

CONTINUUM - VIMFF FILM AWARD: BEST BC FILM

2 mins, Canada, 2021 – DIRECTOR: Harrison Mendel

In this film by Brett Rheeder and Harrison Mendel, the sequence of individual movements are all linked together as a cohesive collection, with each maneuver unique yet forming a coherent visual journey across ever-changing landscapes by maintaining a locked perspective.

A BAFFIN VACATION

12 mins, Canada, 2022 – DIRECTORS: Erik Boomer, Sarah McNair-Landry

Erik Boomer and Sarah McNair-Landry set off on a bold multi-sport 45-day expedition traveling through the remote landscape of Baffin Island in search of stunning cliffs to climb and unexplored rivers to whitewater kayak.

THE LAST SKI MAKER IN SCOTLAND

7 mins | United Kingdom | 2022 – DIRECTOR: Euan Wilding

The uncertain future of skiing in Scotland has inspired Jamie Kunka to make sustainable skis out of wood. Based in his cabin in the Scottish Highlands, Jamie is the last ski maker in Scotland.

NORTH SHORE BETTY

12 mins, Canada, 2022 DIRECTORS: Darcy Hennessey, Travis Rummel

The misty forests above North Vancouver, British Columbia are hallowed ground for mountain biking, a place so harrowing it's influenced every aspect of the sport for over 30 years. It's also where Betty Birrell, at age 45, picked up mountain biking after a career as a mountaineer and professional windsurfer. Three decades later, the single mother is a role model for her son, her friends and anyone she's met along the way —and proof that you're never too old to send.

DARKEST BEFORE DAWN - CANADIAN PREMIERE

19 mins, Belgium, 2022 DIRECTOR: Alex Eggermont

Peek into the world of Belgian climber Siebe Vanhee's authentic, raw process of his first season climbing on Yosemite's hardest big wall. The infamous Dawn Wall proves to be a challenge in more ways than one. "Darkest before Dawn" combines genuine storytelling with a cinematic approach bringing together a story beyond just the climbing. The film encapsulates the beauty of the body language when hanging from its fingertips thousands of feet off the ground.

FLOW

5 mins, France, 2021 DIRECTOR: Maxime Moulin

This film is an aerial and symphonic journey featuring skier, Sam Favret, in the heart of a closed resort during a very special winter in 2021. It's a dose of unreality, serenity and Sam's powerful skiing. But above all, it's about the pleasure of rediscovering a playground in its' wild state.

WALKING ON CLOUDS

7 mins, Brazil, 2022 DIRECTOR: Renan Kamizi

This short film shows the highline crossing between two air balloons, performed at the end of 2021, in the city of Praia Grande, Santa Catarina, Brazil, by athlete Rafael Bridi, achieving the highest highline record in the world by the Guinness Book.

BEAR WITNESS: SUBARCTIC - CANADIAN PREMIERE

12 mins, Canada, 2022 DIRECTORS: Raymond Friesen, Neil Ever Osborne

We see so many images everyday. The question is can an image still make people care? Bear Witness: Subarctic is a 2022 documentary short film about sea ice loss and its impact on polar bear populations in Canada. As sea ice shrinks to record lows, and polar bears spend more time on land, a photographer sets out to document what the increased interactions between bears and people mean for communities living in the North. In pursuit of an image that might still stir us to act, we all become witnesses to the consequences of a warming world.

NEW WAY UP - NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

24 mins, United Kingdom, 2022 DIRECTOR: Jake Holland

The Karakoram mountains are known for their huge scale and jaw dropping beauty. Nestled within them is Gulmit Tower, a technical granite pinnacle that has never been summited. Previous teams have often failed because the highly glaciated terrain makes the approach by foot long and treacherous. Fabi Buhl and Will Sim, both experienced alpinists, have a new idea. They plan to harness the power of the sky and use paragliders to fly over the glaciated terrain, reaching the base of the climb in hours, not days. Follow them on their epic journey as they attempt to set a new direction for Himalayan climbing.

SILENT STEWARD

4 mins, United States, 2021 DIRECTOR: Cobi Krumholz

This is a story of saving the seasons and healing the soul. Tele Dan has gone from medic in the military to Silent Steward of Crystal Mountain, picking up trash in the summer to feel better shredding in the winter. Here he reveals the realities under the snow and inspires us to go the extra mile in preserving the mountains.

PRIVATE FREEFALL - CANADIAN PREMIERE

11 mins, United Kingdom, 2021 DIRECTOR: Roberto Colombo

After two long days of climbing deep in the western cape mountains of South Africa, Andrew Court, along with Teodor Iliev and Charlie Standing, top out of the 550m Slanghoek amphitheater. When it instantly dawns on him, that he has found the perfect location for his long lived dream of building a mega freefall. In front of him lies an amphitheater hosting a perfect V-shaped chasm, which gets Andy's gears turning and sets in motion the planning of this project. Private Freefall is the journey of discovery and creation of a dream amongst a rag tag team of friends assembled by Andy. After multiple recce's and two days of rigging, all that is left is to jump...