

# 9th Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival

"... Illuminating the cutting edge... 30 times a second..."

Alan Formanek

The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (VIMFF) has been bringing films, multimedia shows and special events on mountain sports and mountain culture to Vancouver since 1998. Over the years, VIMFF has established itself as one of the key cultural events on Vancouver's North Shore.

The Festival's goal is to provide the outdoor and film communities of British Columbia with films and slide presentations dealing with mountain culture and mountain activities such as skiing, mountaineering, climbing, and mountain biking in an environmentally respectful way. The Festival aims to create a platform for the exchange of ideas between film makers, outdoor enthusiasts, athletes and the public, while at the same time encourage the most artistic and effective forms of communicating mountain-related experiences.

VIMFF traditionally brings world celebrities of mountaineering, climbing, skiing and mountain biking, and pairs them up with the back yard heroes, fringe personalities of the climbing world and with film screenings, photographic competition and exhibition, book readings, interactive seminars and special events in a forum intended to bring people together, to inspire. VIMFF supports young emerging Canadian filmmakers and innovative ways of creating a theatrical mountain experience.

Guest presenters this year include Australia's Greg Child, one of the most accomplished and versatile mountaineers and climbers, a well-published author and an empathic and engaging presenter. Greg will screen a Canadian premiere of his recent presentation, *Friends in High Places: a light-hearted view of the past 30 years of climbing*. The show features the 'superlatives' in his climbing career: the coldest climb he ever did; the most scared he ever



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