

Presents FOUR DAYS of unforgettable independent films

Featured films for SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

FOOD PATRIOTS Noon | Breckenridge Backstage Theater

A family afflicted with a food borne super bug takes a closer look at food and food sources. (sponsored by Gary, Phyllis & Gracie Martinez)

FREE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 3 p.m. | Riverwalk Center

Featuring three short films and film-specific interactive components designed to help children (and adults!) explore the art of filmmaking. (sponsored by Whole Foods Market, Climax Molybdenum, CU-Denver Digital Animation Center & Little Earth Studio)

HIGHER & MOMENTA 6 p.m. | Riverwalk Center

Don't miss the fifth screening in the United States of "Higher," the Rocky Mountain premiere of Teton Gravity Research's latest partner project with Jeremy Jones of splitboarding fame! This time, Jones goes higher in beautiful and remote parts of the world in the third of his Deeper, Further, Higher trilogy.

(sponsored by Finlandia Vodka, Protect Our Winters & **Breckenridge Dental Group)**

Preview of SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 -

BEST OF FEST Noon | Breckenridge Town Hall & Backstage Theatre

Who has the honor of receiving the best film in each category, as selected by the festival's reviewing committee? Attend the Best of Fest to find out!

FEATURED FILM: "LIFE ITSELF" 3 p.m. | Riverwalk Center

An insight into the mind and genius of film critic Roger Ebert and tribute to the man who loved film more than life itself. (sponsored by David Downer)

CLOSING NIGHT AWARDS & FILM: "UNA VIDA"

Following BFF Awards | 6 p.m. | Riverwalk Center

Sublime cinematography combine with an intriguing story line and captivating cnaracters to present a soft closing night film that focuses on the web of interconnectivity created around Alzheimer's disease. Stay for a Q&A and chance to meet star Aunjanue Ellis, known for her supporting roles in "Men of Honor" and "The Help," along with director and CU-Boulder grad Richie Adams.

(sponsored by The Graham Family and Meg & David Lass)

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'Lady B's First Winter' headlines charming Children's Program

By Beth Groundwater Special to the Daily

Editor's note: This is one in a series of short reviews of films showing at the Breckenridge Film Festival.

The Breckenridge Film Festival isn't just for adults. A free program from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Riverwalk Center is specially designed to amuse and educate children. Along with animated shorts "Blue" and "I Need My Monster," it will feature "Lady B's First Winter," a short documentary about the training of an avalanche rescue dog. Following the films, there will be a live demonstration of avalanche dog skills.

Lady B, the star of the film, is a yellow Labrador puppy that is adopted by a husband and wife team of ski patrollers in Telluride. We see Lady B's first snowfall, first chairlift ride, first snowmobile ride and first helicopter rescue drill. Skills build upon skills, leading to her ability to find buried skiers under the snow. Eventually, Lady B proudly takes her place as the newest member of Telluride Ski Patrol's legendary Avalanche Rescue Dogs.

When director Scott Ransom, a cameraman with extensive credits on documentary and narrative films and television programs, heard that veteran ski patrollers Kim and Gary Richard were getting a Labrador puppy and planned to train it to be an avalanche dog, he immediately wanted to film it. "I thought, I can't pass this up," Ransom said. "I'm not sure what will happen, where it will go, why I'm doing it, except that it's an incredibly cool idea to follow Lady B as a puppy."



The Breckenridge Film Festival Children's Program will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Riverwalk Center. The event includes a series of short, family-friendly films, followed by a live demonstration of avalanche dog skills.

During the film, the dog's excitement and energy about her work flows to the audience, until you wind up watching with a huge grin on your face. We should all love our jobs so much.

 $The \ Brecken ridge \ Film \ Festival \ will$ bring more than 60 independent films, their filmmakers and festival-goers to Breckenridge through Sunday, Sept. 21, featuring chances to meet filmmakers, panel discussions, plenty of parties and mingling and the Adventure Reel for young and young-at-heart audiences. Learn more about this and other films online at www. breck film fest.com.

