

THE FILMS

9:15am, Sunday, Oct. 8th
Taos Community Auditorium

ECO DHARMA

This story is of the Bishnoi community, the oldest practicing environmentalists of India, to whom the preservation of wildlife and forest is a religion. Bishnoi faith is built on the desert eco-system, proclaimed by Hindu visionary Guru Jambheshwarji who established a creed by which the people could assimilate with nature. Bishnois live in the Great Indian Desert of Rajasthan the communities are renowned for sacrificing their wealth and life to guard their oases.

Merit Award for Cinematography & Merit Award for Cultural Information, International Wildlife Film Festival
Malgorzata Skiba, India, 28mins, 2006

MONLAM ASPIRATION

Kagyü Monlam, an international Buddhist prayer gathering held for world peace and the benefit of all beings, is held yearly under the Bodhi tree in Bodhgaya, India, where the Buddha reached enlightenment. Monlam Aspiration is a visual document of that gathering and provides the viewer with a deeper understanding of both the event and the Buddhist practice. Taos native filmmaker Louis Moya will introduce his film and answer questions. www.artyfaktfilms.com

Louis Elias Moya, USA, 76mins, 2003

In person: Louis Moya

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Old County Courthouse

OF WIND AND WAVES: THE LIFE OF WOODY BROWN

Following the success of "Surfing for Life," a hit at TMFF, 2003, David Brown delivers again with "Of Wind and Waves." Woody Brown, a 94-year-old legend in the worlds of surfing, sailing and soaring is the subject of this touching documentary, and has lived an inspired life of extraordinary adventure, accomplishment and tragedy. www.dlbfilms.com

David Brown, USA, 62mins, 2006

Inspiration Award, Mountainfilm in Telluride

ULTIMATE SESSIONS

A rare nexus of optimal swell, marquee surfers and skilled, dedicated surf cinematographers created a vast library of surfing's greatest moments over the last three decades. Director Ira Opper and writer Matt Warshaw have painstakingly sifted the best of the best surf classics - from 'Cosmic Children' to 'September Sessions' - and chosen eight sessions to feature some of the most profoundly exciting surfing ever burned to film. Supplemented with recent interviews of the featured surfers- this film celebrates the essence of surfing's soul. A special appearance by musician Jack Jonson. www.ultimatesessions.com

Ira Opper, USA, 45mins, 2006

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BALANCING POINT 3

The title short film from the Balancing Point trilogy, Filmmaker Danny Brown combines mysticism and fun with the elements of nature as his muse. Brown's "reverse destruction" of balanced rock sculptures, and his apparent mastery of time and gravity, are a tribute to the one-man film crew and the simplicity of an idea. www.senseistudios.com

Danny Brown, USA, 3mins, 2005

In person: Danny Brown

BEYOND THE CALL

NGOs and charities the worlds over are saddled with red tape and often criticized for their high administrative costs. Academy Award nominee Adrian Belic's film features a maverick team of American Veterans that delivers 100% of its funding (mostly their personal funds) to the intended recipients who are trapped in such dangerous situations that no traditional aid organizations can reach them. These three brave and some might say foolish men are on the ground with satchels of medicine and cash long before the bullets stop flying. This riveting film is a tribute to this charismatic trio who motto is: "We're not there to change anybody's politics, we're not in the God business, and we pay our own way." www.wadirum.com

Grand Jury Prize, Mountainfilm in Telluride

Adrian Belic, USA, 82mins, 2006

In person: Adrian Belic



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