

THE FILMS

Dalai Lama at his Himalayan home. These physicists, philosophers and scholars discuss the challenges facing the planet and explore their solutions with the Buddhist master. Kipling claimed that "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet." Kipling was obviously never invited to the Dalai Lama's house. www.dalailamafilm.com
Best Feature Documentary, Moondance International Festival, LA
Khashyar Darvich, USA, 80mins, 2007
In person, Khashyar Darvich

9:30am, Sunday, Oct. 7th
Old County Courthouse

CONVERSING WITH AOTEAROA

This lovely short blends animation with live-action photography to create a rich palette as it celebrates the splendor of New Zealand. Filmmaker Corrie Francis explores the powerful bonds that link Kiwis with their natural world.
Corrie Francis, New Zealand, 15min, 2006

HUMMING IN THE SNOW

The hovering, zipping grace of the hummingbird is celebrated in this delightful short. A freak snowstorm in July triggers a feeding frenzy in a group of high country hummers.
Mike Smyth, USA, 1min 57sec, 2007
In person, Mike Smyth

DOG GONE ADDICTION

A fascinating sled-side account of the Yukon Quest, a grueling one-thousand-mile dog-sled race through the frigid reaches of Alaska and the Yukon. The film focuses on three women and their dogs, as they brave exhaustion and unthinkable harsh conditions. Their journey is a triumph of spirit and determination, as well as a touching display of the essence of teamwork. www.wildsoulcreations.com
Runner Up, Peoples' Choice Award, Wanaka Mountain Film Festival, New Zealand
Becky Bristow, Canada, 67mins, 2007

11:30am, Sunday, Oct. 7th
Taos Community Auditorium

HIGHER GROUND: PHOTOGRAPHER

Photographer Andrew Quermer's perspective and career in adventure photography. www.hg-productions.com
Chris Alstrin and Alexander Lavigne, USA, 2006
In person, Chris Alstrin

HIGHER GROUND: AME'S ICE FALL

This now famous route put up by Michael Kennedy, the founder of Climbing Magazine, is a stern test for the roped climber. You'll feel your palms begin to sweat as you watch this cool climber solo his way up the treacherous ice. www.hg-productions.com
Chris Alstrin and Alexander Lavigne, USA, 2006
In Person, Chris Alstrin

LIFE ON THE EDGE

This presentation pays homage to many of the renowned rock stars of the world of climbing, including John Gill, Ed Webster, Earl Wiggins, Jimmy Dunn, Eric Hörst, Chris Sharma, Mia Axon, Billy Westbay, Henry Barber, and Pete Takeda. The show also explores the hidden subculture of rock climbing, and the outdoor arenas where they practice their art. www.stewartgreen.com
Stewart Green, USA, 10mins, World Premiere
In person, Stewart Green, Dennis Jackson

ASCENDING THE GIANTS

Kids love to climb trees, but few are lucky enough to grow up and pursue this passion for a living. This short follows two professional arborists as they climb and "hang out" in some of the largest, most majestic trees on the planet. www.uncagethesoul.com, www.ascendingthegiants.org, www.nau.com
John Q. Waller, USA, 7 mins, 2007, World Premiere

AMAZONIAN VERTIGO

To attempt to climb the highest waterfall in the world would dampen the spirits of the most determined climbers. An international team featuring Arnaud Petit and Stephanie Bodet, proves no exception as they inch their way up the thousand-meter cliff alongside Angel Falls high above the rainforest.



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