



# LA NUIT DE LA GLISSE

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**A CINEMA EVENT  
A UNIQUE DATE IN EUROPE  
NOVEMBER 17**

**2H30 PROGRAM**

**NDG FILM FESTIVAL**  
**HUMAN X**

*THE NEW FEATURE FILM BY THIERRY DONARD*

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## LA NUIT DE LA GLISSE

IT'S A SOCIAL PHENOMENON, AN EVENT IN CINEMAS  
SIMULTANEOUSLY RELEASED ACCROSS EUROPE ON **NOVEMBER 17**

Preceded by 3 major Premiere events in France with the presence  
on stage of athletes and the film director, Thierry Donard

- Biarritz – Gare du midi on **november 3rd**
- Annecy – Pathé on **november 11**
- Paris – Grand Rex on **november 16**

And a closing event in Switzerland

- Geneva – Arena on **november 19**

### 2H30 PROGRAM

- Pictures of “Behind the scenes” during filming
- The virtual presentation of the film *Human X* by all athletes and film director
- A contest with prestigious prizes to be won: 2 flights Paris-Tahiti (French Polynesia), 1 stay for two in Chamonix, and many more!
- The NDG Film Festival of short films
- *Human X*, Thierry Donard's latest documentary feature





# HUMAN X

*Human X is a documentary film by Thierry Donard about extreme sports athletes who show extraordinary sporting resilience in the face of increasingly chaotic climatic challenges, exploring their ability to adapt to the most dangerous conditions.*

These athletes who practice extreme sports we consider them "extreme humans" because of their ability to overcome fear, risk and the different physical and mental challenges. In a world facing growing climate issues, these athletes are fine examples of sporting resilience.

This new documentary invites you to follow these extraordinary men on a splendid journey through fascinating preserved nature. From the wide landscapes of British Columbia in Canada, to the vertiginous snow-covered peaks of the Mont Blanc massif, to the monstrous waves of Western Australia that explode on granite slabs. Thierry Donard's new opus explores the formidable adaptability of 'extreme men' and their risk control in these hostile environments, where conditions are often increasingly unpredictable.

Follow the impressive aerial ballet of French speed riders Valentin Delluc and Ugo Gerola, the journeys of Canadians Ryan McIntosh and Christopher Beaton on their mountain bikes, the brothers Kerby and Cortney Brown surfing powerful waves in just 40 cm of water! Or the promising young Chamonix riders Zian Perrot-Coutet, Mathieu Moullier and Gaspard Ravel on the steep descents on the Mont Blanc. Experience with them the thrill of a life of adventures entirely dedicated to 'glisse' (gliding) sports.

These athletes remind us of just how much humans like to push their limits, and just how superior nature remains in so many situations.

These humans, we call them: Human X.





## **FREERIDE ON STEEP FACES AT HIGH ALTITUDE**

### *THE GENERATION RENEWING THE FREERIDE STATE OF MIND*

*"Steep riding is technically the most complete discipline of skiing and snowboarding and we also aim to do it with great fluidity. For that, you have to know how to do everything in the mountain! And you must be excellent at mountaineering. Because if you fall, you're dead!" ZIAN*

Mont Blanc's peak is an island floating between 3,000 and 4,810 metres above sea level. Zian, Mathieu and Gaspard, three young riders from Chamonix, set off on the steepest slopes in these Alps, defying the laws of gravity and renewing freeride- skiing/snowboarding in steep faces. They travel to the highest points of Europe, sleep in high-altitude bivouacs, and demonstrate an incredible capacity for adaptation in order to successfully live their passion to the fullest. While previous generations skied in powder snow, today's conditions have changed radically. Snow has become more rare - and you have to climb higher and higher to find it - but above all, skiing has become much more demanding!

Welcome to an adventure at the frontiers of balance.

## **SPEED RIDING IN WINTER, SPEED FLYING IN SUMMER**

### *BEYOND THE CHANGE OF SEASONS*

*"In winter we still climb due to the high risk of avalanches, because our practice allows us to purge the slopes ourselves, and to get out of them if it becomes too dangerous. In summer we train in less demanding conditions, but we take the opportunity to explore new areas that are difficult to access." UGO*

The four seasons in the Alps are perhaps more different than elsewhere. And paragliding is without doubt the best discipline to practice all year round. "Speed riding" is a genuinely modern sport, revolutionizing the mono-practice of steep skiing! From "speed riding" in winter, where the athlete jumps from steep slope to steep slope with his highly controllable wing on skis, to "speed flying" the rest of the year, with the incredible possibility of gliding through inaccessible areas such as very deep and steep canyons.

The Frenchmen Valentin Delluc and Ugo Gerola form an experienced duo that we are lucky enough to follow on different alpine fields. You will have the opportunity to discover this sport from the inside where communication between athletes is of key importance.





## **MOUNTAIN BIKE FREERIDING ROAMING IN WESTERN CANADA**

### *REVEALING THE PIONEER SPIRIT OF FREERIDE*

British Columbia, in western Canada, is the hub of mountain biking in all its forms: bike park, freeride, cross-country... Unlike the Alps, everything here is very remote. There's no nearby population to seek refuge in case of emergency. Wishing to combine the tradition of freeride with the modernity of electric bikes, riders Ryan and Chris set off to explore new, uncharted descents. They alternate disciplines, blurring the boundaries between enduro, electric mountain biking and downhill, with... the pioneer spirit of freeride.

It's a whole new field of adventures that are available to them, and through them, to us.

*"In BC as in the rest of Canada, everything is so big. You can be in Squamish and see the ocean, then you can drive to Canloops and find yourself in the middle of the desert having passed through the most beautiful forests on the continent. It's crazy to see how much it changes and how each place reveals a great secret corner... to ride!" RYAN*

## **SLAB SURFING ON THE AUSTRALIAN COAST**

### *SURFING THE UNTHINKABLE*

If you thought all waves had been surfed, you'll be delighted to discover the practice of "slab" surfing. These waves that form through huge boulders that dot the coastline of Australia's west coast. What's special about these waves is that they are formed by hitting these slabs and explode very close to the rocks in 40 cm of water, leaving the surfer no choice but to manage to surf, without falling.

These monster waves are the playground of the Brown brothers, Kerby and Cortney. Ten years ago, no one would have imagined that such waves could be surfed, but today Kerby shows us in pictures that it's now possible, thanks to tow-in surfing in particular.

*« We ride close to where we grew up. We learned to surf with our conditions. We are no longer going to adventure into the open sea, we prefer to stay on the rock, where the wave is slapping, where the danger is so close that you feel it even before you have seen the wave!" KERBY*







## **GASPARD RAVANEL** @ *gaspard\_ravanel*

### **SNOWBOARD**

Originally from Chamonix (France), son of a mountain guide, aspiring ski instructor, and now an aspiring guide himself, he grew up in a family made up of three brothers and a sister who were all educated very young in the dangers of the mountains. A true gifted freerider, he has already ridden on almost all continents, notably on peaks over 5000m in Pakistan, Peru and Denali in Alaska. Gaspard loves to be a true freerider. Free to ride anywhere he wants!



## **ZIAN PERROT COUTET** @ *zian\_ct*

### **SNOWBOARD**

An aspiring first-aid worker with the PGHM, the french Rescue Unit of the Chamonix High Mountain Gendarmerie, he saves lives. For him the mountains provide him the pleasure of sharing experiences with friends and they in turn give him the drive to climb higher and descend faster!

One of the three on the team, Zian, in the opinion of the other two, is the team's "media" man.



## **MATHIEU MOULLIER** @ *mathieu\_moullier*

### **SKI**

Coming from a french family of mountaineers, he first went through high-level ski competition before dedicating himself to freeriding in the Alps and also in places such as the Himalayas (India, Pakistan) or in the Peruvian Andes. Despite his youth, he has climbed steep summits and descents. Recently we were able to follow him in the Moroccan Atlas. In this band of three, he is considered as the pragmatist.



**VALENTIN DELLUC** @ *valentindelluc*

**SPEED RIDING & SPEED FLYING**

Beginning with downhill skiing on the slopes of Haute-Savoie (France), Valentin soon turned to freestyle. But everything changed when he discovered paragliding and finally speed riding. He is today surely the best speed rider in the world.

An outstanding athlete and internet celebrity whose videos are shared millions of times with each publication, he spends a lot of time around his home and continues to explore his surroundings. In winter and spring, due to his excellent skiing skills, Valentin takes speed riding to a whole new level, skillfully combining mountaineering with steep skiing.



**UGO GEROLA** @ *ugogerolla*

**SPEED RIDING & SPEED FLYING**

For several years now, Ugo has been Valentin's true alter ego on his adventures. He has trained for many years in alpine and freeride skiing. In winter, he's highly qualified to follow Valentin up the steep slopes of the Alps. Meeting Valentin completely converted him to speed riding and speed flying. Today, he too is considered one of the world's top speed riders. For film shoots, he is the "follow-camera" who witnesses Valentin's performances.



**RYAN MCINTOSH** @ *ryan.mcintosh\_*

**FREERIDE MOUNTAIN BIKE**

He is the symbol of a new generation of downhillers who have dedicated their careers to freeride competitions. Blessed with natural talent and unfailing determination, he has quickly progressed through the top ranks. Notably, he took 1st place in the BC Cup Downhill Series 2021. Today, he's stepping away from the circuits to explore the far reaches of his immense homeland, Canada.





## CHRISTOPHER BEATON *pembychris*

### FREERIDE MOUNTAIN BIKE

His cycling began on the streets, first on hand-built jumps, in gardens, here and there. When his father moved to British Columbia, he met Ryan McIntosh, with whom he formed an inseparable partnership. Together, they explore the countryside riding everything that can be ridden. Since then, Chris has also become one of the world's top downhillers and a leading figure in freeride mountain biking.



## KERBY BROWN *kerby\_brown*

### SLAB SURFING

Kerby lives in a sleepy little fishing town in Western Australia's Mid West. His first memory of surfing is... being pushed into the shore break by his father on foam in Bali. Since then, Kerby has made it his goal to surf waves close to home. Waves that are at the very limit of what surfing is today: overpowering and breaking on huge granite slabs with only 40 cm of water. Few surfers are of his stature can handle being so close to certain death in the case of a fall.



## CORTNEY BROWN *cortneycbrown*

### SLAB SURFING

He's Kerby's little brother. Since childhood, they've followed each other in their endless quest for waves to surf. He loves assisting his brother as a safety guy on the jetski, and makes the ideal tow-in partner, throwing his brother into the depths of these monstrous slab waves.



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# NDG FILM FESTIVAL

## CONCEPT

*La Nuit de la Glisse has a long history of supporting emerging talent, both athletes and filmmakers. Now La Nuit de la Glisse is opening the door to a new generation of filmmakers with the NDG Film Festival.*

- This mini-festival, placed under the label "Nuit de la glisse", aims to encourage young directors by showing their short films during the event.
- The aim is to offer these aspiring filmmakers a first large-scale visibility, in cinemas, and to allow them to enter the European and international world of the cinema industry.
- The DNA of the Nuit de la Glisse arouses vocations and we are very proud to transmit our knowledge in this way.

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## LA NUIT DE LA GLISSE SUPPORTING THE NEW GENERATION

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At the end of the screenings, the public will be able to vote for the best film of this edition. The award-winning director will be rewarded with equipment offered by our partner SONY.



## BJØRNEBO

BY **SÉBASTIEN VARLET** (FRANCE, 2023, 13')

Bored with another winter without fresh snow in the Alps, a group of young skiers in search of powder set off to explore the unknown mountains of a small island in the far north of Europe: Svalbard. The land of polar bears. Accompanied by four courageous locals, they discover the immensity of an infinite, isolated and dangerous playground.

Sébastien Varlet (32) lives in Haute-Savoie in France. After ten freeride ski competitions, he is now moving towards making adventure films. Bjørnebo (which means the place of the bears) is his 6th film.

## TROPICAL OVERLOAD

BY **LEA HAHN** (TAHITI, FRENCH POLYNESIA 2023, 8')

The young people of Tahiti bring you these treasures lost in the middle of the Pacific Ocean: the ancestral land of water sports. Discover the legendary surf spot of Teahupo'o, the incredible beauty of the crystal-clear lagoons of Moorea, and the verdant motus of French Polynesia. An overview of the new generation of surfing, wingfoiling, freediving and longboarding in Tahiti today.

Lea Hahn (25) was born in Tahiti. In 2017, she discovered extreme sports cinema as the camerawoman for a film by Thierry Donard. Since then, she has become a reference in Tahitian aqua shooting. In particular, she was the first woman native to the island to film on the Teahupo'o spot.

## OVERHANG

BY **LUCAS COSTES & MATHEO BOURGEOIS** (FRANCE, 2023, 10')

Jonathan Bargibant has dreamed for years of doing the mythical route "Tom & Je Ris" in the Gorges du Verdon (France), rated 8b+. Overhang shows his meticulous physical and mental preparation that must be successfully included in a family life.

Lucas Costes (20) lives in Grenoble, France. Lucas is a director and cameraman, and has been editing for ten years. Mathéo Bourgeois (21) lives in Fréjus, France, where he has discovered a real passion for extreme sports, including climbing. His specialty is sound design for cinema and commercials.

Produced by Alban Giraudon.

NDG FILM FESTIVAL  
PROGRAM



# NDG CINEMA *SHORTS*

■ As a bonus to the NDG FILM FESTIVAL, NDG Cinema SA is offering a short selection of two short films made as part of its activities.



## HUMAN WINGS

BY **THIERRY DONARD** (SWITZERLAND, 2023, 5')

To fly. Seeing things from above. Soaring through the air at breathtaking speeds. While filming for Thierry Donard in the middle of summer, French wingsuiter Vincent Cotte flies over the small Alpine village of St Hilaire du Touvet. On his back is a "follow camera" of a new kind: a human drone.

*Human Wings was shot in partnership with Sony Europe, NDG Cinema SA's long-standing partner, as part of the*



## TRIBUTE TO THE 90'S

BY **THIERRY DONARD** (SWITZERLAND, 2023, 12')

A treasure chest was hidden in the Nuit de la Glisse archives. Hours of tapes of Thierry Donard's old films. After digitalization, a whole forgotten period has been brought back to life, intact, vibrant, full of emotion and fantasy. It's also tons of powder snow, the likes of which no longer exist in Europe. It's not that long ago, but so much has changed radically since then. A tribute.



# LA NUIT DE LA GLISSE

SINCE 1979

## 4 DECADES OF HISTORY

*La Nuit de la glisse* has been making generations dream for almost half a century!

Founded in 1979, the label has established itself as a major player in the field of board sports and outdoor sports. Its development has even more recently experienced a tremendous boost since our films are available on Netflix. A real success story!

La Nuit de la Glisse is also the guarantee of a high cinematographic quality rivaling the best international blockbusters. And it promises each year to see the cinema rooms fill up with a transgenerational audience always present.

Today the label is present in the four corners of the world with more than 30 collaborators who accompany Thierry Donard. These teams of passionate filmmakers and technicians are fully committed to the quest for unique images and original adventure stories.



*"After many years of exploring the world, my team and I have witnessed, unfortunately, the consequences of climate change. Twenty years ago, we witnessed the vanishing of several glaciers, such as in Greenland, which had shrunk several kilometers in just 10 years.*

*Watching the weather every day to find the best shooting conditions, we have noticed among the damaging effects of global warming, that we are also experiencing an upheaval in the seasons, the conditions of which are becoming more and more chaotic each year and difficult to predict. Unfortunately for us, these changes seriously complicate the organization of filming, which must constantly adapt to the uncertainty.*

*I am convinced that filmmakers who work in nature play an important role of alerting and testifying to what they observe.*

*I hope modestly that I can thus contribute to participate in the general awareness of the need to preserve nature. And to inform that to a lesser degree, the practice of extreme sports is today also in danger."*

Thierry Donard



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