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MOUNTAIN
FILM FESTIVAL
WORLD TOUR

Durango, CO

March 6th and 7th, 2026

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Paul Zizka, Banff National Park



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Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour was born from Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival. In 1979, a tight-knit group of climbers and outdoor enthusiasts conceived The Banff Festival of Mountaineering Films. This was a one-day gathering that became the renown international Festival it is today.

50 years ago, Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival began an outreach program to bring the Festival to other communities. This has become known as Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour.

Thank you for being here tonight - let's come together to celebrate the spirit of adventure with Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour!



All proceeds from this event go towards our cause advocating for clean air, pure water, and healthy lands and wildlife – the foundations of resilient communities, ecosystems, and economies in the San Juan Basin.

This year, we celebrate 40 years of working locally to protect the air, water, land and wildlife of this area we all call home. We watchdog, we advocate, and we respond to both local and national decisions that threaten the integrity and resilience of this spectacular corner of the world.

For more information, visit: sanjuancitizens.org.

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Your host, San Juan Citizens Alliance, has some programs and direct actions you can learn about and take part in. Check them out:

Take Action Directly on issues affecting us here in Southwest CO: www.sanjuancitizens.org/take-action

Silent Auction

We have an amazing silent auction courtesy of generous local businesses! Check out the packages in the lobby and be sure to bid often and high enough to win! The auction will close at the end of intermission. You will receive a text to pick up and pay for your packages at the end of the evening.

Get Involved

Take it a step further and become a member of the Alliance: www.sanjuancitizens.org/donate

March 6th Film Program



Rogatkin

From the highs to lows, Nicholi Rogatkin has changed the sport of slopestyle mountain biking with countless world-first tricks. Through a 20-year career of pushing the sport, he has been a positive inspiration for his community.

Switzerland, 2024, 15 min

Director: Keenan DesPlanques

Producer: Keenan DesPlanques

Advisory: No advisory



A Sense of Fight

Callan Blanchknox reflects on the deeper meaning of climbing—beyond strength, it's about movement, connection, and the sense of fight it brings—all while tackling the first ascent of an epic upside-down cave traverse.

Australia, 2025, 2 min

Director: Matt Raimondo

Producer: Matt Raimondo

Advisory: Coarse language



The Finisher: Jasmin Paris and the Barkley Marathons

The Finisher follows ultrarunner Jasmin Paris as she takes on the notorious Barkley Marathons, attempting to become the first woman to ever complete the race in its 38-year history. Through past failures and relentless perseverance, Paris pushes the limits of endurance and possibility.

USA, 2025, 47 min

Directors: Julia Marie Campanelli, Drew Darby

Producers: Singletrack LLC, Finn Alexander Melanson, Robert Fisher

Advisory: No advisory

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That One Friend

Professional backcountry skier Sierra Schlag has built a career around focus, grit, and always chasing the next big line. She takes her job, and her skiing, seriously. But when Waverly Chin—aka Waves—her funky, free-spirited best friend shows up with snacks and silliness, it's a reminder not to take life (or skiing) too seriously.

USA, 2025, 9 min

Directors: Sara Beam Robbins, Grant Robbins

Producers: The Road West Traveled, Sara Beam Robbins, Grant Robbins

Advisory: Coarse language



The Book of George

From Brooklyn's concrete jungle to the heart of the Everglades, meet George McKenzie Jr., a Black photographer transforming his lens into a beacon of change. Swapping the weight of a gun for the promise of a camera, George found his calling amid nature's raw grandeur, capturing everything from city pigeons and rats to elusive panthers.

USA, 2025, 15 min

Director: Danny Schmidt

Producers: Pure Gold Pictures, Danny Schmidt, George McKenzie Jr, Clay Barron

Advisory: Coarse language



Arctic Alchemy

Traveling by packraft and foot through Alaska's mighty Brooks Range, Roman Dial and his team have a goal of finding the source of a mysterious phenomenon poisoning watersheds in the Arctic. Along the journey, Roman reckons with fatherhood, personal tragedy, and the power of wilderness to both break us and bring us fully alive.

USA, 2024, 29 min

Directors: Colin Arisman, Zeppelin Zeerip

Producers: Field Work Creative, Wild Confluence, Zeppelin Zeerip, Colin Arisman

Advisory: Coarse language

March 7th Film Program



Cold Calls – Japan

Cold Calls is a ski film pieced together through conversations, memories, and whatever the season decided to offer!

USA, 2025, 6 min

Director: Alexi Godbout

Producers: Blank Collective Films, Alexi Godbout

Advisory: Coarse language



The Hive Architect

For the last 14 years Matt Somerville has spent the winters creating his log hives before driving around all of England in the summer, erecting them as non-intervention habitats for wild honey bees.

UK, 2025, 12 min

Director: Max Weston

Producers: Fera, Sidney Hiscox

Advisory: Coarse language



Best Day Ever

***2025 Best Film: Mountain Sports**
2025 Audience Choice Award

Best Day Ever follows the stories of adaptive mountain bikers Greg Durso and Allie Bianchi as they navigate the relentless challenges of their disabilities with humour and attitude. Along the way, they embrace the tremendous support, friendship, and joy they find in their rural Vermont riding community.

USA, 2025, 47 min

Directors: Ben Knight, Berne Broudy

Producers: Richmond Mountain Trails, Berne Broudy

Advisory: Coarse language

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Deluge

Georgia Astle, Casey Brown, Carson Storch, and Tom van Steenberg battle the elements.

Canada, 2025, 2 min

Director: Scott Secco

Producers: Scott Secco, Chris King

Advisory: No advisory



Dissidence

Two unexpected names are emerging on the stage of the climbing World Championships: Ravianto and Raviandi Ramadhan, twin brothers from Indonesia. With nothing but their own resources, *Dissidence* retraces their extraordinary journey, from the training walls of Jakarta to a climbing route in Savoie, France.

France, 2025, 34 min

Director: Rama Dio Syahputra

Producer: Rama Dio Syahputra

Advisory: No advisory



A Baffin Vacation, Love on Ice

Join adventurers Erik and Sarah on yet another outrageous Baffin Vacation as they kiteski north along the remote coastline of Baffin. Over their 69-day holiday, they ski mountains, climb an epic big wall, and cross a glacier in search of new rivers to whitewater kayak.

Canada, 2025, 26 min

Directors: Rush Sturges, Skip Armstrong

Producers: River Roots, Rush Sturges, Sarah McNair-Landry, Erik Boomer

Advisory: Coarse language; Nudity

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