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# FILM FESTIVAL

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

### I. Pre-Festival: 5:00 - 5:25 p.m.

Outside Behavioral Sciences Building, Room 131  
Pizza and Hot Chocolate on the Patio  
(First Come, First Serve)

### II. Welcome: 5:30 p.m.

Behavioral Sciences Building, Room 131  
Welcoming Students  
Overview of HDNR / Film Fest / WCNR /  
Sponsors

### III. Humor Vid Finalists: 5:35 p.m.

4 Vids

### IV. Natural Wonder Vid Finalists: 5:50 p.m.

9 Vids

### V. Adventure Vid Finalists: 6:20 p.m.

12 vids

### VI. Closing: 6:45 p.m.

Fond Farewells / Get Ready for Next Year!





# HUMOR FINALISTS

5:35 P.M.

## 1. Omni-scent (Gabriella Lockey)

This video provides awareness towards the lack of sustainability within outdoor brands. While great strides have been made in the past few years surrounding eco-friendly materials and practices, there is still a significant way to go.

## 2. Gibraltar Monkey Attack (Kate VandenBrink)

During a day trip to Gibraltar while I lived in Spain, a Macaque monkey smelled food inside my bag and decided to hop on my shoulders and unzip my bag looking for it. While I panicked and eventually surrendered my bag to the monkeys, it was overall one of the funniest things that's ever happened to me while traveling.



## 3. Take on Nature (Annie Ness)

This is a music video of me and my best friends dancing through the mountains, along with some really cool strangers who joined the fun. I made it to encourage other people to get outdoors and have fun even if you seem silly doing so – proving that you don't need to have fancy equipment or lots of experience to enjoy the spontaneity of nature!

## 4. The Dog Hunt (Keiler Brady)

This is a short film of a Prairie dog hunter who is trying desperately to solve his local dog problem. Made as a mini movie project for class, the film features a completely original soundtrack and, ultimately, a wild stand-off between man and dog. Enjoy!





# NATURAL WONDER FINALISTS

5:50 P.M.

## 1. CSU Abroad in Mexico (Alex Hey)

This video recaps an amazing trip to the CSU campus in Todos Santos, Mexico, where we spent two weeks of winter break traveling around Baja California Sur as part of a class focused on conservation in Mexico.

## 2. This is the Blue Planet (Alex Wagner)

This video highlights amazing marine animals that inhabit our world, many of which are increasingly endangered. I hope to spread awareness through these illustrations to inspire marine wildlife conservation so that generations to come may see these natural wonders.



## 3. Greyrock (Brandon Lantz)

This video highlights the beauty of the Greyrock trail. I felt the call of adventure and ended up recording my hike up the trail on my camera and phone. Set to calming music (and to the sound of flowing water I recorded along the way), the video shows beauty we can all find if willing to look for it.

## 4. American Black Bears on the Canadian Border (Adrianna Rotondi)

Blessed to work at an American Black Bear sanctuary on the Canadian border this year, I made this video to highlight this amazing species. I hope it reveals that black bears are not as terrifying and monstrous as many think, promoting understanding for the conservation of these creatures.



## 5. Falling in Love with the World: An Homage to Nature (Dani Rosario)

This video encapsulates a burning passion for nature and wildlife and includes all the wonders of the natural world – from plants to insects to endangered species. It represents an accumulation of experiences leading me to dedicate my life to wildlife and environmental conservation.



## NATURAL WONDER FINALISTS (CONT.)

### 6. Open Your Eyes (Jaden Busnardo)

This video is an experimental design video highlighting the importance of appreciating the natural world around you. I chose to create this film after experiencing building societal pressures and stress over the last few years with both work and school during COVID.

### 7. Small Islands Matter (Brandon Garvey)

In this video, real people express their support for Earth Love United's "Small Islands Matter" campaign (<https://www.earthloveunited.org/>) to raise awareness of rising sea levels and to increase support in fighting climate change. Earth Love United is an environmental nonprofit where I volunteer as the organization's Director of Marketing. All footage is from Grand Teton National Park.



### 8. Simplicity With Purpose (Sidney Roller)

This video is a compilation of how I see the world. It shows different locations in Colorado that have inspired me or represent beautiful memories. I believe it's only by protecting nature around us that we can keep seeing beauty and making memories in places like these - places that make us feel alive.



### 9. The PNW: Where I Call Home: (Wyatt von Bereghy)

This video is a dedication to the Pacific Northwest (PNW) where I grew up and fell in love with the outdoors. Shot in Canada, Washington, and Oregon, it represents the inspiration I feel and how I lose track of all my worries while exploring nature. I made this film not only for the CSU contest but as a reminder to myself to never stop exploring and to hopefully inspire others to do the same!



# ADVENTURE FINALISTS

6:20 P.M.

## 1. Leap of Faith (Justin McCreedy)

Moab high line rope swing adventure! Stoke level: high.

## 2. What Brings You Adventure? (Grace Evans)

This video was created during my Study Abroad in Australia in Fall 2022. It aims to inspire people to go find adventure in their life – in whichever form that takes.



## 3. NRRT 280 (Grace Trahey)

This video encapsulates an experience I had this past summer taking a course at the Mountain Campus. Set to the song, “Come With Me Now” by Caamp, it captures my classmates and me putting our knowledge of nature’s benefits on mental health to good use!

## 4. Rollin Thru '22 (Declan McLaughlin)

This video is a compilation of all the places I rode my bike in 2022. As I love the outdoors and think the best way to explore it is on a bike, I created the video to get others as stoked about mountain biking as I am. I'm honored to be a part of this contest and look forward to seeing what epic adventures 2023 will bring!



# ADVENTURE FINALISTS [CONT.]



## 5. Kari Traa x CSU Freeride Sponsor Reveal (Katie Collins)

Focused on supporting women through their line of sustainable outerwear products, Kari Traa is a woman-owned outerwear brand from Norway. This video is a story of support. Women and men supporting each other, no matter where we are at. Conquering fears; overcoming real, raw fear because we know that on the other side, there will be a hand to pull us up. Nobody in this video has experience building booters, filming, or being in the side-country. It was a rare experience that as women, we felt our progression was supported by the many passionate men who showed up to help us. And somehow, we were able to tell the story as exactly that: progression without boundaries, progress without limits. It is a video of firsts, but it will not be the last.



## 6. An Urban Adventure (Chloe Miller)

This video reveals that, thanks to my bike, I still feel connected to nature even when I'm not in Colorado. Standing on top of a mountain is absolutely exhilarating, but I like to think that I'm not so far removed from that feeling, even in a city in the Midwest.



## 7. Free Soloing Mount Moran (Brandon Garvey)

This video captures my terrifying 36-hour long journey free soloing Mount Moran in Grand Teton National Park. We got lost in the pitch black for six hours. We faced dangerously exposed climbing, sliding rocks, and thick foliage. These were some of the scariest, most intense hours of my life – but we caught the adventure on camera, and survived to share the footage.

## 8. Field Life in Rhotia, Tanzania (Adrianna Rotondi)

This is a short video of daily adventures in Rhotia, Tanzania. I was lucky to call Rhotia home in 2022 while doing research there, and I wanted to show just a glimpse of everyday life in this huge adventure of a country.

# ADVENTURE FINALISTS [CONT.]



## 9. Walking in Nature (Dayanara Almanza)

This video shares nature around my hometown of Tamasopo in Mexico. With wonderful panoramas, it shows how exciting nature can be if you give yourself the opportunity to explore.

## 10. A Mountain Call (Colleen Borch)

This is a story that portrays the desire and necessity of getting outside and being active in the mountains when work, school, or daily life becomes too much. I have always loved backcountry skiing and wanted to create a video with a clear storyline and an emphasis on sound design and cinematography. My Dad and I traveled around Northern Colorado, chasing sunny skies and fresh powder, to film scenes of skiing and skinning up mountains to create a realistic and beautiful representation of one of our favorite hobbies.



## 11. Africa Trip 2020 (Sophie Goik)

This video highlights the culture and beauty of a two-week African Safari trip with my dad. I have always loved taking photos. However, on this trip, I wanted to try something different. I wanted to videotape the best parts so I could always look back and remember how amazing it was.

## 12. Rock Climbing up the Poudre (Ella Peters)

This film shows the beauty of the huge rocks in the Poudre Canyon and underscores how wonderful getting into nature really is.





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