

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in Toronto at the Bloor Cinema

Doors open: 7:00 PM

Show time: 7:30 PM

Schedule:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Revolution One Rowing the Atlantic Hunlen Mustang: Journey of Transformation <i>intermission</i>	Kranked – Revolve Azazel Take a Seat <i>intermission</i>	Mont-Blanc Speed Flying The Ultimate Skiing Showdown Birdman of the Karakorum <i>intermission</i>
Africa Revolutions Tour Committed 2: Walk of Life Pick-up Sticks Signatures: Canvas of Snow Project Megawoosh	MedeoZ Ten – A Camerman's Tale First Ascent: Alone on the Wall	Uruca Shining Spirit Deep/Shinsetsu First Ascent: The Impossible Climb

Africa Revolutions Tour (Special Edit for the Banff Tour)

USA, 2009, 20 minutes

Directed by Rush Sturges

Produced by Tyler Bradt

Website: www.Rev-Inn.com

Classification: Parental Guidance – coarse language

Focus: White-water kayaking, Sun Catcher's Project (NGO in Africa)

From the crocodile-infested White Nile in Uganda to big-water first descents in Madagascar, a group of friends seek adventure on African rivers. Accompanying the team is Rita Riewerts, the founder of the Sun Catchers Project, a non-profit that installs solar cooking facilities in orphanages, hospitals and communities.

Azazel

France, 2007, 22 minutes

Directed and produced by Guillaume Broust

Website: www.petzl.com

Classification: General – no advisory

Focus: Mountaineering, family-friendly

Four friends set out to establish a new route on the Trango Pulpit Tower, a mythic 6000-metre-high rock wall in Pakistan. Days and days of pleasure, quantities of testosterone expended, frozen fingers and naps on the wall.

Birdman of the Karakorum

UK, 2009, 64 minutes

Directed and produced by Alun Hughes

Website: www.alhughes.tv

Classification: General – coarse language

Focus: Paragliding, culture, family-friendly

Experience the world of extreme-altitude paragliding, which few humans will ever experience, when high-altitude paragliding pioneer John Silvester takes Alun Hughes on the tandem flight to end all tandem flights. Committed deep into a remote and hypoxic world of snow, ice and previously unexplored terrain, they find that flying to survive becomes the name of the game. The film demolishes any ideas you may have had of paragliding being about serenely floating around the sky.

Committed 2: Walk of Life

Alpine Club of Canada Best Film on Climbing Award

UK, 2008, 20 minutes

Directed by Paul Diffley

Produced by Dave Brown

Website: www.hotaches.com

Classification: Parental Guidance, coarse language

Focus: Rock climbing

The biggest and most difficult challenge of James Pearson's life - a vast blank slab on the Devon sea cliffs. This beautiful but terrifying line takes over his life until finally, sick with nerves and fear, he is ready for this scary lead.

Deep/Shinsetsu

Japan, 2009, 3 minutes
Directed and Produced by Masaki Sekiguchi
Website: www.ebisfilms.jp
Classification: General – no advisory
Focus: Powder skiing, family-friendly

*"Shinsetsu" means deep powder in Japanese.
This short film expresses a typical day in the mountains in Japan.*

First Ascent: Alone on the Wall

USA, 2009, 24 minutes
Directed and produced by Peter Mortimer and Nick Rosen
Website: www.senderfilms
Classification: General – coarse language
Focus: Rock Climbing, free solo climbing

After gaining international climbing renown for his landmark free-solo of "Moonlight Buttress" (V, 5.12+, 9 pitches) in Zion National Park, Utah, in April 2008, 24-year-old Alex Honnold moves on to his next big challenge: the first free-solo of the "Regular Northwest Face" route (VI, 5.12a, 23 pitches) on Yosemite's Half Dome.

First Ascent: The Impossible Climb

USA, 2009, 24 minutes
Directed and Produced by Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen and Josh Lowell
Website: www.senderfilms.com
Classification: Parental Guidance – coarse language
Focus: rock climbing

Star sport climber Chris Sharma takes on his greatest challenge yet: the unclimbed, 90-metre limestone cave on Mt. Clark, California. He dangles from one finger, jumps between minuscule handholds and takes 30-metre free falls as he endeavours to make the first ascent of what will be the most difficult rock climb in the world.

Hunlen

Canada, 2009, 12 minutes
Directed and produced by Will Gadd
Website: www.gravsports.com
Classification: General – no advisory
Focus: Ice climbing

What happens if you show up to climb one of the biggest frozen waterfalls in Canada -- but it isn't completely frozen? Will Gadd and EJ Plimley battle to do the first ascent of B.C.'s remote Hunlen Falls. Falling ice, crashing water, fear, big fun!

Kranked – Revolve

Special Edit for Banff Tour

People's Choice Award on Radical Reels Night

Canada, 2009, 11 minutes

Directed and produced by Bjørn Enga

Website: www.radical-films.com

Classification: General - coarse language

Focus: Mountain biking

The coolest human-powered adrenaline tool ever invented -- the mountain bike? "Revolve" blasts in cinematic glory from the French Alps to the lush coast of B.C., incorporating dirt jump, trail, freeride, slopestyle and downhill.

MedeoZ

France, 2008, 6 minutes

Directed and Produced by Guillaume Broust

Website: www.petzl.com

Classification: General – no advisory

Focus: Multi-sport, humour, family-friendly

Filmed in the Mont Blanc range, this short features six different mountain sports: climbing, skiing, snowboarding, speed riding, paragliding and BASE jumping. A photographer wants to take one shot showing all the sports, instead of taking separate photos of each sport. It takes a lot of work!

Mont-Blanc Speed Flying

Award for Best Short Mountain Film, sponsored by Mountain Hardwear

France, 2008, 10 minutes

Directed and produced by Didier Lafond

Website: www.didierlafond.com

Classification: General – no advisory

Focus: Speed riding, family-friendly

Six speed riders fly from the upper slopes of Mont Blanc down to Chamonix in one continuous 10-minute shot, filmed in Cineflex.

Mustang – Journey of Transformation

USA, 2009, 28 minutes

Directed and produced by Will Parrinello

Website: www.mvfg.com

Classification: General – no advisory

Focus: Tibetan culture, family-friendly

Lost in time, the Himalayan kingdom of Mustang is one of the last sanctuaries of authentic Tibetan Buddhist culture. However, long isolated by geography and politics, the people struggle to survive, and the centre of their culture -- the 15th-century monasteries and the art within -- is dangerously close to collapse.

Narrated by Richard Gere and featuring the Dalai Lama, the film tells the compelling story of the efforts to rescue this ancient place from the brink of extinction and to help spark a cultural renaissance.

Pick-up Sticks

Canada, 2009, 9 minutes
Directed by: Julia Szucs
Produced by: Steve Smith
Website: www.meltwatermedia.ca
Classification: General – no advisory
Focus: Environment, family-friendly

Take an aerial plunge off the edge of an Arctic coastal headland into the abyss of a seabird colony to find out how marine environmental change is affecting the delicate balance of life for a hardy creature of the northern seas.

A visual and metaphorical cliffhanger for our times!

Project Megawoosh

Special Jury Mention

Germany, 2009, 4 minutes
Directed by Minh Duong
Produced by Nikolas Hannack
Website: www.okifilms.com
Classification: General – no advisory
Focus: Humour, spoof, family friendly

Bruno Kammerl, a German engineer, works to perfect the world's tallest human water slide.

Revolution One

USA, 2009, 10 minutes
Directed and Produced by Dan Heaton
Website: www.sykoproductions.com
Classification: Parental guidance – coarse language
Focus: Unicycling

"Revolution One" takes a look into the history, people and places that have defined the rapidly emerging sport of off-road unicycling. Follow world champion unicyclists Kris Holm and Dan Heaton as they display riding that has blown the minds of viewers worldwide.

Rowing the Atlantic

USA, 2009, 26 minutes
Directed and produced by JB Benna
Website: www.journeyfilm.com
Classification: General – no advisory
Focus: Rowing (ocean crossing), adventure, human story, family-friendly

A few years ago, Roz Savage gave up what for many would be an ideal life (husband, great job, big house), picked up a few pairs of rowing oars and a boat to go with them and set off across the Atlantic Ocean – alone – in a rowboat.

Shining Spirit

(Special Edit for Banff Tour)

Canada, 2009, 26 minutes

Directed and Produced by Karen McDiarmid

Website: www.taracafeproject.ca

Classification: General – no advisory

Focus: Culture, human story, family-friendly

Filmed in Canada, India and Tibet, "Shining Spirit" documents a recording project that brings together the family of Jamyang Yeshi through music and multi-track recording technology. With the help of Western friends, Jamyang, in exile in Canada, and his brother Tsundue, in exile in the U.S., join voices with the family they left behind in Tibet. For the first time in over a decade, they sing together once again. The film is a testament to the power of music, the resilience of the Tibetan culture, and the enduring bond of a family separated by politics and geography.

Signatures: Canvas of Snow

USA, 2009, 16 minutes

Directed by Nick Waggoner

Produced by Ben Sturgulewski

Website: www.sweetgrass-productions.com

Classification: General – no advisory

Focus: Skiing, snowboarding and noboarding, family-friendly

In Japan there is a cultural connection to the different signatures of terrestrial home - a sense that the rhythm of fall, winter, spring and summer influences the rhythm of the person, their energy, their riding style and the lines they choose.

This special edit features skiers, snowboarders, a photographer and a noboarder who are each in tune with this connection to winter and the environment they ride in.

Take a Seat

Special Jury Mention

UK, 2009, 46 minutes

Directed by: Ed Stobart, Dominic Gill

Produced by: Lucy Wilcox

Website: www.ginger.tv

Classification: General - nudity

Focus: Human story, adventure, biking, humour

Dominic Gill's mission is to cycle the 32,000 kilometres from the northern coast of Alaska to the southern tip of South America, on a tandem bike, picking up random strangers on the way. A gripping tale of two years and two continents, full of extraordinary characters and incidents.

Ten – A Cameraman's Tale

Switzerland, 2009, 36 minutes

Directed and produced by Guido Perrini

Website: www.guidoperrini.com

Classification: General – coarse language

Focus: freeskiing and freeriding

This snowboard/ski freeride documentary gives an insight into the world of freeriding through the lens of cameraman Guido Perrini. Featuring Jeremy Jones, Jonas Emery and Geraldine Fasnacht, in locations from Alaska and Canada to Chile and Russia, the film delves into the passion, joys and dangers that are an everyday part of freeriding. From incredible lines to insane avalanches, "Ten" looks at the behind-the-scenes world of freeride filmmaking.

The Ultimate Skiing Showdown

Canada, 2009, 4 minutes

Directed and produced by David McMahon

Website: www.xczone.tv

Classification: General – No advisory

Focus: Nordic skiing, family friendly

The final sprint showdown between the fastest skiers on Earth in juxtaposition with a stunt performer showing some of the sickest moves on Nordic skis. A lot of fun!

Uruca (5.12c R/X)

Brazil, 2008, 8 minutes

Directed and Produced by Erik Erick Grigorovski

Website: www.grigorovski.com

Classification: Parental guidance – no advisory

Focus: Rock Climbing, animation, humour

On a Sunday morning perfect for rock climbing, Hugo attempts one of the hardest and most sought-after climbing routes at the Sugar Loaf in Rio de Janeiro: "Uruca". Extremely difficult and dangerous, it will demand all of his skill and concentration.