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### THIRD ANNUAL TAOS MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

#### *Historic Taos Plaza Extravaganza*

(Taos, NM) – Monday, September 29 – *Taos Mountain Film Festival* October 9-12, flourishing in its' third year, presents the *Historic Taos Plaza Extravaganza*, kicking off Friday October 10 at 6:30pm. The plaza will be alive with music, video highlights and climbers trying their hand at our climbing wall.

"The Taos Mountain Film Festival has an economic, social and cultural impact on Taos. TMFF is to be congratulated on the positive energy they bring to the community of Taos and specifically to the Taos Plaza. TMFF should be supported by all Taosenos," says John Otis, Executive Director, Taos Business Alliance.

Live entertainment begins at 6:30pm showcasing the talents of local Taos High School band –*Mariachi Tigre*— performing on the Plaza.

Next on the Plaza from 7:15pm to 9pm will be the *Dreaming Phoenix Fire Troupe* ([www.dreamthefuture.org](http://www.dreamthefuture.org)). Dreaming Phoenix is the performance branch of **Dreamtime**, an organization that aims to inspire, educate, connect and empower people to create positive change in the world through a dynamic blend of arts, education, and entertainment. Dreamtime events on the plaza will include stilt walkers, fire dancers and drumming.

At 8:30pm will be the *Multi-Media Mountain Loops* featuring a large multi-screen display of MountainFilms' highlights, past and present. It will feature continuously running clips of everything from the heights of Everest to the bottom of Hawaiian surf barrels.

For expert and amateur climbers alike in the Taos Plaza— starting on Friday, October 9 and continuing through the 12<sup>th</sup>— will be a climbing wall free to all Khyber-Pass holders and \$3 to the general public. **V2 Vertical Ventures, inc** brings its M2 Mobile Mountain to the Taos Plaza. The 25ft Mobile Mountain climbing wall can accommodate people of all ages and skill levels. It

supports up to five climbers simultaneously, all equipment and supervision will be provided.

**Also on the Plaza** – pizza, sandwiches, cookies, drinks etc. will be for sale from *Surf's Up*. All Khyber-passes and punch passes will be available at the TMFF box office open October 9-12, individual tickets can be purchased up to 30min before the films at either the TCA or the Plaza Theatre. Also available at the box office will be TMFF merchandise. **TMFF Office hours**—Starting on Thursday tickets will be available on the Plaza from 12pm - 8pm, Friday from 8am - 8pm, Saturday from 8am - 8pm and Sunday from 12pm – 6pm.

A fabulous free dinner at the St. Bernard restaurant in the Taos Mountain Ski valley on October 8<sup>th</sup> will be given the first 80 all-access Khyber-pass holders. Jean Mayer will treat guests to a feast of beef filets and Alaskan king-crab legs.

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 final program is now online at [www.mountainfilm.net](http://www.mountainfilm.net)**

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