

Mountain festival features top adventurers



Mountain festival expected to draw thousands

Epic journeys are the key focus of the 15th Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival on 3 and 4 February at the George Square Theatre, Edinburgh.

Kite-surfing across the Greenlandic ice cap, paddling through the Amazon in a self-made dugout canoe and various self-powered journeys around the world form some of the intriguing stories to be discovered.

The festival combines the best mountain and adventure films with presentations from some of the world's top adventurers.

Home-talent is represented by Mark Beaumont who recently broke the world record for cycling round the globe.

Sarah Outen MBE, whose London2London: Via the World expedition saw her loop the planet using a rowing boat, bike and kayak, a journey of 25,000 miles that took over four years.

The festival, in association with Tiso Mountain Equipment, Alien Rock and Wilderness Scotland, also welcomes English crack-climber Pete Whittaker and American mountaineer Kelly Cordes who known for his bold ascents in Patagonia.

The festival will also screen almost 20 adventure films, covering epic journeys by bike, kayak canoe and kite-assisted skis, as well as documenting scary climbs, swimming with orcas, epic mountain biking and sketchy ski descents down some of the steepest mountain faces in Scotland.

Tickets start at £8 and are on sale now at www.emff.co.uk/ and

Festival Director Stevie Christies said: "The films that have made the final selection are fantastic."