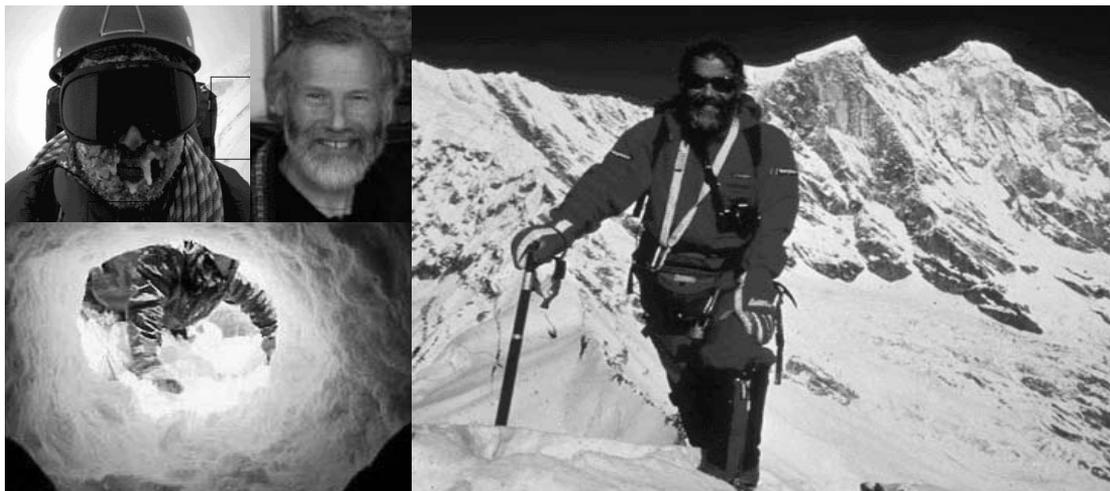


## THE GUESTS



### SIR CHRIS BONINGTON

Bonington will be the Guest of Honor at this year's Taos Mountain Film Festival. Few names in the mountaineering world conjure more recognition and respect than that of Sir Chris Bonington. One of the first "professional" climbers, Bonington capitalized on his exceptional climbing skill to forge a career as a writer and photographer of the mountain milieu. His leadership skills formed as an army officer served him well as leader of some of the last great Himalayan expeditions, most notably the South West face of Everest. His exploits, adventures and close calls are legendary, and now, in his seventies, he still prefers to climb, rather than watch films.

### JON BOWERMASTER

In keeping with Taos Mountainfilm's interest in the literary side of mountaineering and adventure, the festival has invited an expert in this field, Jon Bowermaster. With over twenty years of adventure writing, fifteen for National Geographic, eight books and countless international publications, plus many documentary films of his expeditions including the 2004 success, "A Slow Boat to Nowhere," Bowermaster will return to Taos to present his newest docudramas, from places as diverse as the Altiplano, Gabon, Tasmania and French Polynesia. Bowermaster will also show selections from his Oceans 8 series of films.

### DOUG PEACOCK

Being the unwitting model for one of the great eco-activists of modern fiction, George Hayduke, from Ed Abbey's Monkey Wrench Gang has been both a curse and a blessing for Doug Peacock. His books "Grizzly Years" chronicling the many years he spent studying grizzly bears and "Walking it Off," the story of a journey into the Southwest backcountry to assuage the loss of his friend Ed Abbey have established him as a fine writer in his own right. He is an impassioned, if not ferocious advocate for the protection of the American West, just like Hayduke! Peacock will also participate in a slide show of the location scouting done for a movie of the Monkey Wrench Gang by TMMF executive director Jonathan Slaton

### SETH WARREN

Seth has spent the majority of his life chasing summer around the world kayaking. For nearly a decade, his exploits have been caught on film paddling some of the planet's most obscure rivers. He has hosted expeditions on National Geographic and appeared in such films as Nurpu, Val Halla and One World. In 2004 he started the Biofuels Education Coalition to promote the use of alternative energy through action sports. Last year, Seth Warren paired up with Tyler Bradt for a mission dubbed "The Oil and Water Project." Equipped with two high definition cameras and a retro-fitted Japanese fire truck named "Baby," they successfully documented a 34,000 kilometer expedition from Alaska to Argentina. Driving the entire distance without a single drop of petroleum, using canola, soy, palm, fish, pig and chicken oils to fuel the vehicle.

### JACKIE HUDSON

Jackie Hudson, a Michigan native with Master Degrees in Music Education and Religious Education, began full time social justice work following a 25-year teaching career. Her faith based social action has included lobbying on state and national justice issues, leafletting and educating the general public as well as nonviolent direct acts of resistance at various sites in Michigan, Nevada, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C. and the state of Washington. She is one of three Dominican Sisters who went to northeastern Colorado in 2002, while President G. W. Bush was looking for Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq. They inspected, exposed and symbolically disarmed one of the United States nuclear Minuteman III missiles. Convicted of Sabotage, she served 2 and a half years in federal prison and is now serving three years of supervised release under the federal probation department here in Seattle. Jackie presently lives in Bremerton, WA.

### KATIE LEE

Lee has emerged as one of the Southwest's most outspoken environmental activists. Like David Brower and Ed Abbey, Katie has taken up the torch they left burning when they died to sing. Today, her unwavering commitment to her principles and feisty eloquence are primarily directed at the draining of Lake Powell Reservoir and letting the Colorado River once again run wild.

### REG LAKE

Lake was a dominant figure on California's whitewater kayak scene throughout the late seventies and eighties. With his crew that included North Face founder Doug Tompkins, Patagonia Founder Yvon Chouinard, and Royal Robbins, Lake pioneered descents on now classic (and classically difficult) runs like the Middle Kings and San Juaquin. Since 1991 he's spent his winters sea kayaking in Chile.

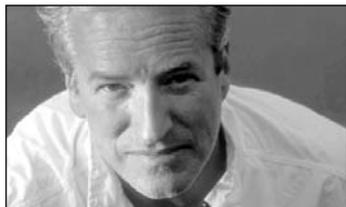
### GRAYSON SCHAFFER

The Dispatches editor at Outside, Schaffer, also comes from a whitewater background. Over the last five years, he's accompanied young kayakers such as Brad Ludden, Tyler Bradt, and Ben Stookesberry, on exploratory trips to Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, and the island of Dominica. This was his first sea-kayak outing.

### FELIX

Felix, the climbing prodigy of his mom, Biskit, has shown prowess in the canine climbing community. Chosen for being the dominant pup in the litter, his nimble technique allows him to dash up lines speedily, performing amazing quadrupedal feats. When not climbing, Felix can be found enjoying long walks in the park or rearranging his owners house.

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