



23 – 25th November 2023

Dundee

39th Year

"Inspiring outdoor adventure"

FREE programme

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The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a Tibetan monastery, likely the Panchen Lhamo Monastery, built into a steep, dark rock cliff. The monastery features traditional Tibetan architecture with white walls, red roofs, and ornate golden details. Several stupas and prayer wheels are visible. The cliff is surrounded by dense green forest, and a large, dark rock formation looms above the monastery. The overall scene is dramatic and scenic.

Featuring
Paula Williams and Kate Ferrier
Markus Stitz
Alex Moran
The Rinpoche
Karen Darke

Plus
Four Film Programmes including the
Vancouver Mountain Film Festival World Tour
Displays and Exhibitions

DUNDEE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL (2023)

A Warm Welcome

39th Year



The Dundee Mountain Film Festival (DMFF) is Scotland's pioneering mountain film festival. "Inspiring Outdoor Adventure since 1983" The Festival showcases an international programme of speakers, award winning films and exhibitions, held in the Steps Theatre, and Bonar Hall, Dundee.

2023 will present two evening programmes on 23rd and 24th, and a full day, and evening programme on the 25th Nov, all featuring films and personal appearances. The 24th and 25th will have a large supporting exhibition of art, photography and displays including a wide range of trade and voluntary organisation stands.

Be sure not to miss this outstanding opportunity to be inspired by remarkable stories of personal endeavour, adventure, and exploration, in the company of companions and fellow outdoor enthusiasts.

STEPS THEATRE, Central Library, Victoria Rd, Dundee. DD1 1DB Thurs (23rd) Eve Tickets £10

Paula Williams and Kate Ferrier will present a unique thought provoking double bill with Paula discussing in detail everything you wanted to know about maps, whilst Kate will highlight the benefits derived from being in the outdoors as identified in particular by Sir Walter Scott.

BONAR HALL, Park Place, Dundee. DD1 4HN Friday (24th) Eve Tickets £14

Whether alone, with a friend or family, four films illustrate adventure is there for all. Markus Stitz who at an early age learned the freedom a bike can give will describe how this became a passion for bikepacking, including a complete circumnavigation of the world. 34,000km - on a single speed bike!

BONAR HALL, Park Place, Dundee. DD1 4HN Saturday (25th) Morning Tickets £8

In a Scotland themed morning the film programme highlights the lure of "challenges" Scotland's mountains present, whilst mountaineer Alex Moran will describe how, accompanied by his friend Mike Coppock, completed a non stop round of all thirteen of the island Munros in just over 32 hours.

BONAR HALL, Park Place, Dundee. DD1 4HN Saturday (25th) Afternoon Tickets £10

Five select films from the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival highlight the variety of ways mountains can inspire. With an introduction by Karen Darke, and the premiere screening of the film "Gakyed" by John Baikie, Khedrupchen Rinpoche from the unique Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan will highlight how its landscapes, cultures and traditions inspire transformational change.

BONAR HALL, Park Place, Dundee. DD1 4HN Saturday (25th) Evening Tickets £17

Activities in the mountains can take many guises some traditional, others less so as this film programme will show. Paralympian Karen Darke most recently added to her list of incredible achievements by, along with Mike Christie and Mike Webster, crossed 300km into the unknown of Antarctica to create the "Pole of Possibility". An epic journey by any standards exploring where no-one had ever been before,

BONAR HALL, Park Place, Dundee. DD1 4HN Friday (25th) Eve. Saturday (26th) All day

Downstairs Foyer (Free admission) Displays of mountain art Phoebe Sleath, and photography.

Ustinov Room (Free admission)

Trade and Voluntary Organisation stands will feature in the Ustinov Room catering for the interests of all outdoor activities and enthusiasts.

Upstairs Foyer (Free admission)

Book sales and signings by the Speakers at the end of the programme in which they presented.

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Front cover : Taksang Monastery (Tigers Nest) Bhutan
Credit John Baikie

Header : Cateran Trail, Glenshee Credit: Markus Stitz

Thursday Evening Special Event

23rd November, Steps Theatre,
DD1 1DB



Tickets £10.00

19.30 PAULA WILLIAMS “YOU ARE HERE” – A JOURNEY THROUGH MAPS

Paula is curator of, Maps, Mountaineering & Polar Collections at the National Library of Scotland. In this role she has been instrumental in several major mountaineering and polar exhibitions being presented at the library, including the popular “You are here” – a journey through maps, which will form the basis of her presentation this evening. As a geography student at the University of Aberdeen her studies included surveying glaciated valleys in the Grampians, with the many weekends spent among the mountains leading to an abiding love of high places.



KATE FERRIER “HEAD FOR THE HILLS” – WALKING WITH SIR WALTER SCOTT

Growing up at the foot of the Cairngorms Kate spent much time enjoying the outdoors, whilst her student studies introduced her to Sir Walter Scott who was captivated by the relationship between people and the natural world. Scott suffered from “mulligrubs” – now known as depression – and was aware how nature helped him in these moments. Kate will discuss how Scott’s words can speak to the modern generation of hillgoers towards being more “mindful” of nature, human impact, and personal wellbeing.



Dundee Mountain Film Festival in partnership with the
National Library of Scotland and the Central Library, Dundee
is pleased to present the acclaimed exhibition

You are Here: A journey through maps.

Central Library, Wellgate, Dundee DD1 1DB
2nd October to 14th December 2023
Admission free

The fascinating display features images of some of the millions of maps held at the National Library of Scotland. Split into 10 lavishly designed and detailed components, the display poses questions such as: do all maps show real places? Do maps go out-of-date? How is the spherical world made flat? Why is north to the top? Complemented by a useful glossary of cartographical terms, and an interactive map-handling box featuring maps from the National Library’s collections as well as map tools, globes and curiosities the exhibition educates and entertains map readers of all ages.



Friday Evening

24th November, Bonar Hall,

DD1 4HN

Tickets £14.00



Vancouver International Film Festival World Tour (Part 1)

19.00 A BAFFIN VACATION

Film USA. 2021. 13 mins.
Directors – Sarah McNair-Landry & Erik Bloomer
Intrepid duo Erik Boomer and Sarah McNair-Landry set off on a 45 day expedition in Baffin Island in search of stunning cliffs to climb and unexplored rivers to kayak.



NINE WHEELS

Film UK. 2022. 22mins. Director – Santiago Burin Des Roziers
The Schneeberger family Toni, Laetitia, Emric (10), Raoul (13) - a.k.a The 9 Wheels. With both the children being mountain bike stars of the future the family lives in their motorhome visiting bike parks across Europe, prompted by the discovery of a neurodegenerative disease in Laetitia. A film full of emotion, love, hope, and high power riding scenes!

SILENT STEWARD

Film USA. 2021. 5mins. Director – Cobi Krumholz
Saving the seasons and healing the soul. Tele Dan has gone from medic in the military to Silent Steward of Crystal Mountain, picking up trash in the summer to feel better shredding it in the winter.

SOLO

Film UK. 2022. 35mins. Director – Ellie Green
Solo is the account of one woman's mission to run solo and unsupported across mountain ranges on six continents—overcoming obstacles, conquering fears and finding the joy in achieving her goals absolutely alone.

Interval 30 minutes
Exhibitions and Refreshments

MARKUS STITZ - FERWEH : PUSING THE BOUNDRIES ON A BIKE

Fernweh – is the German word for the 'pain' to see far-flung places beyond our doorstep. Growing up in East Germany, Markus made Scotland his new home in 2009 and after mapping his first bikepacking route, the Capital Trail, went on a lap of the world on a single speed bike, cycling 34,000km across 26 countries in less than a year, fully self-supported. Since then he has portrayed gravel riding and bikepacking in both film and book in a career defined by pushing the boundaries of what is possible on a bike.



22.15 End

Saturday Morning

25th November, Bonar Hall,
DD1 4HN

Tickets £8.00

This programme is presented in association
with Grampian Club.



09.30 - MOVING MOUNTAINS

Film 2022. UK. 13mins. Director – Aoife McKibbin
Faced with his wife's life-changing diagnosis of Alzheimer's, Nick Gardner felt the pull of the hills. This film is a gentle portrayal of his love and determination to climb all the Munro's as an 80-plus-year-old.

PAWEL : CAPE WRATH ODYSSEY

Film 2023. UK. 25mins. Director – Kevin Woods
Pawel Cymbalista's record breaking run of the Cape Wrath Trail in Spring 2023 took just over three days to cover the 240-mile (386km) Cape Wrath Trail from Fort William to Cape Wrath. Unique by carrying all the food and clothing he needed to sustain him all along the way.

ADAM RAJA

Film 2023. UK. 10mins. Director – Matt Pycroft
Adam, a young Glaswegian with Pakistani heritage spent his youth embroiled in gang culture, until he set foot in the mountains, where he found confidence and community. Adam's story explores cultural heritage, identity, and connection to a landscape which redefined his life.

STACKED

Film 2023. UK. 23mins. Director – Robbie Phillips
Robbie Phillips and Alex Moore decided they hadn't had enough adventure so decided on "The Challenge" - climb The Old Man of Hoy, Am Buichaille, and The Old Man of Stoer in 24hrs. Why? Why Not? "a pointless climbing adventure film about a pointless climbing challenge" (Quote - unquote!)

Interval 30 mins
Exhibitions and Refreshments



THE IRVINE BUTTERFIELD MEMORIAL LECTURE

ALEX MORAN – THE ISLANDS MUNRO TRIATHLON

In August 2021 Alex Moran along with his friend Mike Coppock set off to summit all thirteen of the Munros situated on a Scottish island – non stop! 32 hrs 22 minutes, and 309 km later they had successfully completed the first ever Islands Munro triathlon, running, cycling and swimming through the dramatic landscape of the Northwest highlands. Alex will give an account of the journey, and its goal of raising funds for the Martin Moran foundation.



12.30 End

Saturday Afternoon

25th November, Bonar Hall,
DD1 4HN

Tickets £12.00



Vancouver International Film Festival World Tour (Part 2).

14.00 TEMPO 2

Film 2022. USA. 6mins. Director – Thomas Woodson

A conceptual exploration of the shared feelings between music and mountains in the world's largest urban jungle, exploring styles of Brazilian drumming and trail running.

EL GAVILAN

Film 2022. USA. 20mins.

Directors – Bronwyn Hodgins, Savannah Cummins

Rising out of the arid Mexican Desert lies a 900 ft ship's prow of elegant limestone sporting a 9-pitch 5.13 route which shut down hard men for years - then a couple of young gals from Canada decided to give it a try.



MANDATORY GEAR

Film 2022. USA. 16mins. Director – Emily Hopcian

In the male-dominated sport of adventure racing, co-ed teams of four must have at least one woman - often referred to as "mandatory gear". In Exped Oregon, North America's toughest race, three women and one man flip that script and compete as a reverse co-ed team.

THE LAST SKI MAKER IN SCOTLAND

Film 2022. UK. 7mins. Director – Euan Robinson

Jamie Kunka is the last ski maker in Scotland manufacturing sustainable skis out of wood, a self taught skill developed in his cabin base in the highlands.

NEW WAY UP

Film 2022. UK. 24mins. Director – Jake Holland

Gulmit Tower in the Karakorum has never been summited because the highly glaciated terrain makes the approach by foot long and treacherous. Fabi Buhl and Will Sim have a new idea - paraglide to the base of the climb taking hours, not days.

Interval 30 mins

Exhibitions and Refreshments

KHEDRUPCHEN RINPOCHE – FINDING INNER GOLD IN BHUTAN

Bhutan is a unique Himalayan kingdom, where happiness is measured over materialism. Khedrupchen Rinpoche founder of the Khedrup foundation in Bhutan travels widely teaching the values of connecting inner wellbeing with environmental preservation. Karen Darke recently shared some time with Rinpoche at his monastery high in the Black Mountains of Bhutan, and will introduce Rinpoche who will take the audience on a journey into Bhutan happiness. This presentation will include the premiere screening of the film "Gakyed" by renowned filmmaker John Baikie who was a member of the group which visited Rinpoche in his monastery.



16.45 End

Saturday Evening

25th November Bonar Hall
DD1 4HN

Tickets £15.00



19.00 GREEN SPACE DARK SKIES ABOVE THE EARTH BELOW THE STARS

Film 2022. UK. 20mins.

Directors – Mark Murphy, Rupert Shanks.

This human-powered art film created with the help of thousands of volunteers across the four highest peaks of the UK, was made possible by using ground- breaking GPS lighting technology creating vast lightshows across mountainsides.



HAMISH FROST

Film 2023. UK. 8mins. Directors – Emma Crome, Matt Pycroft

As a leading adventure photographer, Hamish Frost lives twin lives, one kept hidden from the outdoor community - a reminder of the importance of diversity in the great outdoors.

SWIMPACKING

Film 2022. UK. 14mins. Director – Frankie Dewar

Swim packing? A bit like bike packing except you swim instead. Annie Voight gives a brief introduction to the activity on a short winter camping adventure.

NO LOST SHOES

Film 2023. USA. 12mins. Director – Max Romey

Our shoes go lots of places, covering many miles over vast distances, eventually wearing out and then thrown away. But what happens to our old shoes, and is there a problem ?

THE LONG WALL

Film 2022. USA. 21mins. Director – Gareth Leah

Regarded as the birthplace of American climbing the quartzite rock known as the Gunks stretches more than 9000ft – horizontally. On it the Great Wall of China route is a masterpiece of esoterica its greatest crux may be jug rash, bugs, and dog walkers !

Interval 30 minutes

Exhibitions and Refreshments

KAREN DARKE MBE – POLE OF POSSIBILITY

In the winter of 2022-23, Paralympic athlete Karen Darke with Professor Mike Christie and film-maker Mike Webster set out to explore where no-one had ever been before, by travelling 300km through the extreme beauty and landscape of Antarctica into the unknown to create the “Pole of Possibility” - a huge challenge for someone paralysed from the chest down. Drawing on technology, mindset and incredible teamwork the projects aim was to share the importance of working with our ‘inner gold’ connections to each other and the power of enabling environments, along with a better understanding of the values of nature beyond use.



22.15 End

Information and ticket details

VENUES: 23rd Nov 2023: Steps Theatre, Central Library, Victoria Rd, Dundee DD1 1DB
24th, 25th Nov 23: Bonar Hall, Park Place, Dundee DD1 4HN.
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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM

Tiso, 22/24 Whitehall Street, Dundee, DD1 4AF

Tel: 01382 221153

Avertical World, 7/11 Blinshall Street, Dundee, DD1 5DF Tel: 01382 201901

Craigdon Mountain Sports, 32 Scott Street, Perth, PH1 5EH Tel: 01738 633311

Tiso Perth Outdoor Experience, Unit 1, Highland Gateway, Inveralmond, Perth, PH1 3EE
Tel: 01738 634464

By post : Application form below.
At the door during the Festival
(subject to availability)

Online : www.dundeemountainfilm.org.uk
and follow links. An admin fee will apply

At the Saturday morning and afternoon sessions only, children under 5 will be free, 12 and under will be half price. These concessions only available at the door.



POSTAL TICKET APPLICATION FORM

Please send this application form to : -

DMFF, 51 Pitairlie Road, Newbigging, Dundee, DD5 3RH, Tel 01382 370315.

_____ Tickets for Thursday Evening	23rd November	£10
_____ Tickets for Friday Evening	24th November	£14
_____ Tickets for Saturday Morning	25th November	£8
_____ Tickets for Saturday Afternoon, 25th November		£12
_____ Tickets for Saturday Evening, 26th November		£17
_____ Combined Friday 25th / Saturday 26th November Ticket		£40

I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to **DUNDEE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL**, along with a stamped addressed envelope please. (PLEASE PRINT).

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