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Echoes

5 mins | Canada | 2024



Echoes moves away from conventional story telling about an athlete tackling a challenge and instead looks inwards into the mind of an athlete and how they perceive challenges. The film dives into the mind of Celeste Pomerantz as she battles uncertainty and doubt when undertaking challenging bike-packing or longer adventure mountain bike rides. The film itself takes place near Squamish and involved an overnight bike-packing trip and technical scramble. The dialogue is about the doubts, the anxieties, the good and the bad voices that play in the mind when going for trips like this. How big difficult things are so unbelievably addicting but also so painful. It's a brief and vulnerable look into Celeste's mind and perhaps the minds of others who no matter the size of adventure or scary thing one does – may also experience these echoes of doubt.

Kindness

6 mins | France | 2024



I am resting at the middle break, 2/3 up “”Le Voyage””. For the very first time, I have passed the second crux, a very long and technical 7A+ boulder, quite a few meters above my last protection, a No.6 RP. Just before beginning the crux, I heard James, 4-year-old Arthur, and 2-year-old Zozo cheering me from below. Internal dialogue. My brain won't stop. I have done the hardest by far, and it has taken me two years to be where I am today. Two years to get back from baby number two.

Beyond the Green Veil

27 mins | Canada | 2024



Beyond the Green Veil sets to explore the juxtaposition between backcountry recreation and the access the logging industry provides. Most outdoor enthusiasts are also environmentalists, caring deeply for the natural world and the locations. However, access to these spots is dictated by a necessary but destructive logging industry.

Michael Darling, a professional surfer, explores this idea, linking up with professional backcountry skier, Chris Rubens, and snowboarder, Timmy Taussig. They understand each other's worlds by means of an eight-day camping and touring trip in the Selkirk mountains and a surf trip to the west coast of Vancouver Island. Without shying away from the reality, what they learn challenges audiences and recreationists to contemplate their own role in shaping the future of our environment.

Odyssey of Loppa

15 mins | Norway | 2024



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Odyssey of Loppa follows two Norwegian athletes, Thea and Lisen, on an epic four day ski-touring adventure in Loppa, an Arctic peninsula far north in Norway. They set out on an undiscovered route passing by fjords and mountain passes whilst camping along the way.

The film is an ode to a relatively undiscovered area where few people skitour. It's an ambitious skitour where the women have to navigate challenging avalanche terrain, steep colours and difficult route findings in whilst navigating cold temperatures day and night.

Oasis

4 mins | USA | 2024



Oasis, produced by Après Visuals and directed by Amon Barker, is an exploration into the spirit of freeride mountain biking. Follow Reed Boggs as he discovers, builds, and rides a top to bottom Red Bull Rampage style line in the remote southern Utah desert.

INTERMISSION - 15 min
Tea and Cookies for Sale
Draw Prizes

2 Legs is 2 Easy

6 mins | USA | 2024

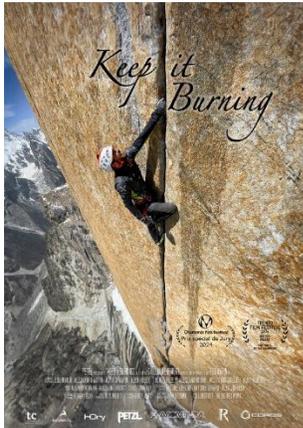


Steve Karczewski was born with bone cancer in his left leg. After a year of chemotherapy and traveling around the country in search of a cure, his leg was amputated above the knee in order to prevent cancer from spreading. Since the amputation happened when he was young, Steve has never known what it is like to have two legs, and that hasn't prevented him from doing anything and everything he's ever wanted as an outdoor athlete.

Steve was recruited by Challenge Aspen in 2008 to join their Paralympic racing team. He has lived in Snowmass Village ever since, and even though he didn't find himself to be a racer, Steve admits that race training was a great foundation for his one-leg skiing. Challenge Aspen coaches trained him to ski without the prosthetic and with outriggers - skis at the end of his poles. The transition to one-leg skiing was tough, but after he got used to it, Steve decided to ditch the outriggers as well, and continue his skiing career with regular poles, and on one ski, which is uncommon among the amputee athletes.

Keep It Burning

32 mins | Pakistan | 2024



The Karakorum is the wildest mountain range in the world. One of the spectacular mountains around this Baltoro glacier is the Trango "Nameless Tower". It's the biggest free-standing rock tower, and it's simply just a mountain to be climbed!

Edu Marín, helped with his brother Alex and father Novato, attempts the second free ascent of Eternal Flame. This achievement occurs 33 years after the first ascent of the route by Wolfgang Güllich & Kurt Albert, and 13 years after Alex & Thomas Huber's first free ascent.

Return of the Great Bear

19 mins | Canada | 2024



Return of the Great Bear is an inspiring story of people coming together to make a difference for wildlife, and what it takes to make change. Featuring Chief Councillor of the Kitasoo/Xai'xais Nation Douglas Neasloss, renowned bear biologist Wayne McCrory, and pop icon Miley Cyrus this short documentary explores the past and potential future of grizzly bear conservation with stunning wildlife cinematography from Ian McAllister.

Grizzly bears are a symbol for what is wild, but sadly they have disappeared from most of their range in North America. The only small pockets of land where grizzlies still roam free still exist on the West Coast of Canada. As one of the slowest reproducing land mammals in North America, grizzly bears are vulnerable to many threats, particularly

hunting. This film tells the story of the decades-long fight to ban grizzly bear trophy hunting in British Columbia. While a ban took effect in 2017, the future of grizzlies is still uncertain. Bans have been overturned in the past as the power in government shifted and in a time of shrinking salmon runs, climate change, industrial logging and pushback from hunting lobbyists now more than ever it is critical for people to come together again and fight for what is wild.

Uplifting the voices of First Nations leaders, biologists, bear guides, and conservationists, this film sheds light on the monumental, collective effort that goes into changing government policy. Viewers get an intimate look at the true nature of bears with breathtaking wildlife cinematography and honest stories from the people who have been changed by the privilege of getting to know bears first-hand.

One Inch From Flying

3 mins | USA | 2024



A young climber grapples with the complexity of modern life, and celebrates the sense of balance he gets from walking highlines while rigging and walking an alpine highline in Washington's North Cascades.

