

## 2020-2021 Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour Grande Prairie Edition

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q: How will the virtual film festival work this year?**

**A:** Wapiti Nordic Ski Club has been assigned a web link that is unique to our organization. It will take you to the Vimeo online platform to purchase film Programs. A portion of each Program purchased goes to Wapiti Nordic, the rest to the Banff Centre and film makers.

**Q: What is a Program?**

**A:** An online Program looks very similar to what you would have experienced at one evening at the Grande Prairie Regional College theatre venue - there will be an introduction from the Banff Centre Road Warrior and even an intermission! Each program will include 7 to 8 films of varying lengths and topics that were selected by the Banff Centre. On the Vimeo platform you will be able to see online program listing showing all film titles, film descriptions, advisories, and an image for each film. Normally, your local Tour Hosts from Wapiti Nordic select the films that you see in Grande Prairie but this was not an option this year and we have full trust in the Banff Centre to create great film line ups!

**Q: How much will a Program cost?**

**A:** A single program will cost \$15 USD (approximately \$20.00 CAD) to rent which is very similar to the ticket price you would have paid in previous years (i.e. \$25 for one night at the College, \$45 for two nights or \$60 for all three evenings). The price includes tax. A "Bundle" of two Programs will cost \$28 USD to rent.

**Q: How many Programs will be available on the Vimeo platform?**

**A:** The Banff Centre has two different Programs available at this time - called AMBER and ONYX respectively - and are available for rent on November 26, 2020 (see link at the bottom of this document). They may be rented separately or in a "Bundle". The Banff Centre hopes to add additional Programs to Vimeo in February 2021 and in April 2021. We will post on our GP Facebook page and at [www.wapitinordic.com](http://www.wapitinordic.com) when these are released. All Programs will remain available for purchase until October 24, 2021.

**Q: How long do I have to watch a Program?**

**A:** You are renting access to the Program. You can watch them at your leisure over a three (3) day window if you rent a single Program, or over 14 days if you rent a Bundle (two Programs). The timer starts from the day you press "play" and commence watching the first film in the Program. So you don't have to binge them all at once but it's quite OK if you do!! Films can be re-watched within the rental period.

**Q: Do I need internet service to watch the films?**

**A:** Yes, you will need an internet or wifi connection to watch the films as they are only available through online streaming (films cannot be downloaded).

**Q: What happens if I have technical problems viewing my films?**

**A:** The Banff Centre has provided a [Help Centre](#) and includes information on "[How do I watch on my SmartTV?](#)"

**Q: Can I gift a Program?**

**A:** Yes you will be able to gift a Program to someone - this option will appear on the checkout page on Vimeo. The customer (you) will make the rental purchase and the gift recipient will receive an email with information on how to watch the Program or Bundle. The gifts can be redeemed and viewed outside of Canada and can be purchased in CAD or US funds. A 2020-2021 Banff Centre Film Festival Program makes a perfect pandemic Christmas gift for family, friends, teachers and more! It can be sent from the safety of your home and viewed virtually - no hand sanitizer or face masks required!

**Q: What about the sponsor prizes that are usually drawn on the intermissions?**

**A:** For safety and logistical reasons, all official World Tour sponsors prizes will be awarded through the online contest as shown in the film Program. So remember to enter! Wapiti Nordic will also be offering some local prizes through the [Grande Prairie Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Facebook page](#) - if you haven't joined yet please visit it and sign up so that you can be included in the action! We will post "challenges" from November 30th - January 15th 2021 and those who participate will be entered to win the prize.

**Q: Can I invite friends and family over for a group screening?**

**A:** We realize that the Film Festival is a long standing social tradition for many friends and families and technically yes, one person could rent the Program or Bundle and have others join to watch it. However, we ask that you respect current local and provincial health recommendations in place for the COVID-19 pandemic. We would not want the virtual Film Festival to become a social "spreader" event when the reason it has switched to a virtual platform is to help prevent the spread. Please use good judgment and consider recommending that friends and family rent their own Programs. You could watch them simultaneously then FaceTime on the intermission or at the end of the screening to share your feedback on the films!

**Q: Has the virtual screening impacted Wapiti Nordic Ski Club?**

**A:** Yes - in several ways! We love hosting the live event - a tradition that spans 22 years in Grande Prairie - and will miss seeing familiar faces in the audience. We also had plans to enhance the event this year so they are on hold until the 2021-2022 screening. As a not for profit recreation club, we rely on fundraising events to help cover operating costs. Traditionally, the Film Festival is our major annual fundraiser. Even with our most optimistic predictions for this year, Wapiti Nordic is likely to see a 85% decrease in funds raised via the virtual Film Festival format. So please spread the word and share our Facebook posts on your personal page too - the more people that rent the Programs via the Wapiti Nordic link, the more funds that will be raised for the ski club. Or consider gifting a Program or Bundle as a Christmas gift as suggested above!

**Q: So .... how do I rent a Program or Bundle?**

**A:** Go to <https://filmfest.banffcentre.ca/?campaign=WT-163621>

This link will also be posted on our GP BMFF Facebook page and Wapiti Nordic BMFF page.

We hope that we have covered most scenarios here - if you have further questions please [email us](#) and we will respond and add the information to this FAQ. Enjoy the 2020-2021 Banff Centre Film Festival virtual World Tour!

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Grande Prairie Tour Hosts, on behalf of Wapiti Nordic Ski Club