

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Film Line-up – Saturday Night

Hunlen

Canada, 2009, 12 minutes

What happens if you show up to climb one of the biggest frozen waterfalls in Canada -- but it isn't completely frozen? Will Gadd and EJ Plimley battle to do the first ascent of B.C.'s remote Hunlen Falls. Falling ice, crashing water, fear, big fun!

Finding Farley

**Winner of Grand Prize, sponsored by Mountain Equipment Co-op
People's Choice Award, sponsored by Timex**

Canada, 2009, 63 minutes

When filmmakers Karsten Heuer and Leanne Allison, along with their two-year-old son Zev and indomitable dog Willow, set out to retrace the literary footsteps of Farley Mowat, they meant it literally. Their 5000-kilometre trip -- trekking, sailing, portaging and paddling from the Prairies to the Maritimes -- is captured in this film. The family's arrival at their final destination (Mowat's Nova Scotian summer home) is, as Karsten says, "an affirmation of what the land and animals had already told us".

"Stories aren't so much written or created as they are released, expressing what's been there all along."

First Ascent: The Impossible Climb

USA, 2009, 24 minutes

Star sport climber Chris Sharma takes on his greatest challenge yet: the unclimbed, 90-metre limestone cave on Mt. Clark, California. He dangles from one finger, jumps between minuscule handholds and takes 30-metre free falls as he endeavours to make the first ascent of what will be the most difficult rock climb in the world.

Signatures: Canvas of Snow

USA, 2009, 16 minutes

In Japan there is a cultural connection to the different signatures of terrestrial home - a sense that the rhythm of fall, winter, spring and summer influences the rhythm of the person, their energy, their riding style and the lines they choose.

This special edit features skiers, snowboarders, a photographer and a noboarder who are each in tune with this connection to winter and the environment they ride in.

Project Megawoosh

Special Jury Mention

Germany, 2009, 4 minutes

Bruno Kammerl, a German engineer, works to perfect the world's tallest human water slide.