

19th ANNUAL


NZ Mountain
Film & Book Festival

WANAKA • QUEENSTOWN • ONLINE • NATIONAL TOUR
June 25 to July 3, 2021



FACT SHEET FOR THE 2021 FESTIVAL.

Live June 25 to July 3, 2021. Online June 25 to July 25.

A non-profit charitable trust and registered charity.

The 2021 NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival is a combination of events over 8 days in NZ's premier alpine village of Wanaka and NZ's adventure capital, Queenstown.

The 19th NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival is bouncing back after the extremely successful, but reduced, 2020 COVID-19 pandemic year. The 2021 event will include talks, films and readings and the top entries from the Mountain Film and Mountain Book competitions. The event is a celebration of adventurous sports and lifestyles presented for adventurers, film and book enthusiasts, and armchair explorers.

Keynote speakers will include inspirational adventurers from within New Zealand. The line-up includes Mark Watson, who biked the length of the Americas, from north to south, with his partner.

We welcome back Tara Mulvany. Tara circumnavigated the South Island, and paddled alone around both Stewart Island and the North Island, becoming the first woman to circumnavigate New Zealand's three main islands by sea kayak. Tara circumnavigated Vancouver Island, and then, in 2015, she completed the first ever kayak circumnavigation of Svalbard Archipelago in the high Arctic. The following year, she was drawn again above the Arctic circle, paddling 3600km alone along Norway's coast, eventually reaching the Swedish border 89 days later. Her most recent adventure involves traversing the Southern Alps this past summer.

Our authors include Nic Low, a writer and arts organiser of Ngāi Tahu Maori and European descent, who will speak about his latest work. Max Quin is a director, cameraman and polar photographer who has captured some of the remotest corners of our planet. He will speak to us about his adventures and projects. Sam Masters is a legendary ski writer, who will be on the festival stage talking about his book *The Story of New Zealand Freeskiing*.

The core of the Festival continues to be the international adventure film competition submissions. The programme includes 30 to 40 of the film finalists. The content includes adventure sports such as base jumping, mountaineering, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, surfing, and mountain biking; it also investigates some of the more sublime foreign cultures, remote travel, and environmental issues.

2021 is the seventh year the event has included Mountain Book and Literature events. The Mountain Book and Literature programme will be incorporated into the main programme and will include author readings, storytelling and more.

The free Youth Programme aims to inspire youth to get into the outdoors. The Trust transports students from within the district to

attend the festival, and the annual Silent Auction will raise funds for the Trust's Grant Scheme. The festival aims to extend its carbon offset programme for its speakers to its audience in 2021. The festival's Zero Waste policy has become a regional event case study.

The event is run by a small team directed by Mark Sedon, the Festival Founder.

Contact us for more information.



Activities scheduled include

- International adventure film maker's competition.
- International adventure book competition.
- Viewing of the film finalist.
- Awards night with films
- NZ Guest speakers
- Mountain Book events

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