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Mountainfilm Unveils 2020 Lineup of Films & Speakers

Description

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As for most organizations â?? and most people â?? the pandemic has put Mountainfilm, a documentary film festival that showcases nonfiction stories about environmental, cultural, climbing, political and social justice issues that matter, in uncharted waters. But as youâ??d expect from a film festival with a penchant to inspire audiences to create a better world, Mountainfilm rose to the challenge, pivoting to a virtual festival in a matter of weeks. The result is an extended, 10-day festival with over 100 on-demand films and presentations over that viewers can watch at their leisure from the comfort of home. To experience Mountainfilm at home, all you really need is a pass and an adventurous heart.

This yearâ??s virtual format has allowed Mountainfilm to be more accessible than ever. People can tune in from all over the world, and most content can be watched anytime during the 10-day festival window. The 2020 lineup remains true to Mountainfilmâ??s high standards and propensity for mixing stoke-inducing adventure films with mind-blowing (and world-changing) documentaries.



Mountainfilm Festival Director Susan Beraza

â??Weâ??re psyched for the chance to bring great programming to people whoâ??ve been curious about Mountainfilm for all these years, but have never been able to come,â?• said Mountainfilm Festival Director Suzan Beraza. â??This year weâ??re proud to offer our usual wide variety of films â?? from *Personhood*, a film about fetal rights to *Public Trust*, a film by a former Telluride local that turns the lens on the loss of public lands.â?•

After many weeks at home, most people are in need of a little hope and inspiration. Beraza and her team made a point to give viewers as much content as possible â?? including a few additional lighthearted films.

The lineup of feature films includes more than 25 titles that range from *By Hand*, a documentary that follows the journey of two brothers paddling from Alaska to Mexico, to *Big Fur*, a film about a devotee of Bigfoot. Most features can be watched anytime during the 10-day festival, but a select few have limited runs â?? meaning theyâ??ll only be available to watch at specific times. The festival has more short film programs than ever before with titles like *ConcepciÃ³n*, recounting climber Hazel Findlayâ??s attempt of a 70-meter splitter crack route outside Moab, and *Huntsville Station*, which depicts the realities of inmates just released from prison.

Complementing the roundup of films is a symposium and a handful of live and pre-recorded presentations featuring directors and thought visionaries. Weâ??ll hear from Mountainfilm 2020 Guest Director Louie Psihoyos and Sea Shepherd captain Paul Watson on the vulnerability of our oceans, while youth activists Jamie Margolin and Jonah Gottlieb will speak to the role of young people in climate activism. In light of the upcoming presidential election, former White House Chief of Staff Jack Watson analyzes the qualities that make a good president â?? particularly during a pandemic.

â??Weâ??re really excited about this yearâ??s symposium and presentations, plus weâ??re going to have a series of meet the author events, Q&As and filmmaker workshops that will showcase what Mountainfilm does best â?? bringing connection and conversation to our greater community,â?• said Beraza.

The 2020 virtual festival dates are May 15â??25 and passes are available here.



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