:

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So many choices in everyday life! Everyone has his own direction, his own azimuth. Olivier Higgins and Mélanie Carrier have chosen to ride on their bicycles from Mongolia to Culcutta at the mouth of the Ganges in India, passing through Xinjiang, the Taklamakan Desert, Tibet and Nepal for the total of more than 8000 kms. For sure, they are going to discover the world, but above all, they are going to discover themselves. Who are they? What do they want? What is their place in this world? Maybe, between some encounters, an obstacles and a discovery, this daring journey will bring them to a reflection... Do we not all have a common 'Asiemut'?

Directors Olivier Higgins & Mélanie Carrier

Olivier Higgins and Mélanie Carrier met each other at the age of 14. Both are biologists and their passion for the world and other cultures brought them around the world. Over the past 6 years, they have been away from home for studies, for work, for climbing, for environmental projects,

always carrying a camera with them. That was where their passion for film started. Recently they decided to unify their passions and use adventure and video to share their values. That's how their first film 'Asiemut' was born.

The Beckoning Silence

Great Britain, 2007, 73 min

Directed by Louise Osmond, Produced by Louise Osmond, Darlow Smithson Productions

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The Beckoning Silence tells the story of Tony Kurz's heroic battle for survival, but in telling it, it also forces Joe Simpson to confront a fundamental question – why continue climbing when you have come so close to oblivion? In this gripping, action packed adventure film with a difference, Simpson finally confronts his demons on the Eiger's North Face and rediscovers the thrill of the climb that once made him feel so alive.

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Brave New West

USA, 2007, 45 min

Directed by Doug Hawes-Davis and Drury Gunn Carr

Screening:

John Stiles moved to socially conservative Moab, Utah in the mid 1970s from Kentucky. In 1989, he began publishing the politically progressive *Canyon Country Zephyr* entirely by himself. Widely recognized as one of the best indie papers in the American West, *The Zephyr* combines humor, history, honesty and artistry in its coverage of environmental issues. With a motto of "Hopelessly clinging to the past since 1989," the *Canyon Country Zephyr* is all about "Old West" meets "New West". *Brave New West* is a profile of Stiles, his paper, and the land and people that are his passion.

Directors' bios:

Drury Gunn Carr and Doug Hawes-Davis co-founded High Plains Films in 1992. Since then, the "do it all yourself" filmmakers have collaborated on more than a twenty documentaries. Their films have been screened around the world and won more than 40 awards. This spring, the filmmaking team was the first recipient of the True West Visionary Award, a career achievement award at the True/False West Film Festival.

BRAVE NEW WEST is their fifth feature-length project, following VARMINTS (1998), KILLING COYOTE (2000), THIS IS NOWHERE (2002) and LIBBY, MONTANA (2004), which was nominated for a National News & Documentary Emmy Award in 2008. Challenging in form and content, their work is intended to provide insight into the relationship between human society and the natural world.

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Caravan of Dreams

Poland, 2007, 45 min
Directed by Marek Kłosowicz, Produced by Wojciech Szumowski - TVN

Wanda Rutkiewicz used to be one of the top high-altitude female climbers before she died on Kangchenjunga in 1992. This personal and passionate 45-minute film on the most famous Polish mountain climber brings the many Rutkiewicz's secrets closer. It is apparent that in her life Wanda walked two separate paths which were growing apart as the years went by.

Director Marek Kłosowicz

Marek Kłosowicz has been working as a screenwriter and director of documentary films. He made „In the Shadow of a Reactor”, „Włoszczowa - Faithful to the Cross”, and the documentary series „The Mountain Climbers”. He worked on a number of projects for the Polish TVN Television, including „Unbelievable”, „Robinson’s Island”, and „The Second Face”. Marek is the owner of an outdoor advertising company in Poland.

Egyptian Theatre

Thursday September 18, 6pm - 7:30pm

Crank It Up! Challenging the White Rim

USA, 2007 48 min
Directed and produced by Mark Wellman and Tom Day

Synopsis

This documentary features three paraplegics' hand-pedaling specialized adapted mountain bikes on one of the most rugged and forbidding mountain bike trails in the world, The White Rim Trail in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. Although sharing a love of adventure and the outdoors, nothing but their commitment and determination to ride was certain. Warren Miller's cinema photographer Tom Day documented this six-day, 106 mile epic adventure. Narrated by John Hockenberry, the film follows the emotionally charged trio pedal up the relentless trail scattered with loose rock, steep ledges, continuing switchbacks in dense sand, to the completion of their journey.

Director/Producer Mark Wellman

Mark Wellman is a nationally acclaimed author, filmmaker and motivational speaker. Despite being paralyzed in a mountain climbing accident, Mark has inspired millions to meet their problems head-on and reach for their full potential. A two-time Paralympian and former Yosemite Park Ranger, Mark's [NO LIMITS](#) philosophy encourages individuals to adventure into new horizons; to go beyond the seeming unreachable.

Mark, faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, persevered courage and determination to fulfill his passion for the outdoors. He shares his story in [the autobiography Climbing Back](#). An accomplished wheelchair athlete, Mark is best known for the first historic paraplegic ascents of the sheer granite faces of El Capitan and Half Dome, in Yosemite National Park.

His notoriety has been acclaimed on national television, by congressional commendation and meetings with two Presidents of the United States. The first paraplegic to sit-ski unassisted across the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, Mark has also carried the flaming torch up the 120-foot rope, shocked by thousands of spectators, and lit the cauldron for the opening of the Paralympic Games in Atlanta.

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Scenes from Higher Ground – Cryophobia

Canada/US, 2007, 8 min
Directed by Alex Lavigne and Chris Alstrin

Canadian mix wizards Sean Isaac and Shawn Huisman shake a test piece mixed route Cryophobia at V M8+ WI5+ in Ghost River Valley in the Rockies.

Director Chris Alstrin

Chris Alstrin is based in Colorado Springs where he works at the Colorado College teaching video editing. He is an all around climber who has taken his skills and business to the world of film and video. His previous films include Escape from Alcatraz and the Higher Ground compilation of a number of short films.

Director Alex Lavigne

North Vancouver filmmaker Alexander Lavigne delivers again... It was a very busy year for this local talent, producing two new full-length films in 2007. In addition to CRUX, Alex co-created HIGHER GROUND with partner Chris Alstrin. HIGHER GROUND, a climbing documentary, spotlights some of the continent's most inaccessible terrain and the people who thrive there. A lens into their boundary-breaking passion illustrates what mountain culture is: an obsession. Lavigne is presently taking some time off this winter to ski-tour, ice climb and spend time with his family.

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Daily Strips

France, 2008, 5 min
Directed by Claude Adam
Chamonix, France. 5 Sports: Ski, Snowboard, speed riding, mountain climbing, base jumping. 5 days of pure adrenaline.

Don Whillans: Myth & Legend

UK, 2007, 70 min
Directed by Leo Dickinson

In the 1950's climbing standards exploded. It was due to two men - Joe Brown & Don Whillans. They were small wiry men of immense power and small stature. Never before or since has one

pair of climbers pushed the standards so far or so hard. Their world evolved around the gritstone outcrops of Shining Clough, Kinder, Yellowslacks and the Roaches and cliffs of North Wales and the Lakes. This film is about one of them; the droll, uncompromising, feisty half of an exceptional partnership. Brought up on the back streets of Salford and attending the university of life he became an icon to the climbing world. His routes became legendary, his fights went into folklore & his wit became the currency of a generation.

'There are many great climbers in the world but few are geniuses - Don was one of them.' Chris Bonington.

'The funniest & sharpest wit you'd ever wish to find.' Mick Coffey-Patagonia 1974.

'He showed me immense kindness when I was starting out'. Martin Boysen

'Don's routes stand the test of time. .'Leo Houlding

'Let us not forget that nearly a half century later many of his bold first ascents such as Goliath still give today's hardmen pause. Don was freeing the world's hardest cracks while Yosemite's pioneers were resorting to artificial aid on significantly easier climbs.' Jim Donini - President American Alpine Club

'If you'd made this film politically correct it would be very short
Journalist Ronnie Faux - Times

'Sacking Whillans was the bravest thing I ever did.' Yvon Chouinard

'The mountain will be there in the morning - the trick is - to make sure you are.'
Don Whillans

Egyptian Theatre
Friday September 19, 7pm-10pm

The Endless Knot

USA, 2007, 52 min

Directed by Michael Brown, Produced by David D'Angelo

www.seracfilms.com

In October of 1999 best friends Alex Lowe and Conrad Anker were overcome by an avalanche in the Tibetan Himalaya. Conrad barely survived the avalanche and soon began to suffer from Survivor's Guilt. In the months following the tragedy, Conrad and Alex's widow, Jennifer tried to comfort each other and unexpectedly found love. Now their bond is tested as Alex's three boys try to accept Conrad as a father.

Alex's death was but one of many tragedies that unfold when families lose loved ones in the mountains. The celebrated high altitude Sherpa families suffer this same fate more than any other group as they work at extreme altitude for Western expeditions. In honor of Alex's legacy Jennifer and Conrad seek meaning beyond tragedy with a mountaineering school for Sherpas and high altitude workers.

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Go Wild! Outside Las Vegas
USA, 2008, 51 min
Directed by Doug Robinson

An environmental film without the E-word? What if you could nudge 48 million partiers and gamblers out into the desert? Would they notice the beauty? Wake up legs and lungs? Here's a try to reach those folks, to lure them beyond glitter and golf courses. What if it helped, just a little, to save our asses?

Amphitheater Film Maker Bash
Thursday September 18, 7:30 - 11pm

Grandpa
Poland, 2005, 26 min
Directed and produced by Miroslaw Dembinski

Janusz Orłowski is a 79-years-old man full of energy and zeal from Poland. There wouldn't be anything special about it, except that he flies. He is a paragliding pilot.

The paragliding culture is quite colorful, and obviously the young and energetic predominate. The frail, old man doesn't really fit here.

Flying is Janusz's passion. When he is in the air nothing else matters, he is just happy. Paragliding demands health, agility and staying in good shape, and the Grandpa consequently overcomes all the limitations related to his age. The younger friends usually help him when he is in need, when trips or falls over, but it doesn't discourage him. Janusz says he will always fly, but with one difference: In the future he will fly to the land with no gravity, with no everyday problems, without any effort.

Director Miroslaw Dembinski

Miroslaw Dembinski is the most awarded Polish mountain film maker. He started working as an independent film producer in 1991 by establishing his Film Studio "Everest". As a producer and director he has made 41 short films (mostly documentary) and received 42 international film festival awards. His previous mountain related documentaries include "My Little Everest", "Ganek", and "Icarus". He also made a number of documentary films on various social and personal issues of Polish people, such as "The fruits of the black soil", "Burry me together with

them”, “And What About you?”, a series about the homeless titled “It is necessary to live”, as well as a TV feature “Taranthriller” and a 13-part TV series “Room no 107”. His most recent titles include “Give Yourself to Others”, “For Marek Kotański”, “Shared Flight” and “The Dwarf for President”.

Ice Mines

Canada, 2007, 30 min

Directed by Will Gadd

In Ice Mines Canadian ice and mix wizard Will Gadd ventures to the ice mines of Sweden to find some cool ice and beat the hot winter. In the amazing dark labyrinth of rock, ice and man-made mining structures Will manages to send a bunch of crazy first ascents in places that nobody climbed before.

Director Will Gadd

“Nobody ever died wishing they had spent more time behind a desk.”

Will Gadd is one of the top outdoor sports athletes in the world. Gadd's athletic abilities have earned him recognition as a top competitor and athlete, but he's also known for his ability to complete fun, successful and safe outings in adverse conditions. He writes about adventure sports, organizes adventure TV shows and avoids his desk when possible. His previous films include Musashi, Paragliding Over the Grand Canyon, Aweberg, and others.

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"IN THE SHADOWS OF MONADNOCK"

Running Time: 5:52

2007

Film by: Mountain Shadows School 7th Grade Class

Under the direction of: Karen Aqua & Ken Field

Produced by: The MacDowell Colony

Classroom Teacher: Anne Pelletier

SYNOPSIS:

This charming animated film traces the colorful natural and cultural history of New Hampshire's beloved Mount Monadnock. The film was made by the 7th grade students at Mountain Shadows School, Dublin, NH, under the direction of animator Karen Aqua and composer Ken Field, with support from The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH. The students created and filmed all the

artwork (using cut-outs and flipbooks), and performed all the music, including some improvised sections. The film was one of a series of "Peterborough Projects" created in honor of the centennial of The MacDowell Colony. The following students made the film: Alison Siegmann, Annie Williams, August Bomer-Lawson, Brendan Palmer, Brian Spears, Caitlin Scott, Elizabeth Brighton, Jamie Pierce, Jillian Steele, Jonas Beymer, Lucy Beyer, Lucy Meyers, Meredith Wolpe, Satya Moses, Sierra Barden, and Zachary Silverman.

FESTIVALS/AWARDS:

Mountainfilm, Telluride, Colorado, 2008: Official Selection
Marin County Festival of Short Film and Video, 2008: 3rd Place Environmental Prize

BIOGRAPHIES:

Karen Aqua has been making animated films since graduating from Rhode Island School of Design in 1976. Her award-winning films have screened worldwide, at festivals in Europe, Asia, North/South America, New Zealand, and Australia. Aqua has taught animation at Boston College and Emerson College, and at workshops and residencies around the US. She has been a juror for film festivals in Japan, USA, and Canada, and has presented numerous one-person screenings of her work. Since 1990 she has produced/directed/animated 22 segments for "Sesame Street."

Saxophonist/composer **Ken Field** is a member of the modern music ensemble Birdsongs of the Mesozoic and leader of the improvisational brass band the Revolutionary Snake Ensemble. He has released several CDs of his solo music for layered saxophones.

Aqua and Field have collaborated on numerous animation/soundtrack projects since 1976. Their work together includes both independent films and freelance work for Sesame Street. Over the past 10 years, they have conducted joint workshops and residencies around the US, creating films with students in Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, New York, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

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Journey of a Red Fridge

Serbia, 2007, 52 min
Directed by Lucian Muntean and Nataša Stanković

This is a story of a 17-year-old boy named Hari Rai, who lives in a small village in the Himalayan mountains of Nepal, and his extraordinary journey. He gets a job to carry a huge refrigerator from the top of the mountain to the nearest town. We follow Hari Rai on his journey through the fascinating Himalayan landscapes, and we discover his inner life and thoughts.

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King Lines

USA, 2006, 50 min

Directed by Peter Mortimer and Josh Lowell, produced by Peter Mortimer, Josh Lowell and Nick Rosen

www.senderfilms.com

“King Lines” follows Chris Sharma’s quest to climb some of the most difficult and outrageous previously unclimbed rock formations around the world. Chris Sharma is one of the strongest rock climber in the world, for the past decade he has dominated his sport, and at 26 years old, the Santa Cruz, California native is just hitting his stride

Chris’ first stop, in September 2006, was the Mediterranean island of Mallorca, where, ropeless, he climbed a very hard and most spectacular route on a massive rock arch surrounded by sea. The film crew then follows Sharma to the remote jungle plateaus of Venezuela, the pristine walls of the American Southwest, and the limestone labyrinths of Europe, as he searches for the planet’s greatest climbs. Along the way, Chris is joined by fellow climbers, BASE jumpers and other adventure junkies. The film captures the compelling private personality of the man who has constantly redefined the cutting edge of his amazing sport.

Directors Peter Mortimer & Josh Lowell

SENDER FILMS and Peter Mortimer:

A graduate of the USC School of Cinema, Peter Mortimer and his Boulder, Colorado-based Sender Films (www.senderfilms.com) created First Ascent (2006), Return2Sender (2005) and Front Range Freaks (2003) – which have won awards at the prestigious Banff and Telluride Mountain Film festivals and been celebrated by outdoors enthusiasts throughout the world. Mortimer also contributes to television series, including NBC’s Jeep World of Adventure Sports and The Weather Channel’s Epic Conditions. In his films Peter Mortimer balances action with storytelling, passion with humor, and spectacular footage with compelling characters to create films that win the hearts of climbers and non-climbers alike.

BIG UP PRODUCTIONS and Josh Lowell:

Josh Lowell’s New York-based company, Big UP Productions (www.bigUPproductions.com) has released eight climbing movies, including the most acclaimed and best-selling titles in the industry. Lowell’s work has won numerous awards at international mountain film festivals and has been featured throughout the national press. He recently won a Sports Emmy Award for Outstanding Camera Work for an episode of NBC’s Jeep World of Adventure Sports, which features an excerpt from King Lines.

Komi, a journey across the Arctic

In the north of Siberia, close to the Polar Circle, live two Komi families who raise reindeer. Year after year, they travel with their herds across the Urals from Europe to Asia, a perilous journey for both families and their herds.

Discover the incredible way of living of these people, which we filmed for an entire year, who live in complete symbiosis with nature, the rhythm of the animals and the polar climate.

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Light in Liquid

USA, 2007, 20 min

Directed & produced by Adrian Matthew Glasenapp

Light in Liquid features expeditions and adventures on rivers and creeks in Colorado, Idaho, and Mexico. This art of adventure film pushes the creative edge in the white-water film genre. A soulful, independent project and a labour of love, this film was produced over a four year period and features the paddlers that also shot and edited the film.

The fluid medium of film provides an ideal artistic avenue for the synergy of director's passions for creativity, adventure and advocacy. Through the synergy of these passions he focused on appealing to people on a visceral and spiritual level. Director's ultimate hope is to connect people with rivers and the art of adventure using his creative talents to protect and enjoy watersheds.

Director Adrian Matthew Glasenapp

Adrian was born in 1974 in Santa Cruz California, and he grew up in Glenwood Springs, Colorado where the Roaring Fork river confluences with the Colorado River. He earned a degree in Fine Arts from Colorado State University in 1998 and he currently resides in Fort Collins, Colorado near the Cache La Poudre River.

He has worked in Creative, Branding and Media at New Belgium Brewing Company for the last 5 years, while concurrently kayaking and filming his own and his friend's white-water adventures and expeditions.

Adrian has traveled, kayaked and photographed around the world, he held numerous public showings of his creative work, had his work published in Communication Arts and OUTSIDE, all while making it a central goal to channel his artistic passions into environmental issues.

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Oil & Water

USA, 2007, 30 min

Directed & produced by Seth Warren

www.oilandwaterproject.org

synopsis

In 2004 Seth Warren started the Biofuels Education Coalition to promote the use of alternative energy through action sports. Last year, Seth paired up with Tyler Bradt for a mission dubbed "The Oil and Water Project." Equipped with two high definition cameras and a retro-fitted Japanese fire truck named "Baby", they successfully documented a 34,000 kilometer expedition from Alaska to Argentina. Driving the entire distance without a single drop of petroleum, using canola, soy, palm, fish, pig and chicken oils to fuel the vehicle.

Sparked by the unified vision of two brotherly kayakers with a passion for sustainable lifestyle choices, the Oil + Water Project combines their passion for life on the water with a strong desire to motivate and educate youth to make sustainable lifestyle choices through alternative energy. Spanning the world, the project is a combination of adventure, education, advocacy, media and friendships that promises to be a unique experience for all involved.

Director Seth Warren

Seth has spent the majority of his life chasing summer around the world kayaking. For nearly a decade, his exploits have been caught on film paddling some of the planet's most obscure rivers. He has hosted expeditions on National Geographic and appeared in such films as Nurpu, Val Halla and One World.

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Pacific Horizons

Canada, 2007, 30 min

Directed and produced by Bryan Smith

Showcasing some of the world's most sought after sea kayaking destinations, Pacific Horizons captures the essence of the Ocean and inspires everyone to get out and go kayaking! Blending wildlife, people, places and action/packed kayaking, Bryan Smith takes us on an unforgettable journey documenting impressive tidal race surfing, The Orca whales of the San Juan Islands, the Bunsby Islands off Vancouver Island's remote and wild west coast, commando kayaking with Greenland rolling and ropes gymnastics champion Dubsid, the wind and waves of Oregon's coast and Columbia River Gorge, and record setting circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. Pacific Horizons is an entertaining, breath-taking, and inspirational adventure film.

Director Bryan Smith

Bryan Smith is an adventure film maker and expedition kayaker based out of Squamish, British Columbia. His involvement in the paddling industry spans both the sea and whitewater realms. He built an impressive set of credentials on the sea through the British Canoe Union and went on to co-found Body Boat Blade International sea kayaking school. Paddling first descents on steep, difficult rivers has taken him all over the world including Peru, India, British Columbia and Washington. He has produced many short whitewater action videos under his production company "Reel Water Productions" both for his on-line magazine "therangelife.com" and "Lunch Video Magazine". At 32 Smith, assisted by his wife Lise-Anne, is in the early stages of what promises to be a great adventure filmmaking career.

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Parallax

USA, 2008, 20 min (still in production)

Directed by Kevin Swigert

Two world famous climbers take on the frightening world of acting in a mind bending short film about what is real and what is only in your mind. Is it a dream or is it Parallax? Parallax is an experimental film in preparation for a feature length motion picture.

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Patagonian Winter
United Kingdom, 2007, 31 min
Directed by Alastair Lee, Produced by Posing Productions
www.posingproductions.com

Andy Kirkpatrick is a pioneer of winter climbing in Patagonia with many hair-raising ascents to his name. This hilarious film documents his latest Patagonian horror show; an attempt at the first winter ascent of Torre Egger with fellow alpinist Ian Parnell.

Director Alastair Lee

Film maker and climber Alastair Lee has spent the past decade pursuing rocks and mountains around the world. His genuine passion for the mountain environment is best expressed through his superb photography and innovative film work. Alastair is also renowned as one of the UK's most entertaining and outspoken lecturers. Having hit the line up at both Kendal and Edinburgh mountain film festivals he eventually hopes to reach the dizzy heights of Dundee!).

Alastair has climbed in six of the world's continents but with the arrival of his first son in 2005 the seventh isn't looking likely... Alastair has also written and published two climbing guide-books and three photographic books. In his 6th year of lecturing Alastair is currently touring schools with 'The Essence of Life' and Mountaineering clubs/Mountain Film Festivals with his stand up show 'Storms of Laughter'.

As a filmmaker of 12 international awards, Alastair has made 7 movies so far: "Made in China" (2001, 20mins), "Climbing in Morocco" (2003, 28mins), "I Am Climbing" (2004, 14mins), and "Twice Upon a Time in Bolivia" (2004, 50mins). In 2005 after the success of working with David Halsted, they created "Storms - The Movie" (2005, 34mins). Their 2006 project "Set in Stone" was a big success and Alastair went solo again for his 2007 project PSYCHE which has just won two awards at Kendal.

Alastair lives with his wife and son in Burnley, Lancashire, and despite his best efforts, remains there.

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Portrait of a Serial Jumper

Norway/Germany, 2007, 30 min

Directed by David Kaufmann

Norwegian André Bach is one of the pioneers of the international base jumping scene and started, like the most, as a reckless young man who had only one focus: B.A.S.E. jumping. In "Portrait of a Serial Jumper" Bach describes how his recklessness has changed without losing his passion. He moved from Oslo to the country and his new role as a husband and father has strongly affected the once so easygoing extreme athlete. Now precaution is his constant companion during his projects. Meanwhile his passion now is more than just a crazy hobby – it has become a mission and profession. André Bach shows that recklessness and responsible behavior are not mutually exclusive.

Egyptian Theatre

Thursday September 18, 6pm - 7:30pm

Shake That Bear

USA, 2008, 19 min

Directed by Chris Alstrin

Follow Rob Pizem and Mike Anderson as they scale a first ascent in Zion National Park, Utah. This route has it all – off-widths, finger cracks, chimneys, and face climbing. A very unique Zion route.

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Skiing in the Shadow of Ghengis Khan

USA, 2007, 49 min

Directed & produced by Nils Larsen

In 2005 Nils Larsen, Dave Waag, and Naheed Henderson journeyed to the Altai Mountains of NW China to document the indigenous use of skis. Nils followed this first trip with two additional trips into this remote region and what he found was a rich culture that still builds and uses skis in ways that date back thousands of years. 'Skiing in the Shadow of Genghis Khan' takes you on a tour of both place and people, showing you how they build and use this ancient style of skis as well as live in this harsh but beautiful part of our world.

Director Nils Larsen

Nils Larsen lives in Curlew, Washington, located in NE WA near the BC border. He works as a consultant in the ski industry, as well as teaching freeheel skiing and backcountry skills around the country. He has produced 3 previous films about backcountry skiing and has a taken on the long term goal of researching the roots of skiing in Central Asia as well as documenting the remnant use of traditional skis in this part of the world.

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Tea for Three
South Africa, 2006, 45 min
Directed by Nic Good, Produced by Brian Valentine

Synopsis

A cabinet-maker, an orthopedic surgeon and a retired geologist make for interesting fireside and narrow ledge company. With a cumulative age of about 145 years the down-side of middle age is not all that these three characters share. On any given weekend you will generally find them roped together on the immaculate sun soaked rock of South Africa. They will be trying to open a new route, styling up an old one, looking for a new project . . . or drinking tea. These are three middle-aged men who are attempting to grow old gracefully, they might not be world-class climbers, but they are world-class buddies.

This is an honest insight into their lives, their friendships, the cycles of life and the glue of rock climbing. Their failures (put down to old age), and their successes take the cameras from their backyard rock on Table Mountain in Cape Town, to lichen covered walls of Blouberg in the Limpopo Province, with a few stops in between.

Cameo appearances by other (sometimes more youthful) inspirational boulderers, trad and sport climbers are not only welcome eye candy. They represent the various elements of life as perceived by the three main characters. With character interviews and the narrative guidance of Andrew de Klerk (probably the countries most respected rock climber and alpinist), the lessons of climbing are woven into a metaphor of the greatest project of all . . . the journey and continuum of life itself.

Director Nic Good

Nic Good and the Fresh Air Crew have been creating, recording and producing reality adventure documentaries for a decade. Their exploits and projects have taken them to the tropics, cities, glaciers, wastelands, depths and heights of approximately 54 countries and resulted in a colorful collection of award winning productions and co-productions.

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Saturday September 20, 1:30 - 6:30pm

Trial & Error

Canada, 2007, 8 min

Directed by Bjørn Enga, Produced by Radical Films

www.radical-films.com

Mountain biker Ryan Leech sets out to ride an incredibly difficult trail in the coastal mountains of British Columbia. With the valley slated for clear-cut logging, Trial & Error combines Ryan's extraordinary riding with his thoughts about the very special location.

Director Bjørn Enga

Bjørn is the founder and owner of Radical Films Inc., a mountain bike film company. Since 1997 Radical Films has established itself as the leader in mountain bike filming with projects throughout the world including: England, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Morocco, Mexico, Peru, Turkey, Switzerland, Scotland, Costa Rica, Canada and the United States. He has been known above all for the KRANKED series.

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'Un-Level Forte'

A film by: **Anders Carlson**

Synopsis:

A short film by Anders Carlson about the climbing and boulder competitions at the 2008 Teva Mountain Games in Vail, Colorado.

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'Walk your own Path: Bill Barkeley on Kilimanjaro'

A film by: **Josh Levine**

Language: **English**

Genre: **Short, Independent, Student film, Action/Adventure**

TRT: **16.49**

Production: **2007, USA**

Synopsis:

With each passing day, 46-year-old Bill Barkeley loses more and more of his hearing and vision due to a rare genetic disease called Usher Syndrome. Before going completely blind, Barkeley will attempt to summit Mount Kilimanjaro so that he can see Africa from its highest peak.

The Western Lands: Hoy

UK, 2007, 9 min

Directed & produced by Grant Gee

“West is a landscape of loss. West is where the light dies” – Jim Perrin

“The Western Lands: Hoy” features acclaimed writer and climber Jim Perrin’s attempted 60th birthday climb of the Old Man of Hoy in Orkney.

Director Grant Gee

Grant Gee is a filmmaker and documentary cameraman resident in Brighton, England.

He is best known for directing films about high profile rock bands and has been twice Grammy-nominated for these (for ‘Meeting People is Easy’ – about Radiohead - in 2000 and for ‘Demon Days’ – about Gorillaz - in 2006.) His latest music film ‘Joy Division’ premiered at the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival in 2007 and won the Sound and Vision award for ‘Best Music Film 2007’ at the CPH:DOX festival in Copenhagen.

His short, more or less experimental documentaries including ‘City Symphony’, ‘400 Anarchists’ and ‘Mr. Fred Zentner’ have been shown internationally by the British Council, onedotzero and others.

Egyptian Theatre

Saturday September 20, 1:30 - 6:30pm

White Water Jungle

USA, 2007, 60 min

Directed by Tom Tatum

A top USA team of white water adventurers, Matt Wilson, Evan Ross and Henry Munter paddle Madagascar’s most difficult white water. First and second descents of the rivers and waterfalls and the jungle test their endurance. From perfect lines to a major miscalculation, they survive to win the battle on the river and the hearts of the native villagers.