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Milano Montagna promuove la cultura e gli sport di montagna attraverso eventi di respiro internazionale che chiamano a raccolta la grande comunità degli amanti di montagna e outdoor.

Dal 2014 al 2017 Milano Montagna organizza le prime quattro edizioni di Milano Montagna Festival che, nel 2018, si allarga alla città con la novità del Fuori Festival: oltre 70 eventi-satellite tra musei, negozi, biblioteche, associazioni, ristoranti, librerie, palestre e spazi condivisi.

Quest'anno nasce Milano Montagna Week, una settimana di eventi, inseriti nel palinsesto di Yes Milano del Comune di Milano, che animeranno la città dal 14 al 20 ottobre 2019.

All'interno di Milano Montagna Week, evento centrale saranno i Sustainable Outdoor Days, dal 17 al 20 ottobre a BASE Milano: un programma unico e innovativo dedicato a imprese epiche, grandi atleti, film in anteprima internazionale e un focus sulla sostenibilità.

I 4 giorni di eventi gratuiti celebrano il legame inscindibile tra sostenibilità e outdoor. La natura è da sempre al centro di Milano Montagna e l'edizione 2019 viene dedicata al tema Natura fragile: epica, etica, estetica.

Per ascoltare e dare eco a questo messaggio, la quarta edizione di Milano Montagna Video Awards ha chiamato a raccolta i giovani filmmaker indipendenti di tutto il mondo proponendo loro di confrontarsi con il tema della montagna attraverso molteplici punti di vista, racchiusi in tre sezioni: avventura e sport, natura e cultura, cambiamento climatico.

Il risultato è un mosaico sfaccettato e rappresentativo delle voci indipendenti provenienti da: Australia, Austria, Brasile, Canada, Cile, Filippine, Francia, Germania, India, Inghilterra, Israele, Italia, Messico, Nuova Zelanda, Peru, Spagna, Stati Uniti, Svizzera e Ucraina.



Milano Montagna promotes mountain culture and sports through international events that bring together the great community of mountain and outdoor lovers.

From 2014 to 2017, Milano Montagna organizes the first four editions of Milano Montagna Festival which, in 2018, extends to the city with the new Fuori Festival: over 70 satellite events including museums, shops, libraries, associations, restaurants, bookstores, gyms and shared spaces.

This year Milan Montagna Week is born, a week of events, included in the schedule of Yes Milano of the Municipality of Milan, which will animate the city from 14 to 20 October 2019.

Within Milano Montagna Week, the central event will be the Sustainable Outdoor Days, from 17 to 20 October at BASE Milano: a unique and innovative program dedicated to epic expedition, great athletes, international premiere films and a focus on sustainability.

The 4 days of free events celebrate the inseparable link between sustainability and outdoor. Nature has always been at the center of Milano Montagna and the 2019 edition is dedicated to the theme "fragile nature: epic, ethics, aesthetics".

To hear and echo this message, the fourth edition of Milano Montagna Video Awards brought together young independent filmmakers from all over the world, proposing them to deal with the theme of the mountain through multiple points of view, enclosed in three sections: adventure and sport, nature and culture, climate change.

The result is a multi-faceted and representative mosaic of independent voices from Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.



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A story about sport, adventure  
and whatever is linked to  
mountain and outdoors!

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## A CONTATTO CON LA PARETE

ITALY | 2019 | 14:58

Piero is a lonely blind mountain lover. At the age of sixty he decides to start climbing and his dream is to climb a big wall.

The workout for such experience has been long and tough, but Piero isn't scared, but the challenge has been accepted. From now on, no excuses.



### Luigi Carconi

Assistant director and film maker, I've actively collaborated with many cultural associations and movie/TV production companies.

I began to direct documentaries following my passion for Italian neorealism, developed during a working experience in an independent film festival; then I've strengthened my knowledge and technical skills directly applying them with fieldwork.

## A WALK FOR A FRIEND

ISRAEL | 2018 | 15:00

A film about a group effort to accomplish the impossible, something that no human has done before.

In late August 2018, a team of 30 people from around the world came together in Senja, Norway to break the world record in Highlining (walking on a thin flat rope using only your arms for balance). The record breaking line was 3,000 meters long.



### Kfir Amir

Kfir is a calm, collected individual.

Known for his wild ideas and his persistence to follow through.

Photography is his true passion, it has become a part of his body.

He loves what he does.

He also has a love for slacklining and highlining, juggling, and handstands.

## AZIZA

UK | 2018 | 6:30

The call to prayer is a familiar sound in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. Five times a day the minaret sounds, and people from all across Moroccan valleys pause to say their prayers.

The people of these villages are proud of their traditions, and many are subsistence farmers who work hard to make a living and maintain their families. This is no different for Aziza Raji, it's just that despite the daily tasks that are expected of her, she manages to find time to train to be one of the rising stars of Moroccan ultra-running.



### Matt Pycroft

Matt Pycroft is the Creative Director of Coldhouse.

He has had an incredibly diverse career, having worked in sub-Saharan Africa on research based film projects for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations, right through to being the filmmaker and photographer attached to world class expeditions to remote parts of the world, including Arctic Greenland, Alaska, Patagonia and Pakistan.

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## BLOCBUSTER

UK | 2018 | 5:25

A short film following David Fitzgerald as he attempts to climb some of Europe's hardest boulders. Bügeleisen (8c) and Big Paw (8c)



### Joe O'Connor

Joe O'Connor is a Sheffield-based Director working as part of Puzzleglass - a documentary production company making films about inspiring people and ideas.

## BENJY

LITHUANIA | 2019 | 7:20

This film focuses on a quirky character - Benjy. He loves rock climbing and being in nature.

He was brought to it since he was a child, and now it's part of his job as a member of RSPB.

People would call him a nature warrior as he's saving the planet from environmental problems.



### Andrius Zukas

Andrius Zukas is a Lithuanian national filmmaker, who finished a BA degree in film at Norwich University of the arts.

His passion is for extreme sport and adventure films.

Also, he loves being in nature himself and want to share great stories from the wild to outdoor enthusiasts.

## CALM AFTER THE STORM

AUSTRIA | 2019 | 14:00

Today's society with its economic system is extremely dependent on consumption. The more the better. The pinnacle of it is right before Christmas, where Mountain Tribe decides not to play this game and start their "simple life" road trip. To avoid the rush even more, they gave up on smartphones and Social Media to higher the value of their shared time.

Many priorities shift, the time becomes irrelevant and there is only light and dark which may tell you what to.



### Flo Gassner, Mountain Tribe

Flo Gassner is an upcoming freerider, filmmaker and photographer born in 1998 in Munich. Skiing has been a big part of his childhood. A few years of ski racing and always skiing offpiste whenever fresh snow arrived.

During an exchange year in Canmore, Canada, he competed in his first freeride competitions and bought his first camera to capture this adventure. These are the two passions that formed Flo since 2014. Back home he continues to compete in freeride competitions where he got to know other young freeriders. As things lead to each other he produced his first ski movie "HOME STORIES" in 2018 and "Calm after the Storm" in 2019 with his group of friends called "Mountain Tribe".

## CÉÛSE CHAPTER III | BIOGRAPHIE 9A+

ITALY | 2019 | 10:24

Stefano Carnati, a 21 year old guy from Erba (Italy), is hands down one of the strongest climbers on the Italian scene. In this episode we dive into Stefano's climbing history and his relationship with Céüse, that started even before he became a climber.

We see him back in 2016 climbing the infamous route "Le Cadre Nouvelle 9a", but the struggle for a climber never ends; Biographie 9a+, a masterpiece of the climbing history, was next on his list.



### Marco Zanone

My name is Marco Zanone, I live in Ronco Biellese (BI) and I'm 25 years old. I'm a climber and a filmmaker.

I attended a 3 years film school in Milan called Civica Scuola di Cinema and I graduated in July 2018.

The passion for climbing began along with the one of taking pictures, in fact as I wore a pair of climbing shoes for the first time I also start using a camera.

At the beginning having a small camera with me was just a way to remember my adventures, but then I started to be more curious.

The video has been even more challenging for me, adding motion to an action, that was frozen on a picture, it opened my mind to a completely new way to tell a story.

## CROSSING LEBANON

GERMANY | 2019 | 12:43

Two German freeriders Luggi and Nico set off to Lebanon to cross the Lebanese mountain range on Skis, together with their friend Halim.

The tour leads them to the highest peak of the middle east. During this trip they are far away from any civilization, so they must carry the tent, camera equipment and all their food for 10 days by themselves.



### Nicolas Brixle

Nicolas Brixle grew up in Munich where he found a connection with the mountains.

He got into videography during his travels and spent one semester in Beirut, studying audiovisual arts at the USJ.

Mixing his passions for Skiing and filming he started doing some self-produced no budget skimovies.

## DARE

BRAZIL | 2018 | 7:47

Two brothers hike through the Salkantay Trek in Peru, eight days crossing mountains and passing through the 15091 foot (4600 meters) pass.

No backup, no cellphones only nature and brotherhood to guide this trip that defied the limits of the body and mind, while gaining a new perspective of life.



### Pedro Lemmi

Graduated in marketing and social studies with emphasis on creativity at ESPM-SP (Superior school of advertising and marketing).

Graduated in VFS (Vancouver Film School) in classical animation. NYU Filmmaking certificate - 2018.

## FREE SOUL - UNTETHERED ON A HIGHLINE

INDIA | 2019 | 3:37

The film is about the ultimate journey of an athlete to free himself from all his inhibitions. In any adventure sport there is risk, some athletes play the sport to methodically calculate risk and apply measures to keep themselves safe, while some like to play with fear and experience what it is like to put the exact amount of confidence in yourself and your abilities and not let fear & doubt take over your destiny.

Bhupesh Patil is one such athlete from India who is willing to push his own boundaries to become a free soul in a living body.



### Shivam Aher, Kopal Goyal

Shivam & Kopal started their journey individually only to find later that they were on the same path all together.

Shivam began capturing male athletes around his hometown who had exceptional passion for their sport and the spirit of adventure.

Kopal began filming for her movie "Project Wild Women" (in production) featuring 14 female athletes in action in their respective sports and sharing a common story.

Their paths collided at one point and since then they have merged together, both in professional and personal life to create a lifestyle around adventure film-making.

## JANHUKOT

UK | 2018 | 10:47

In May 2018, three British climbers Malcolm Bass, Paul Figg and Guy Buckingham set out to attempt the first ascent of Janhukot, a mountain buried deep in the heart of the Indian Garwhal Himalaya.

Janhukot (6805m) has seen attempts as far back as the 1980s, and is surrounded by some of the jewels of Himalayan summits - Shivling, Meru, Kedar Dome. The film follows the climbers throughout their expedition, as they document their experiences and give an insight into the emotional and physical challenges they encounter throughout their journey.



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## LA MARION IN WINTER

FRANCE | 2019 | 14:05

Jeff Girard and Carl Darveau, québécois climbers, take a try on La Marion, a 5.8 to 5.11b summer route that transforms in a 230ft long M8-M8+ winter route. Never sent before, the route has been opened by Benoit Marion, who died in 2015.



### Tanguy

#### Locqueneux

Tanguy is from France, and came all the way to Rivière-du-Loup, Québec, Canada, to study documentary filmmaking at l'EMCV.

His first documentary about free solo climbers come from a personal search for understanding.

He aims at doing more work like this in the future.

## LUJURIA "LUST"

MEXICO | 2019 | 8:59

Bruno García took the challenge of "Lujuria", one of the mythical routes in Mexico, after having dedicated to training and climbing all over the country.

The fame of Lujuria is due to the fact that was not be sent by any climber for more than a decade, but Bruno started a revolution towards his next-level climbing.



### Jhasuá Medina

His academic life was dedicated to geography, his thesis worked on speleology subjects and his research was accompanied by a short documentary film, which allowed him to graduate with honors.

He came to Mexico in order to study a masters in screenwriting, directing and cinematography, as part of his interest in the fusion of adventure, science and art.

His documentary "Ruta Sur" was part of the "official selection" of several film festivals. It was granted the "Best Documentary" award and the "Audience Prize" award by the Festival Reto Aventura de Medellín, Colombia. In 2015, he joined a team of researchers for a Discovery Channel documentary on caves called "147 meters below the Earth".

## MONT AIGUILLE MON AMOUR

FRANCE | 2017 | 15:00

Mont Aiguille (means Mount Needle) dominates with its 2087-meters high the valley of Triève, Vercors massif, France. This limestone peak has a singular shape and an inaccessible mountain reputation which has fired men's imaginations for many millennia. Even today, its summit only accessible by climbing routes perpetuates the mystery of this mountain. Four friends have in mind the 250-meters ascent of the north-west face of Mont Aiguille by the classic route. Thierry and Alain have been climbing partners for many years and reached the top of numerous majestic summits throughout the world. Valérie and Laurent have less experience, but love the adrenaline that comes from the great climbing routes.



### Laurent Crestan

Laurent Crestan is a 41 year-old photographer and filmmaker and shares his passion for outdoor and nature through his sport videos.

For few years he has filmed human adventures inside great stories focused on biking, rock climbing and mountaineering.

"Rolling in the Alps" (2015) was his first multi award winning film about a MTB crossing in the Alps and was selected in 30 film festivals around the world.

## ÑAÑAY

PERU | 2018 | 9:25

Ñañay is the story of two sisters that decide to leave the city and share the adventure of moving to the mountains.

To start this phase of their lives, they propose to learn to climb and chain together a route at 4,000 meters above sea level in the rock paradise of their new home.



### Simón Thibaud

"27 years of which 26 I've spent eating chocolates.

Advertiser from UCES University in Buenos Aires with a Medal of Entrepreneurship Spirit.

Although nobody gave me the medal of adventurous spirit, believe me that I have it inside!

I have traveled From Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro roundtrip hitchhiking without a single dollar.

By bike I not only pedaled 4,500 kms crossing through 14 countries in Europe, but also crossed the Andes, and pedaled north and south of Argentina.

I walked 200 kms for 10 days touring the Torres del Paine Chilean National Park mountains and swam with whales in the frozen waters of Patagonia... among other things!"

## NEPAL. L'ALTRO LATO DELLE COSE

ITALY | 2019 | 15:00

A journey through the giant mountains of Everest and Annapurna, to the discovery of the secret side of life.

### Umberto Guerra

Umberto Guerra, traveller and videographer.



## NIGHT BEINGS

BRAZIL | 2019 | 11:11

Night Beings is a bouldering climbing fiction movie, with a more comic language and a voiceover referring to the voiceovers of animal kingdom documentaries.

The summer of Rio de Janeiro has forced some beings to make the mutation to adapt to the high temperatures and continue climbing. Our 4 beings will show the difficulties and facilities of the night.



### GOMO (Caio Gomes, Pedro Gomes)

GOMO is a union of two brothers, Caio Gomes and Pedro Gomes, who love film, advertising and rock climbing. The two brothers founded in 2014 Gomo Films and 5 years later, decided to direct some projects together. The short "Night Beings" is the first work together.

## RUN TO SEE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

UKRAINE | 2019 | 3:32

This time I invite you to run to see Carpathian Mountains. Beautiful place in heart of Europe.

Just stand up, escape from your city and run to new explorers, new mountains and new stories.

And when you reach the highest place you will feel the taste of freedom and opportunity to tell your unique story to the world.

### Oleksandr Shevchyshyn

I am a cinematographer, cameraman and a traveler. Together with different travel-shows, I have visited more than 65 countries.

I will not show you again what you have already seen. Here you will not find historical backgrounds and tasting of national cuisines.

I want you seeing the world by my eyes, eyes of the traveler, who glances up and keeps eyes open, who notices details and nuances, which you miss so often, by eyes of the person who sees beauty and burns with enthusiasm.

So I invite you to make a run to see the world. Let's do it... are you with me?



## SIMPLER. BIGGER. FREER.

FRANCE | 2019 | 15:00

Portrait of a discipline that is often taboo : free solo climbing.

Five climbers confess on their motivation for going rope-less.

They talk about the risk that everyone seeing them think about, but most of all, they explain their search for freedom. Is there more to it than just the seek for adrenaline ?



### Tanguy Locqueneux

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## SON'S GONNA RISE

CANADA | 2019 | 5:16

Like father, like son. Inspired by special moments from the film Seasons, Son's Gunna Rise is a piece celebrating the special relationship between fathers and sons everywhere. The short film highlights the especially unique relationship between CLIF Athlete Andrew Shandro and his son, Ethan Shandro that revolves around many things, and most notably, their shared love for mountain biking as well as the challenges and successes you experience as a professional athlete.



### Colin Jones

Colin Jones is the co-founder of Anthill Films, a film studio specializing in action sports and cutting edge cinematography based in Squamish, Canada.

Jones' film and commercial assignments have taken him to mountain bike destinations all over the world as far as Afghanistan, Patagonia and Reunion Island.

Anthill Films continue to work on both feature films and commercial projects with some of the largest and most respected brands in mountain biking including Trek, Shimano, EVOX and more.

## THE PINNACLE OF RUSH

SWITZERLAND/AUSTRIA | 2019 | 15:00

The 43-year-old Swiss athlete Ueli Kestenholz has achieved everything as a competitive athlete. As a snowboarder he was an Olympic medal winner, world champion and X-Games winner. Now he follows his passion, freeriding, in a very special way. With a speed paraglider and skis, he tackles mountains and lines that would be impossible to ski without a glider.

The Pinnacle of Rush illustrates the peculiarities of this young sport and shows the tension and precision that Ueli Kestenholz shows when speedriding.



### Harry Putz

As a passionate snowboarder he started mountainfilm making in 1998. He grew up in Lech/Arberg.

He spent 10 years as a professional snowboarder by competing in World Cup. After that he stepped straight into working with film, until now he's an independent filmmaker and freelancer.

In 2010 He started running a festival himself, the Freeride-Filmfestival: a selection of ski- and snowboardmovies touring through Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

His goal was to establish a platform for a broad audience for independent filmmakers in this category.

## TOGUMI TOR DES GEANTES

BRAZIL | 2018 | 14:25

Resistance and persistence are indispensable features for any athlete. And those attributes precisely define Sidney Togumi.

A worldwide recognized athlete, Togumi became a reference as coach and athlete in Brazil nowadays. In this short documentary, you can follow him in his journey through 2018 Tour des Géants, Italy. In the film, Togumi express his feeling towards the landscape, the topography, the climbing, and even the exhaustion of his body, deprived of sleep and food during the race.



### Bob Lucas

Bob Lucas works as director since 2014 focusing on sports videos. He has excelled in his productions by highlighting the athletes' feelings and insights.

Bob Lucas has achieved two prizes, both in Rocky Spirit Festival: 2017 Best National Movie by People's Choice and 2019 Best National Movie in Runner's World.

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## 28 DECEMBER

ITALY | 2017 | 15:00

Breeding, salting, smoking, maturing in the production of speck in Val Badia, Sout Tyrol, are based on the personal recipes of each farmer who, kept as family secrets, are handed down from generation to generation.

Conscientious sacrifices.



### Paolo Vinati

Paolo Vinati studied ethnomusicology at the University of Bologna finishing in 1996.

He has conducted fieldwork in Austria, Montenegro, Croatia, Lombardy, Trentino and in the Ladin valleys of South Tyrol working with important institutions like the University for music and figurative arts of Vienna and the ladin cultural insitute Micurà de Rü.

Several books and CDs has been published all about his works.

## IL VIAGGIO DI BARBARINA

ITALY | 2018 | 14:50

Every year Giulio and Roberta (respectively father and daughter) lead the traditional transhumance of their herd through the beautiful landscape of the Piedmontese mountains. Barbarina is a calf that Roberta gave birth to together with her father and, despite the totally contrary opinion of her father, she makes her participate in the transhumance of their herd.

Barbarina's journey and adventure will forever change the relationship between father and daughter.



### Riccardo Milano

Riccardo Milano was born in Terlizzi (BA) on 13 March 1966.

In 2008 he made his first short film "The play dreamer".

In 2010 he made a medium-length film "Anello Magico"

In 2011 he made a short film "Privacy"

In 2017 he writes the subject of "Il viaggio di Barbarina" created between June and July of the same year.

Between the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018 he worked to post-production and finalization of the short film "Il viaggio di Barbarina".

## LAMMERGEIER, THE WIND'S BEARDS

SPAIN | 2019 | 8:30

Flying master and king of the skies of the Pyrenees, the lammergeier is able to rise in the most adverse weather conditions.

This is a tribute to the flight of the lammergeier, the wind's beards.



### Manuel Mateo Lajarín

Manuel Mateo Lajarín is a bipedal human being, sometimes rational, born in Murcia (Spain) in 1984, a great year to title novels. It has the look and pen calibrated for non-fiction by factory default.

He is a training architect, although what he enjoys the most is telling the most unlikely stories that happen around him, a greater stimulus when he is lucky enough to be traveling around. Studies and work have led him to go around the world a bit, having lived in places as diverse as Spain, Morocco, Italy, Cuba or Ecuador.

## LIGHTS OF MAORI

NEW ZEALAND | 2019 | 4:10

Some call it magic. The moment when the first ray of sunlight in the morning brings the colors of nature to life. The wet breath of the rainforest, that covers everything with green.

The icy insistence with which the glaciers defy the summer sun. And the unbridled power of the elements wrestling with the Mount Doom.

For us it has only one name: New Zealand.



### Kevin May, Kevin Bruder

Kevin & Kevin are two award winning media designer and landscape photographer.

They own own a small design studio for interactive media in Germany named born2design and they love to travel and work from everywhere in the world.

They always try to reveal the world's beauty with their drone from above.

## PATAGONIA

US | 2019 | 5:00

Patagonia is known for the abundance of wildlife, stunning landscapes, and opportunity for wild adventure. Patagonia is a region of protected land in southern Chili and Argentina. The regions have 5 national parks and are protected by the local governments, park rangers, and people. This film was filmed in Chili's most southern Patagonia park named Torres del Paine.

We filmed this at the end of the tourist season and our aim was to capture the full experience of weather, adventure, wildlife, and culture.



### Mike Sember

Mike Sember is a filmmaker based in South Florida.

Mike works full time as a Firefighter Paramedic and part time as a drone operator for mostly local work.

Mike enjoys travel all over the world and his goal is to visit and document the less touristy places.

He captures his experiences by flying drones and puts together short films that include clips above and below the water.

He enjoys working hard to get to places that most people won't go, to get the viewer a full experience of a region.

## YARROW: THE VIRTUES OF MONOCHROME

AUSTRALIA | 2019 | 4:34

This short follows the creative process of fine art photographer David Yarrow as he steps ashore the mind-blowing wildlife scenes of South Georgia.

### Abraham Joffe ACS

Abraham Joffe ACS is an internationally award-winning Director, Producer and Cinematographer who has gained a strong reputation for his visuals and story-telling.

He has always been captivated by the power of the moving image, and knew from an early age that this would be his life's calling.



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The importance of reconnecting to environment and acting in defence of it

## AUSPICE

ITALY/SPAIN | 2019 | 14:28

An auspice, since ancient times, is the observation of the flight of birds to read the present and discover the future.

Every year Francesca, a scientist and ornithologist, analyses and studies the migrating birds flying through the Brocon Pass ringing station in the Italian Dolomites, showing us that today, more than ever, our survival depends on our ability to understand the message the birds bring to us.



### Elena Goatelli, Angel Esteban

Elena Goatelli and Angel Esteban have more than 10 years experience in the TV sector in Spain, occupying different production and creative roles. In 2012 they established KOTTOM-films, a company with which they produce and co-produce creative documentaries.

Since then they never stopped exploring new narratives and subjects, moved by a deep sense of curiosity and need of expression.

## DYSPNEA ISLANDS

PHILIPPINES | 2019 | 1:30

Dyspnea Islands is a stop-motion animated short film that highlights the solutions brought upon by Renewable Energy, ultimately averting an imminent global 'dyspneic breathing.



### Demetrio Celestino -III

Demetrio E. Celestino -III uses stop-motion as his medium in storytelling. Since unemployment was waving to him upon his graduating year, he tried his luck in stop-motion last June 2018.

He watched countless Behind-the-scene and tutorials about stop-motion and worked hard every night. Right now, He has singlehandedly made 6 short films.

He loves everything that has to do with Filmmaking, Visual Arts (Traditional and Digital), Scale Modeling and Creative Writing. He feels a true devotion to the art of Visual Storytelling.

## ERYNGIUM PROTEIFLORUM

MEXICO | 2019 | 9:07

Eryngium proteiflorum, endemic flower of the Mexican Transversal Volcanic Axis, is in danger of disappearing. Its habitat is being reduced by climate change, coupled with the predation of some humans.

This film honors beings who have no voice and whose future rushes towards extinction.



### Dia Amida

Director of the Habitat project, series of short films about endemic and / or native species of Mexico; Eryngium proteiflorum being the first film of this initiative, distinguished by the support of CONABIO, CENART and FONCA.

PhD student in Arts, with studies in Dramatic Literature, Theater, Education and Cinematography; she collaborates as a student, researcher and / or teacher in different institutions in Mexico. Mountaineer with national and international experience, passionate about nature and interested in the care and preservation of biodiversity.

## FOR THE LOVE OF SNOW

US | 2019 | 2:44

In 75 to 100 years, skiing could be non-existent. As an outdoor enthusiast and artist, I wanted to create a project on a topic that is close to my heart: climate change and how it is affecting the ski industry. I started skiing at the age of two and grew up 20 minutes from a ski resort, so I spent every weekend, vacation, and after school at the mountain. This sport has become an important part of my identity.

The idea behind the project is to motivate people to take action through their passion rather than instilling fear.



### Alexandra Sailer

Alexandra Sailer is from Warner, New Hampshire.

She is a graduate from the University of Connecticut, where she studied Digital Media and Design with a concentration in 2D motion graphics.

She is a designer, developer, and overall thinker.

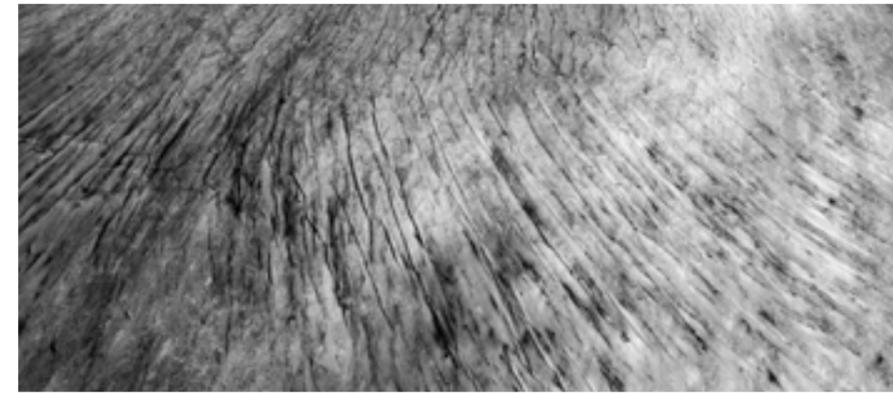
She enjoys hiking, skiing, traveling and the great outdoors and loves to incorporate those elements in her work.

## LET'S CHECK FOR OURSELF

ITALY | 2019 | 2:29

Let's not just watch the news on TV, let's go check it out with our eyes and act.

From a simple walk in the mountains a deep reflection was born, I'm immersed in the reality of the facts and I wanted to create a video; social media are powerful communication machines, I hope that these 2 minutes will make us reflect and perhaps observe small steps of change.



### Giulia Bertolazzi

Born in '98, Giulia started clicking at 10 when she received her first camera. She has tried practically all the subjects, from the landscapes to the abandoned places. In 2015 she has had the chance to go to Iceland for 10 months, where she discovered that photography and videomaking could become a profession. But there're still a passion and a way of telling direct and instinctive: therefore she photographs any significant moment of her life. After Iceland, she graduated and she started to be serious: she worked with Sky Sport, videomaker Rory Kramer, assistant of Cosimo Maffione, TA for the masterclass organized by 'ICP New York' and CAMERA.

Founder of FrAIM creative production.

## LIFE EVOLUTION ECOLOGY - GENESYS

ITALY | 2019 | 10:06

The first chapter of a docu-series entirely filmed in Sicily.

A trip out of time, a story written on rocks.

When you think about rocks as frames of the ages, then realize how much are important for the understanding of past, present and future events.



### Antonio Pesce, Emanuele Genduso

Born in 2016 during a shooting sesh at Oasi faunistica di Vendicari, Sicily. The casual encounter between two guys with same dream and love for nature and cameras, but totally different background.

First videoclip and suddenly first tv apparition with Licia Colò. But what we wanted to realize couldn't fit tv shows, in which art and concepts loose importance for commercial goals.

From 2017 till now, we centered the focus in the production of the docu-series "Life Evolution Ecology", created by young people for young people: the exploitation of natural sciences principles using a cinematic style and experimental music. Sicily, our beloved home as a great metaphor for Earth biography.

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