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Valhalla Pure Outfitters Presents The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Join your fellow outdoors aficionados for artWatch, the Canmore screening of The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour at the Canmore Collegiate High School Theatre Sunday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

The Canmore artsPeak Arts Festival is a weekend long festival June 18–21 celebrating the arts in Canmore, Alberta, Canada. artsPeak offers festival guests a wonderful and inspiring array of venues and activities to see and experience and most artsPeak venues and presentations will be free to the public.

Act now. Tickets quickly sell out and Jamie Carpenter, artWatch coordinator, says this year will be now different given that the four of the seven films in the lineup were award winners at the 2008 Banff Mountain Film Festival. Running time is three hours.

The Red Helmet

USA, 2008, 6 minutes

Directed by Tyler Young

Produced by Dave Barlia

Website: www.outdoorgames.org

Classification: General

Focus: multiple action sports

Overcome with fear, a young boy runs into the forest. He finds a magic red helmet and goes on the adventure of a lifetime. Slowly building his courage, he is transformed and returns to confront his boyhood fears.

If You're Not Falling

Best Short Mountain Film

UK, 2008, 8 minutes

Directed by Dave Brown

Produced by Paul Diffley

Website: www.hotaches.com

Classification: General

Focus: rock climbing

Canadian rock legend Sonnie Trotter heads to Scotland to do battle on another "hardest rock climb in the world." As each day passes, he collects more and more air time: 50-foot falls from the steep rock buttress that plunges down beneath a historic castle. "Well, if you're not falling, you're not trying," observes Trotter.

Red Gold

People's Choice Award

USA, 2008, 54 minutes

Directed by Ben Knight, Travis Rummel

Co-produced by Travis Rummel and Lauren Oakes

Website: www.feltsoulmedia.com, www.redgoldfilm.com

Classification: General

At the headwaters of the two largest remaining sockeye salmon runs on the planet, a proposed mine may require the largest dam ever constructed to contain the toxic runoff. Native, commercial, and sport fishermen oppose the proposed Pebble Mine, while mine officials argue the case for development. At stake is a unique way of life that would not exist if the salmon didn't return with Bristol Bay's tide.

Mountain Town: The Grasshopper and the Soldier

USA, 2007, 15 minutes

Directed by Brendan Kiernan, Frank Pickell

Produced by Steve Metcalf, Brendan Kiernan

Website: www.themountaintown.com, www.futuristicfilms.com

Classification: General

Focus: culture, skiing

This excerpt from the feature documentary Mountain Town combines the stories of two very different residents. Nick Devore is a young telemark skier, while Gino Hollander is an 81-year old artist who has maintained a remarkable sense of the sheer joy of living.

Committed 2: Grit Kids

Alpine Club of Canada Award for Best Film on Climbing and Audio Post-Production Award

UK, 2008, 22 minutes

Directed by Paul Diffley

Produced by Dave Brown

Website: www.hotaches.com

Classification: General

Focus: rock climbing, family story

The teenage brother-and-sister team of Pete and Katy Whittaker burst onto the climbing scene with a series of spectacular ascents on grit. One evening after school, with his whole family assembled to watch, Pete makes the extraordinary first ascent of a truly iconic line.

Crux

People's Choice Award for Radical Reels

Canada, 2007, 12 minutes

Directed by Alexander Lavigne

Produced by Ryan Leech

Website: www.ryanleech.com

Classification: General

Focus: trials biking

Combining sheer difficulty with creative style, three athletes execute mind-bending feats of bike mastery and redefine technical riding standards.

The Sharp End: Eastern Europe

USA, 2008, 17 minutes

Directed and produced by Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen

Website: www.senderfilms.com

Classification: Parental Guidance (coarse language)

Focus: rock climbing, tower jumping, culture

A talented group of climbers explores the unique history, culture, and danger of one of the world's most remarkable climbing destinations.

artWatch tickets are \$15 each and they are available now at the Canmore Valhalla Pure Outfitters at 726 Eighth Street (Main Street).

For more information go to the artsPeak website at www.artspeakcanmore.com

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