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Family programming makes Breckenridge Film Festival fun for all ages

Daily News staff report

Amidst more than 50 films screening during the Breckenridge Film Festival, taking place Thursday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 21, a full program exists for families with teenagers and young adults.

Starting at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, with the Summit High School program, families can enjoy films ranging from the 3 p.m. showing of "Emma" and "The Magic Bracelet" at the Breckenridge Theatre, featuring brave young women faced with terminal illnesses and their quest to overcome, to the 6 p.m. Adventure Reel, featuring adventure sports around the globe at the Riverwalk Center.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, family fun begins at 10 a.m. with "Superheroes, Remakes, Myths & Origins: Superman — The Movie," a program hosted by University of Colorado Film Studies chairman Dr. Ernesto R. Acevedo-Munoz at the Fuqua Livery Stables in the Breckenridge Arts District. Explore the summer blockbuster phenomenon from an intellectual point of view, looking at contemporary superhero films, their recreation and reinventions, through a historic lens, and treat your young ones to a dose of the 1938, pre-Christopher Reeves "Superman."

Programming continues Saturday with educational forums and activities, including the free Community Children's Program, as well as editing and distribution workshops. Films start at noon at



SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Bailee Madison stars as Ashley in 'The Magic Bracelet,' a family-friendly film that will show at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the Breckenridge Film Festival.

BRECKENRIDGE FILM FESTIVAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING

Friday, Sept. 19

1:30 p.m. — Summit High School free films, Fuqua Livery Stable, 106, Washington Ave., free 3 p.m. — "The Magic Bracelet," "Emma," Breckenridge Theatre, 121 S. Ridge St.

6 p.m. — Adventure Reel series, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 20

10 a.m. — "Superheroes, Remakes, Myths & Origins," Fugua Livery Stable Noon — "Food Patriots," "Dog Down," Breckenridge Theatre 3 p.m. — Community

Children's Program, Riverwalk Center, free 3 p.m. — "Close Call on Kilimanjaro with Martina

the Breckenridge Theatre, where the local food movement comes to life in "Food Patriots," paired with "Dog Down," a film about the survival of discarded, unadoptable pups.

At 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., check out a double dose of adventure starting at

Navratilova," "Driven to Ride," "The Meaning of Wild." "Rios Guatemala — The Preservation of Wild Rivers," Breckenridge Town Hall, 150 Ski Hill Road 6 p.m. — "Things I Have Learned About Sex and Dogs, "Bis Gleich," "That Thing with the Cat," Breckenridge Theatre 6 p.m. — "Higher," Riverwalk Center 9 p.m. — "Powell to Powell," "Wrenched," The Village Ten Mile Room, 535 S. Park Ave.

Sunday, Sept. 21

3 p.m. — "Life Itself," Riverwalk Center 6 p.m. — "Una Vida: A Fable of Music & Mind," Riverwalk

To learn more about these films and others or purchase tickets for any of the film blocks and programs not marked as "free," visit www.breckfilmfest.com.

Breckenridge Town Hall with "Close Call on Kilimanjaro with Martina Navratilova," "Driven to Ride," "Rios Guatemala — The Preservation of Wild Rivers" and "The Meaning of Wild," a beautiful film that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the

Wilderness Act. Move to the Riverwalk Center at 6 p.m. for the Rocky Mountain premiere of "Higher," the last in the Jeremy Jones split-boarding trilogy of documentaries. This one tells the story of exciting ascents and descents in Alaska, Wyoming and Nepal, as well as exposing the innards of a snowsports pioneer — his life, his family and his balancing act between equally noble passions.

Also at 6 p.m. Saturday, at the Breckenridge Theatre, is a block of charming films exploring relationships. "Things I Have Learned About Sex and Dogs" is less about sex and more about understanding male-female interactions, "Bis Gleich" tells the story of two people connected by nothing more than a shared alleyway, and "That Thing with the Cat" is a short involving an unsolved mystery and a detective out to find the solution.

At 9 p.m. at The Village Ten Mile Room, "Wrenched" and "Powell to Powell" give youth and families a chance to take in environmental history and current events, particularly in the water world.

Sunday, Sept. 21, features a cinematic double-header, starting at 3 p.m. at The Riverwalk Center with "Life Itself," a critically acclaimed documentary about film critic Roger Ebert. That show is followed by the 6 p.m. Awards & Closing Night at the Riverwalk Center, which features "Una Vida: A Fable of Music & Mind," starring Aunjanue Ellis, of "The Help." The story is a beautiful, stunning capture of the ripple effects of Alzheimer's Disease on previously unconnected characters, all set in the color- and music-rich New Orleans environment.

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