



## FREE! Summer Screen Safari

New to the 2008 festival is the Summer Screen Safari. Wide Angle Tasmania, provider of professional development activities for emerging filmmakers in Tasmania, has initiated this unique film making odyssey, supported by Screen Tasmania. Emerging filmmakers are currently on a safari led by Rachael Lucas and are producing a series of short films that explore the unique, dark and gothic mythology of Tasmania.

A selection of these films will have their premiere screening at the Mountain Film Festival Forum on Wednesday 12 March - and will provide a great local flavour to the festival. Come along – it's free!

## Wednesday 12 March Forum Part 1: 6:30pm

**Summer Screen Safari – Screening and Discussion** **FREE!**  
Peacock Theatre, Salamanca Arts Centre

Summer Screen Safari is a unique film training initiative. Over the last four months film makers have been planning, marketing, writing, shooting and editing short films on the theme of Tasmanian Gothic, with the support of Wide Angle Tasmania and guerrilla film maker Rachael Lucas. This session will screen the films made to date, and be followed by a discussion on where the project is heading. You can view the project's progress, including pics, at [www.myspace.com/tasmanian\\_gothic](http://www.myspace.com/tasmanian_gothic).

## Forum Part 2: 7:30pm

**Getting Your Film Out There** **FREE!**  
Peacock Theatre, Salamanca Arts Centre

The Mountain Film Festival and Wide Angle Tasmania invite you to a discussion on Getting Your Film Out There. Filmmakers Matt Newton and Rachael Lucas will be joined by Justin Clifton – the Director of Mountainfilm on Tour – as they discuss a raft of issues relating to making films that have a market, and tips on how to maximise the distribution of your work.



## Special Guest Presenter: Justin Clifton Mountainfilm on Tour Director

Justin has spent most of his life exploring the wilderness of the Grand Canyon and the high deserts of the American Southwest. His love of wilderness and desire to share it with the world led him to a degree in Journalism, which, after an unguided stint in the corporate world, ultimately led to a job with Mountainfilm as the Director of Mountainfilm on Tour. Now Justin truly enjoys the best of both worlds - continuing his exploration of the American Southwest and sharing with the world a love for Environments, Cultures and Outdoor Pursuits.

## Summer Screen Safari Presenter: Rachael Lucas

Rachael Lucas lives by the ethos “No” means find another way”, and has carved a niche in guerrilla filmmaking through sheer necessity. While others would cave to the pressures of logistical limitations, no funding, no resources and no crew, Lucas flourished, finding her distinctive visual style and iconoclastic, surreal, sensual and satirical approach to filmmaking. Since making Bondi Tsunami, Rachael Lucas has become an inspirational speaker and advisor to many other fledgling Australian filmmakers.

## Thursday 13 March 8:30pm

### Trial & Error: Progression Bjorn Enga, Canada, 2006, 7 min

Ryan Leech is given a challenge: to create the most progressive and challenging mountain bike line possible through an old-growth forest and then ride it. Witness a short exposé of a top biking talent who pushes his skills in a new environment, one that is slated to be destroyed.

### Gravity Chasers Flying Fat Man Productions, Scotland, 2007, 7 min

Bridge and cliff jumping in the highlands in Scotland. If it's high enough they will jump it.

### Black Canyon Peter Mortimer, USA, 2006, 10 min

Colorado's Black Canyon is as beautiful as it is intimidating. Two-thousand-foot drops, loose rock and poison ivy thwart the path to some of the most gorgeous and difficult alpine crack lines that tempt free ascents. Join up with the two best men for the job, Jared Ogden and Topher Donahue, as they conquer the choice lines, debate the drunken Aussies and support a harrowing near-death rescue on rock.

### Beyond Iraq Tom Eldridge, Iraq/USA, 2006, 9 min

The war in Iraq has already created a new generation of American veterans injured in combat. Beyond Iraq follows a few of these young soldiers as they overcome their significant disabilities to find freedom and adventure swooshing down ski slopes in the Colorado Rockies.

### Coast to Coast Olivier Aubert, South Africa/Switzerland, 2006, 52 min

Not many new frontiers are left for today's adventurers. Flying from the east coast of Africa to the west in an ultra-light plane must qualify as one of the few. South African Mike and Swiss Olivier search for beauty in the skies each time they take off and spread joy on the ground wherever they touch down.

## Friday 14 March 6:30pm and 8:45pm

This program is screened in its entirety at both sessions.

### First Ascent: The Obscurist Peter Mortimer, USA, 2006, 12 min

In a quest for first ascents in Yosemite, two partners climb the most outrageous roof cracks they can find.

### Emmy: The Story of an Orphan Bobby Bailey, USA, 2006, 22 min

Ditching school to go fishing, Emmy is Uganda's Huckleberry Finn. He is the fourth-born of five children, none from the same father, and each father was killed by different effects of the Lord Resistance Army's reign of terror over Northern Uganda. The wounds of war are not always inflicted by bullets, and the killers are not always the soldiers. This is the story of a family made from who was left.

### Floating Over Snow Benjamin Leveque, France, 2007, 6 min

Welcome to the newest winter sport: Snowkiting. This film shows how you can use the power of the wind to ride huge snow landscapes. Filmed near Grenoble during the winter of 2007, this is adrenaline packaged up in some stunning visuals courtesy of the French Alps.

### Badgered Sharon Colman, UK, 2005, 8 min

This film shares the animated tale of a badger who just wants the world to let him sleep.

### Defect Dan Heaton, USA, 2005, 10 min

A handful of world-class riders challenge perceptions by demonstrating the latest innovations in mountain, trials, and street unicycling. Kris Holm is our hero at large.

### Papa Tortuga Rob Wilson, USA, 2006, 22 min

Fernando Manzano was just 16 years old when he found his calling. For the past 31 years, he has dedicated himself to bringing the lora sea turtle back from the edge of extinction. In the small town of Tecolutla, Mexico, he has battled relentlessly against weather, natural predators and poachers—with no outside financial support.

## Saturday 15 March Matinee: 2:00pm

### Good Riddance: Air Pollution Nick Hilligoss, Australia, 2003, 5 min

An unscheduled stop on a railroad crossing leads to a radical redesign of the Eco Van. So what do you get when you join the front half of a VW Beetle with the rear of a Morris Minor van? A quiet pollution-free vehicle—albeit one without an engine. But alternative energy sources are waiting to be tapped: the sun, the wind, the rain...maybe even a couple of freeloading rats.

### Safari Catherine Chalmers, USA, 2006, 8 min

This short film shows a close-up view of the interactions of a cockroach and its friends, images of the animal kingdom from a new and sometimes startling perspective.

### Voyage to 109 Metres Jerome Espla, France, 2006, 6 min

In September 2006, Guillaume Nery dove to a depth of 109 metres with a single breath to become the new constant-weight free-diving world record holder. Guillaume's real story is about his exploration of the soul in the cold depths of dark water.

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### Building the Future - Energy Nicolas Brown, UK, 2007, 54 min

If everything we hear about peak oil and the impending world-wide energy crisis is true, then it's clear that we need to start doing something to move beyond oil as soon as possible. But what? This film explores the stories of several forward-thinking individuals who aren't just worried about our planet; they are doing something to help save it. From an enormous solar collector in the Australian outback to hydroelectric power that does not require a dam, you can rest assured that someone is looking out for the rest of us.

## Saturday 15 March 6:30pm and 8:45pm

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### Big Summit Speed Riding Eiger François Bon, France, 2006, 5 min

On Jun 14, 2006, François Bon and Antoine Montant executed the world's first speed-flying descent of the Eiger in Switzerland. Wearing skis and a paragliding sail, they descended from the top edge of the iconic mountain's west face to the bottom of its notorious north face, skiing and flying low over a long steep minefield of ice and rock and snow.

### Running Down the Man Ben Knight & Travis Rummel, USA, 2007, 17 min

They said it couldn't be done. One man's quest to prove Baja's Rooster fish could be tamed with a fly rod. Starring champion fly fisher Frank Smethurst, this documentary tells the story of a man who has spent almost a decade trying to pioneer a way to catch this magnificent fish by chasing it down on foot with only one chance at a perfect cast.

### The Good Fight Mark Fraser & James Fox, USA, 2006, 15 min

Environmental crusader Martin Litton, now 90, details his role in saving the Grand Canyon during the 1950s.

### Paving Shangri la Andrew Stevenson, Bermuda, 2005, 15 min

An annual visitor to the Annapurnas, author and photographer Andrew Stevenson uses a video camera to record a way of life that will soon fade into the lost horizon of a forgotten time. Walking 100 miles in the middle of winter through the Himalayas, Andrew stays in the homes of locals he has befriended over the last two decades. These spectacular images of mule trains, yak caravans and local traditions depict the cost of completing this military highway.

### Harvest Moon Rob Frost, USA, 1995, 40 min

Harvest Moon documents a Swiss expedition to climb a new route on 22,650-foot Thalay Sagar in the Garwhal Himalaya of northern India. The filmmaker follows four men—Stephan Siegrist, Denis Burdet, Thomas Senf and Ralph Weber—as they set out to tackle the ominous northwest ridge of the mountain's 4,600-foot north face and includes interviews with first ascentist John Thackray (1979), north face first ascentist Andy Lindblade (1997), and Americans Jay Smith and Kitty Calhoun.

## Sunday 16 March Matinee: 4:15pm

### Moongirl Henry Selick, USA, 2005, 9 min

One night while out fishing, a boy and his pet squirrel are caught by a giant fish-of-stars and taken to meet the girl in the moon.

### Good Riddance: Termites Nick Hilligoss, Australia, 2003, 5 min

From the five-part animated series Good Riddance!, we follow the exploits of Eco, the clean, green pest controller with a clever biological solution for every problem. In this instalment, while Eco is out ridding the world of pests the natural way, a nest of termites is literally eating him out of house and home. This calls for the expert termite eater, the echidna, and not a moment too soon.

### Kids Who Rip Rod Parmenter, USA, 2006, 16 min

Follow the next generation of superstars as they show off their jaw-dropping tricks, riding big waves and catching big air just like the professionals. Kids Who Rip invites you into a new world where the future is wide open. Are you ready to take the plunge? (Good luck keeping up.)

### A Life Among Whales Bill Haney, USA/Netherlands, 2005, 56 min

An exploration of the life and work of whale biologist and MacArthur Fellowship winner Dr. Roger Payne, who has advanced the boundaries of science and activism since the 1970s, beginning with his pioneering work on whale songs to his current study of ocean pollution. With haunting imagery, the film studies our stewardship of the Earth and our co-existence with some of its most intriguing creatures.

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### Roam The Collective, Canada, 2006, 15 min

Travel with the world's top mountain bike riders as they explore new and amazing ways of riding in new and old places.

### A Land Out of Time Mark Harvey, USA, 2006, 10 min

The biggest land grab in American history is devouring the Rocky Mountain West as the oil-and-gas industry leases millions of acres of public land, with plans to drill hundreds of thousands of gas wells. The drilling blitz ranges from New Mexico to Montana and threatens some of America's last and best wild lands. Westerners who have lived on the land for generations tell the story and foment a backlash against the Bush Administration energy policies.

### Nine Winters Old Bill Heath, USA, 2006, 64 min

An acclaimed yet offbeat ski photographer celebrates winter and its devotees. Rich visuals and a captivating original score are backdrops for humorous and heart-warming stories of those, young and old, who come alive for wintertime.

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### Venue - 12 March Summer Screen Safari

The first night Forum (which includes the Summer Screen Safari Screening) takes place at the Peacock Theatre, Salamanca Arts Centre, 77 Salamanca Place, Hobart.

### Venue - 13 - 16 March Screenings

All screenings take place at the fully licensed State Cinema at 375 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart.

Evening sessions from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 March are screened at 6:30pm and then repeated at 8:45pm.

### Kids

Want to bring the kids? No worries. Our Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinee sessions are suitable for the whole family. All other screenings are at the discretion of parents, but persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian or parent.

### Tickets

Adult: \$17  
Concession\*: \$13

All tickets are available in advance from the State Cinema, 375 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart, or by phone on 03 6234 6318. Please note that patrons are advised to purchase tickets early as most sessions sell out.

\*Concessions apply to children (for matinee sessions), pensioners, full time students and unemployed. Photo proof of concession (student card with photo or pension card and driver's license or Medicare card) will be required.