

UCSB Arts & Lectures Presents

## Best of the 40th Annual Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Day 1: TUE, FEB 23 / 7:30 PM / ARLINGTON THEATRE (128 min.)

### ***Paradise Waits*** (special edit)

USA, 2015, 7 minutes / Filmmakers: Teton Gravity Research

How do you celebrate winter when snow finally falls? Freeskier Tim Durtschi takes tram laps at Jackson Hole and big mountain skier Angel Collinson rips up some Alaskan lines.

### ***Project Mina*** (special edit)

United Kingdom, 2014, 17 minutes / Filmmaker: Jen Randall

A rare, intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the life of pro climber Mina Leslie-Wujastyk during a season on the world cup bouldering circuit.

### ***The Last Dragons***

USA, 2014, 10 minutes / Filmmakers: Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk

An intimate glimpse at North America's Eastern Hellbender, an ancient salamander as mythical as it is real. And in many waters, myths are all that remain of these sentinel stream-dwellers.

### ***Chasing Niagara*** (special edit)

#### **Best Film – Mountain Sports – sponsored by Sea & Summit**

USA, 2015, 31 minutes / Filmmakers: Red Bull Media House GmbH, Rush Sturges

When pro kayaker Rafa Ortiz decides to paddle over Niagara Falls, he sets in motion a series of events leading his team on a remarkable two-year journey from Mexican rainforest rivers to the waterfalls of the U.S. Northwest before coming to a heart-stopping climax at the iconic falls. (Mature language)

### **Intermission**

### ***The Rocky Mountains Traverse*** (special edit)

Canada, 2015, 25 minutes / Filmmakers: Bryan Smith, David Pearson

When Will Gadd and Gavin McGlurg decided they wanted to define a bold new style in paragliding, they could not have picked a more vegetated, convoluted and downright burly route to test their concept. With one simple rule of only being able to make forward progress in the air, they set off on a 700-kilometer traverse of the Canadian Rockies. (Mature language)

### ***Salween Spring***

USA, 2015, 9 minutes / Filmmaker: Will Stauffer-Norris

Travis Winn has been running rivers in China for 15 years. He's explored first descents, but also watched rivers disappear behind dams. Now he's founded a rafting company to bring Chinese to see their rivers before they're gone. A film about change, personal struggle, and kayaking along China's frontier.

### ***Climbing Ice: The Iceland Trifecta***

USA, 2015, 17 minutes

Filmmakers: Chris MacAskill, Anton Lorimer

Join award-winning photographer Tim Kemple and ice climbers Klemen Premrl and Rahel Schelb for an expedition to Iceland's Vatnajökull Glacier to discover new ways to push the boundaries of climbing ice. (Mature language)

### ***unReal*** (special edit)

USA, 2015, 12 minutes / Filmmaker: Teton Gravity Research

Imagine a world where you ride the perfect trail perfectly, and sometime snow isn't the only stuff that falls from the sky. When you spend all of your time at work dreaming about mountain biking, which life is real?