

EARTH

Jihyun Song's fascinating animated short illustrates the earth's cycles and its interconnectedness of its media.

Jihyun Song, South Korea, 2 mins. 2003

EVEREST: LA REVE ACHEVE (FULFILLING THE DREAM)

In 1952 Tenzing Norgay and Raymond Lambert comprised the summit party of the Swiss expedition, which was the first to attempt Everest from the Nepalese side. They turned back at 8,600 metres, a mere 650 from the highest point on earth. Next spring, Tenzing became the first man to make the summit along with Sir Edmund Hillary. Fifty years after the Swiss climb, in this finely constructed film, Tenzing's grandson, Tashi and Lambert's son Yves attempt to complete the dream of the original climbers.

Bernard Robert-Charrue, Switzerland, 61 mins. 2002

FALLING

Emmy Award winner, John Armstrong, brings a subtler touch to the sometimes crude genre of adrenaline films. Filmed in the gorgeous Agua Azul falls of central Mexico, "Falling" shows the simple beauty of the kayaker in his element.

John Armstrong, USA, 5 mins. 2004

FITZROY: MOUNTAIN OF STORMS

Special Events: Climbers' Reunion

It's a long drive from California to Patagonia but it's an even longer wait for the fierce southern weather to break. In 1968 five climbers endured both and bagged a new route on Fitzroy; the California Route has since become the most popular line on the mountain. Lito Tejada-Flores' delightful film of the ascent won Grand Prize at Trento Mountainfilm in 1972. At least three of the climbers will attend the reunion.

Lito Tejada-Flores, USA, 30 mins. 1969

In person: Lito Tejada-Flores, Dick Dorworth & Chris Jones

Other climbers invited to attend: Yoon Chouinard & Doug Tomkins

FLYAWAY

From the makers of "Dear, Sweet Emma," a hit at Taos Picture Show, comes a more compassionate piece: "Toy Story" meets "The Battle of Britain."

Danny Oakley, USA, 11 mins. 2004

HETCH HETCHY: YOSEMITE'S LAST VALLEY

The Hetch Hetchy Valley was said to rival Yosemite for the grandeur of its scenery. When it was flooded to provide water and electricity for San Francisco John Muir said "you may as well flood a church" and there are those who say he died of a broken heart soon after it was inundated. The story of the great valley and those who strive to see its beauty restored is succinctly recorded here by director Melissa Berman.

Melissa Berman, USA, 19 mins. 2003

ICE AXIS - DISCO

The climber's obsession with a hard route is examined carefully in this short; the inventive camera offers insight to his thought process.

Rich Purnell, USA, 5 mins. 2003

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CHIEF

The massive cliffs of Squamish Chief dominate the climbing scene in British Columbia. In 1952 Jim Baldwin and Ed Cooper laid siege to the main face. Their antics brought traffic to a halt and notoriety to the two climbers. Heck and Hughes' archival film was described by Simon Yates as "the best historic climbing film he'd ever seen."

Angela Heck and Ivan Hughes, Canada, 51 mins. 2003

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CONDOR

Director Michael Brown, (Farther than the Eye Can See) journeys with his crew into the spectacular, pristine Corcovado wilderness in Southern Chile. The expedition traveled up a "Heart of Darkness" river, bushwacked through a vertical jungle, and then emerged out into a magnificent landscape of glaciated granite walls.

Michael Brown, USA, 45 mins. 2002

In Person: Les Guthman

JEHOVAH'S WETNESS

English director Alex Nicks brings the joys and miseries of the globe trotting kayaker to the screen with his remarkable film. Chronicling the adventures of a group of top class kayakers as they pursue misadventure on rivers as far afield as the Mekong, the Orinoco and the Congo.

Alex Nicks, UK, 30 mins. 2002



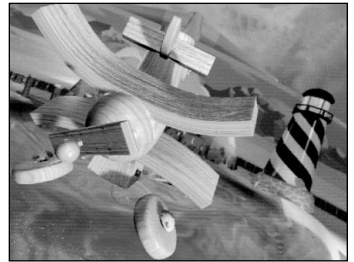
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