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### THIRD ANNUAL TAOS MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

#### *Mountain Literature*

(Taos, NM) – Monday, September 22 – The world of mountain adventure and culture has a vivid tradition of stories from passionate writers. Mountainfilm presents a series of readings and book signings from prolific writers Gretel Ehrlich, Max Evans and Jon Nichols.

“My interest in mountaineering was started by reading the books,” says Executive Director, Jonathan Slator, who founded the festival in 2001, “I used to go to the library in Exeter (England) after school supposedly to study but I always ended up reading Herzog’s *Annapurna* or Thor Hyerdhal’s *Kon Tiki* expedition.”

#### ***TMFF Literature Readings and Events:***

**Max Evans**, author of the *Hi-Lo Country* can be seen at the Old County Courthouse on the plaza on Sat Oct 11 at 5pm. He will also sign books at Moby Dickens on the following Sunday afternoon.

**Gretel Ehrlich’s** lyrical account of her resettlement to Wyoming after the loss of a loved one, *The Solace of Open Spaces* won the Harold B Vurcell Award at the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She will read from *This Cold Heaven*, her new book about Greenland.

**Tommy Caldwell** and **Beth Rodden**, recently married, and two of the strongest young climbers in the world, had a harrowing adventure two years ago in Kyrgyzstan when Muslim extremists kidnapped them. They will read from the book of their ordeal *Over the Edge*.

In an attempt to show the peaceful and poetic side of the religion as practiced by the many millions of moderate Muslims throughout the world Mountainfilm will present

**Mehdi Khorasani** reading excerpts from some of his nineteen published books. Rob Schultheis, a journalist specializing in Central Asia, will read from his articles.

Renowned author **John Nichols** will read alongside Gretel Ehrlich at the Harwood Museum at 5.15pm on Friday Oct 10. Accomplished mountaineer and regular contributor to Mountain Gazette, **Dick Dorworth**, will perform with Ehrlich and Nichols. Mountain Gazette editor, **John Fayhee** will also be in town

The Third Annual Taos Mountain Film Festival features films of adventure, culture and wildlife of the world's remote regions. Mountaineering film screenings and personalities will highlight the Festival. Other events will include symposia, photography exhibits and readings from mountaineering literature.

MountainFilm seeks to raise awareness of threats to wilderness and the people who inhabit mountain regions. The Festival is committed to conveying the inspiration found in wild places through moving and still images as well as raw experience. Our human rights series will examine the aftermath of war. It will focus on the dangers that face local populations in war torn areas amid threats of landmines, cluster bombs and depleted uranium.

**For information or tickets please contact the *Taos Mountain Film Festival* at 505.751.3658 or by email [info@mountainfilm.net](mailto:info@mountainfilm.net). The advance program is now on at [www.mountainfilm.net](http://www.mountainfilm.net)**

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