



2018 EQUUS Film Festival

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2018 SCHEDULE

12:00 pm

THE KNABSTRUPPER HORSE HUNTING FOR THE OLD GENES (2018) DENMARK

90:00 min / Directed by: Irene G. Scholten

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/295545773>

Equestrian Documentary – Full Length (over 30 minutes)

Equestrian International - Documentary

"Join a dynamic and fascinating tour of discovery around Europe and get the story about this unique horse breed. We visit prehistoric caves in France, Royal Castles in Denmark. We follow dedicated breeders in Denmark and Germany, hunting the genes that can save this ancient Danish horse, The Knabstrupper horse, from total extinction!

This is the very first Danish Documentary about the Knabstrupper Horse. With only around 350 living species left on our globe in its original form, its on the edge of extinction.

Through decades a small handful of committed people in both Denmark and Germany have been working hard to reverse this horrible future prospect – they have tried to save the horse through targeted pure breeding – a task which is not an easy one!"

1:35 pm

BOY NOMAD (2018) CANADA

21:00 min / Directed by: Niobe Thompson & Dennis Wells

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/283935897>

Equestrian Documentary – Short (under 30 minutes)

Short film BOY NOMAD follows a year in the life of 9-year old Janibek, who lives with his family in Mongolia's Altai Mountains. His first love is racing horses, but this winter, his father will bring him on the toughest journey in a nomad's life: the winter migration. When the film crew arrives, they discover the Altai is gripped by a "zhut", a hard winter that blocks the passes and threatens to wipe out the family's only possession: their animals.

2:00 pm

FAIRYTALE OF SAAGA S – (2018) FINLAND

73:00 min / Directed by: Kai Kuntola

Trailer: https://vimeo.com/300103518?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=29220

Equestrian International - Documentary

The fairytale story of Saaga S is not just a story about a top athlete succeeding. It is a true story about believing in your dreams. It is a story about reaching for your dreams and watching them become a reality. In this beautifully filmed documentary we follow the heart-warming story of amateur harness racers Iikka and Milla Pyysalo. They bought their first horse from a photo with a simple dream of just entering a race. After a few races and a few more wins they realize that Saaga S is not just an ordinary horse. Saaga S goes on to win the Royal Finnish Title race three years in a row, like winning the Triple Crown in America.

Iikka and Milla tell us their touching journey with Saaga S in this documentary filmed throughout the beautiful natural landscape of Finland. It is a story with ups and downs and joys and sorrows. We see them training on frozen lakes in the deep Finnish winter and we watch as Saaga S swims behind Milla rowing a boat in the eternal summer evening in the lake district of southeast Finland. There is something magical about it all.



3:20 pm

HORSE POWERS FROM THE LAND OF THE VIKINGS (2018) ICELAND

56:41 min / Directed by: Jonathan Learn

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/191623748>

Equestrian International – Documentary

Submission is now 9/14/18-final edition final cut . Norwegian subtitles will be on for Oslo FF showing- all others are OK as is (English). Our most trusted & reliable working partner has become a prescription for our health & well-being. We've relied upon horses for thousands of years to get us from place to place, charging through battlefields and farming our lands. In this film, we'll explore the close bonds that the horse developed with several real-life characters: An Adventure Horsewoman, A Mountain Horse Family and a War Veteran- from the land of the Northern Lights and the Midnight Sun the horse culture, traditions and the healing powers of the horses.

4:20 pm

PATAGONIA BY HORSEBACK (2018) USA

5:00 min / Directed by: Lindsay Blatt

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/289470300>

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)

"Patagonia By Horseback" a short film by Lindsay Blatt, follows a group of women who ventured by horseback into the rugged heart of the Andes on a 7-day pack trip.

This beautiful film captures the connection between horse and rider that results from days being spent moving through the Andes, sleeping on the ground, and cooking over campfire.

4:30 pm

THE GOBI GALLOP A DOCUMENTARY (2018) CANADA

70:00 min / Directed by: Bree Von Bradsky

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/285730970>

Equestrian Inspirational Documentary – Over 60 Minutes

A look at the intrepid riders taking on the challenge of the longest annual charity horseback ride on the planet. With 12 riders and their Mongolian ground crew it is an adventure laced with all the unpredictable twists that only Mongolia can throw at you.

Magnificent horses, amazing culture, epic adventurers make this captivating story of undertaking incredible hardship to help some of the most impoverished children on the planet.

5:40 pm

HONORING VETERANS HONORING MUSTANGS (2018) USA

12:25 min / Directed by: Matt Manroe

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocEzuxG-OWA>

Equestrian Inspirational Documentary

Horses Helping Humans

NEW - Humans Helping Horses

The Mustang Heritage Foundation has created a life changing veterans program pairing veterans suffering from post war conditions with wild horses.

Director Biography - Matt Manroe

Matt has shown horses since he was 13 years old and currently owns two mustangs.



6:00 pm

UTOPIK (2018) USA

13:50 min / Directed by: Georgia Griffis

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3XzMOhdC6s>

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Charlie Carrel, a horseman from Wyoming, bonds with a troubled horse. After years of work together, they fight the odds and compete at a top level Grand Prix to prove the actual worth and ability of Utopik.

Director: Georgia Griffis was born and raised on a ranch in Larkspur Colorado. After attending Colorado College ('18), with a degree in Film and Media Studies, she founded Sorella Films. Works include Utopik, XO, The Crossing, You Don't Know jack, Here Here. Georgia works on and resides on the family ranch while pursuing her film projects.

6:15 pm

DESERT FLIGHT (2018) USA

40:00 min / Directed by: Ryan Koral

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/268079001>

Equestrian Film Trailer

Equestrian Documentary – Full Length (over 30 minutes)

Equestrian Inspirational Documentary - Under 60 Minutes

Equestrian Sports

A love letter to the sport of show jumping, DESERT FLIGHT is a documentary short film that explores the unique relationship with the horse and why people dedicate so much to the equestrian life.

Filmmaker and show jumper Samia Staehle's goal was to capture the visceral way in which horses enrich our lives and heighten our senses. The film showcases the amazing kind of people that horses always seem to attract: individuals of enormous character, possessed of infinite work ethic, and often a very sharp sense of humor.

Set in Thermal, California the dry beauty of the desert and the horse show's hidden dusty trails are reminiscent of her one-time home in India, a land of adventure and freedom.

DESERT FLIGHT was shot with two-cameras over three-weeks by Tell Studios. Their crew from metropolitan Detroit with nearly zero experience with horses was set loose on the horse world, not without some trepidation from Staehle and her husband Daryl, the picture's Executive Producer. There was no script, only the mandate to go and find out what drives these horse people to do what they do every day. The result was DESERT FLIGHT.

WINNIE AWARDS TO FOLLOW FILM – 10 Minute Intermission

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm WINNIE AWARDS



POP-UP GALLERY

12:00 pm

HOBBYHORSE REVOLUTION (2018) FINLAND

88:00 min / Directed by: Selma Vilhunen

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imW7EGQcJck>

The Oscar-nominated Selma Vilhunen has directed a documentary about young hobbyhorse enthusiasts. HOBBYHORSE REVOLUTION is a funny and moving film about the power of imagination and the strength of a community. Witness the empowerment of three young girls, Aisku, Elsa and Alisa whose lives have been transformed by their new interest: hobbyhorses. Despite a lack of understanding by some, the girls bravely and spiritedly pursue their hobby. A funny and moving film about teenagers with growing pains, who discover their own voice and talent through riding and grooming toy horses.

1:30 pm

EQUUS SHORTS COLLECTION

45:00 min

UNSUNG HEROINES OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY (2018) CANADA

03:56 min / Directed by: Dorothy Chiotti

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gD7fVoOmloA&feature=youtu.be>

Equestrian Photo Journal – English

A reflective look at the behind-the-scenes contribution that knowledgeable, empathic and patient women make to care for their equine charges while keeping their corner of the equestrian world humming.

Unsung Heroines of the Horse Industry spun off from the photographic series "Barn Mavens," which appeared as part of the theme "Women at Work" at the Urban Gallery in Toronto during the ScotiaBank CONTACT Photography Festival, May 2018.

BOW WOW FILM FEST (2018) USA

20:00 min / Directed by: Assorted Directors

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LtFf67-QWs>

Going To The Dogs Shorts

BORN TO REIN – TRAILER (2019) USA

03:17 min / Directed by: Melody Dobson and Jody Lamp

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usXWoFwWUhw>

Melody Dobson and Jody Lamp of the American Doorstep Project presented the first trailer for "Born to Rein," their upcoming documentary about horse racing and its roots in Nebraska, in a press conference at the Midwest Theater on Thursday morning. Dobson said the film's goal is to document Nebraska's historical connection to racing. Lamp, a native of Minatare, said part of that purpose is to ensure that the legacy of John Nerud is not forgotten in his hometown.

"If you want to learn anything about the accomplishments of one of the nation's most revered trainers and horse breeders in America, you can't come here," she said. "Unless you talk to the family and know them personally, there isn't anything to tell you about John. The only place in Nebraska to tell you about his history is at Fonner Park, where the Nebraska Thoroughbred Racing Association has their hall of fame."

Nerud, born in Minatare, spent 44 years as a horse trainer. He helped found the Breeder's Cup and was inducted into the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in 1972. He died in 2015 at the age of 102.



THE BLACK COWBOY - TRAILER (2019) USA

01:30 min / Directed by: Charles Perry

TRAILER: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MArVFrbqJuA>

The Black Cowboy is a look at a little known chapter in the history of the United States. It is a story that illuminates the often overlooked people who contributed to the building of the ideal that is the American dream. This documentary will tell those stories from the past to the present.

Most of us know the cowboy as a gun-toting white man - like John Wayne. But the Hollywood portrayal of the Wild West is a whitewashed version of reality. It is thought that, on some Texas trails, about 25% of cowboys were black. We need your support to help tell what was left out of our history.

The Black Cowboy is the riveting story of the past and present day Black Cowboy. Rarely seen outside Oklahoma boundaries and never before explored this intensely in film, The Black Cowboy searches to understand the links that connect the development of the American West, the rodeo tradition, and the unbroken spirit of Black Americans emerging from slavery in the 1860s and immigrate to Oklahoma to create new lives on their own terms; free and open as the West was promised to all Americans. Black history is American history and The Black Cowboy seeks to convey this to a broader audience.

MONTE CAVALO THE LUSITANO STUD OF SOUTH AFRICA (2018) SOUTH AFRICA

02:24 min / Directed by: Tatjana Meirelles

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/219275646>

Equestrian Director – International – SHORT (under 15 min)

The Story of Monte Cavalo Lusitano Stud Farm. In the small town of Coruche at the heart of the Ribatejo Province in Portugal, the name of the Raposo family has been associated for centuries with horses, bullfights and agriculture in general. It is therefore understandable that Carlos Raposo, a descendant of this family, an engineer and entrepreneur living in Southern Africa for the last 25 years, decided to create in the Cape "A bit of the Portugal I love" to use his own words.

Nominated for Best Film from MEA at Berlin Fashion Film Festival, 2018.

Narrated by founder and owner, Carlos Raposo.

Shot & Edited by Tatjana Meirelles

Lusitano Horses ridden by: Carlos Raposo, Kristi Butler, Patricia Robertson, Alex van der Walt.

Original Score: Daniel Gray, Graymatter Studios.

Art Direction: Marjie van der Walt, M&A Design

IN THE REALM OF LEGENDS (2018) USA

01:44 min / Directed by: Drew Doggett

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/273999610>

Equestrian Photo Journal – English

In a land filled with waterfalls, volcanic black sand beaches, epic glaciers and other dreamlike & surreal natural features live a breed of horses whose existence you have to see to believe.

STRONGHOLD OF RESISTANCE SABLE ISLAND AND HER LEGENDARY HORSES (2018) USA

04:06 min / Directed by: Drew Doggett

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/213521937>

Equestrian Art Film – Mini (under 15 minutes)

This short film takes viewers to the shores of Sable Island, a small strip of land less than a mile-wide whose only full-time inhabitants are wild horses; no human attempts at colonization have ever succeeded.

BAND OF REBELS WHITE HORSES OF CAMARGUE (2018) USA

03:46 min / Directed by: Drew Doggett

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/182536936>

INTERNATIONAL Micro-Docs (5 minutes and under)



The Brotherhood of the Camargue Horsemen, also known as gardians or 'cowboys of the Riviera,' have tended to the distinctive white horses of Camargue since the 1500s. Living deep within the Camargue Marshland and far from any metropolitan area, the gardians have earned the trust of these horses, and their lives revolve around the tradition of caring for them. These are wild animals "born from big spaces" and the symbiotic relationship of the gardians and horses has had a huge impact on shaping both of their identities.

THE SUPREME TEST OF THE RACEHORSE (2018) UK

2:09 min / Directed by: Equine Productions

Equestrian Commercial – International

This emotive film aims to demonstrate the making of an Epsom Derby winning racehorse. Known as The Greatest Flat Race in the World it is the supreme test of any horse. This film shows flashes from training to racing, highlighting the power, stamina, courage and temperament of these incredible beasts.

BEATRICE BULTEAU A PORTRAIT - TRAILER (2018) PORTUGAL

03:30 min / Directed by: Beatrice Bulteau

Trailer:

Equestrian Film Trailer - International

A brief look into the life-long work of artist Beatrice Bulteau.

THE RIDE (2018) USA

08:35 / Directed by: Erik Petersen

Trailer:

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Skijoring is a sport that combines fast horses with daredevil skiing through a slalom course in small towns throughout the western United States. Follow Ebbie Hansen, a Montana cowgirl, as she chases her third National Championship.

O! ARABIAN

06:00 min / Directed by: Jen Miller & Sophie Pegram

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/255987178>

Equestrian Music Video – Short (under 10 minutes)

O! Arabian is a cinematic compilation of some of the best moments we have captured in 12 years of filming, an unabashed love letter to the Arabian Horse.

Filming the incomparable Arabian horse around the world for over 12 years, we created O! Arabian as a cinematic compilation of some of the best moments we have captured to date, and our unabashed love letter to the breed. Originally produced for and shown in conjunction with the 2018 Marquise Auction, we thank Marquise for sending us on a moving journey back through our film archives and we proudly present a newly-edited version of the film for Arabian horse lovers everywhere.

HORSE REFLECTIONS (by EDDIE LIVES) (2018) THE NETHERLANDS

3:20 min / Directed by: Eddy Modde & Cassie Tooms

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGKHkyF1Lx4>

Equestrian Music Video – Short (under 10 minutes)

During the time I was self employed as a Natural Horseman I've had many unforgettable moments and life lessons with horses and their owners. This song reflects that time and what it is like to have horses in your life.

MOTOR CITY HORSEMAN (2018) USA

04:27 min / Directed by: Andrea Claire Morningstar

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/148742587>

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)



Amidst the gentrification and ruins of downtown Detroit a self styled urban cowboy named Durrel Montgomery rides his horse down the middle of Michigan Avenue. 'They say what's good for the outside of a horse is good for the inside of man' Durrel tells us. Durrel believes that working with horses kept him out of trouble and taught him important values. Values that he dreams of passing on to the next generation of Detroit youth by starting a riding center in the city. In this short film we meet Durrel, see him riding through the city and taking care of his horse at his ranch with his son, and sitting down for a drink by his fire at the end of his day.

2:30 pm

AMAZING MUSTANGS SHORTS COLLECTION

50:00 min

THE MUSTANG BOOK PROJECT (2018) USA

10:00 min / Directed by: Ronda Ann Gregorio

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iENFjciuf5c>

A little backstory to why this book is so important to me. This horse, Viggo is my reason. I adopted him from the Lorton adoption in 2014 and my understanding of the horse human partnership changed. I am a life long rider and have never experienced the trust and connection that I have with this boy.

She is traveling the country working on a book that is highlighting the achievements of the American Mustang. This is one video from her travels where she worked with the amazing trick rider; Ginger Duke! Please like and share this video as well as her page, where you will see much more! Also, if anyone has been interested in taking a mustang on, but didn't know what to look for, how to get started, or wanted professional help starting your horse, please contact me and I would be happy to help!

OPERATION MUSTANG – TRAILER (2018) USA

05:00 min / Directed by: David Glossberg

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bB2PvKrSgT0&feature=youtu.be>

BraveHearts provides equine-assisted activities and therapies with teams of expert staff, dedicated volunteers and therapy horses at multiple safe and caring facilities. In addition to serving children and adults, BraveHearts provides innovative services to meet the needs of our military veterans and their families. By utilizing a faculty of national experts, BraveHearts is a center of excellence within the therapeutic industry through its unique efforts in programming, education and research.

When I discovered what a positive effect this program is having helping our military veterans heal from physical, mental and emotional challenges, I decided to go all in on the project, because these challenges affects so many of us, and few are aware of the problems our veterans are facing..

MUSTANG LEADERSHIP GIRLS

07:20 min / Directed by: Sue Anne Wells

JAR HORSE MUSIC VIDEO (2018) USA

05:13 min / Directed by: Jean Albert Renaud

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qlfo2T-OWU>

Equestrian Music Video – Short (under 10 minutes)

The music video HORSE by writer/vocalist/producer/horseman, JAR, is an homage to the timeless relationship and unconditional love for this most special of creatures and their longstanding partnership with humankind.

There is a mystical and spiritual bond between HORSE and MAN that spans cultures, the globe and time. This music video is JAR's way of expressing HIS lifelong love for this special friend of all mankind!

JAR wrote Horse song as an anthem to bring all horse lovers together through the venue of music.

WILD HORSES A MICRO/MINI DOCUMENTARY (2018) USA

03:45 min / Directed by: William Simpsom II

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/285882192>



Micro-Docs (5 minutes and under)

Equestrian Film – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Wild Horse - Mini (under 15 min)

A Cinematic experience carried by an uplifting musical score powering a revealing look into the plight of America's Wild Horses William E. Simpson II spent his formative years growing up on the family's working ranch in the mountains of Southern Oregon where horses were an integral part of the daily life. Decades and a whole lot of adventures later; in 2014 after completing a 4-year sailing expedition into the Sea of Cortez, William and his best friend and wife Laura changed gears and have been living among wild free-roaming wild horses for the past 5-years in a remote mountain wilderness, studying, photographing and filming America was built off the backs of horses and American wild horse herds were a major source of that inspiration and strength. Wild horses had been the companions of native Americans for millennia and their kind have remained the noble and loyal servants of mankind. We must engage the plight of American wild horses with the same level of compassionate dedication and loyalty they have shown us. Thank You!

TOGETHER AND WILD (2018) USA

02:30 min / Directed by: Greg Hughs

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/288871379/48f2cbb817>

Wild Horse - Mini (under 15 min)

Equestrian Commercial – Art

Greg Hughs is a director and EMMY Award-winning producer from Austin. He has spent more than 2 decades creating beautiful imagery for clients as ranging from Samsung to The Home Depot to Southwest Airlines.

Description of the film: "Together and Wild" is a mood piece created from footage of Wild Mustangs in the American southwest. This is a short meditation on wild Mustangs. We're billing it as the "Baraka" of the Wild Mustangs.

FOLLOW YOUR WILD HEART – TRAILER (2018) USA

00:51 min / Directed by: Ashley Mancuso

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDtGxvFVfXY>

Equestrian Film Trailer

Follow Your Wild Heart, the Story That Inspired the Song

Starring Marsha Hartford Sapp and Cobra the Mustang

Song Written by Peter Prince

Performed by Ronnie Kimball

Music Video by Ashley Mancuso

WILD (2018) USA

13:27 min / Directed by: Chris Alstrin

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4zNQv6l2qE>

Wild Horse - Mini (under 15 min)

This is the astonishing story of 26 year old wild stallion Goliath. Rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management to clear public lands for livestock, Goliath was separated from his family never to see them again. Skydog Sanctuary, a 501c3 non profit, became determined to reunite him with the love of his life and set them free once again, where they belonged. Nobody could have dreamed up the journey they were about to embark on, the support they would inspire and the incredible surprise which awaited them all. This is a beautiful story about love and family that reveals the heartbreaking truths behind what could lead to the eventual extinction of wild horses in America.

PROJECT ARROWHEAD (2018) USA

05:34 min / Directed by: Brian Barber

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AUkb3x0RKw>

Horses Helping Humans



AR uses his skills as an equestrian, music producer, and former Motown artist to help raise awareness around human rights issues. Honored and award recipient in 2013 he plans to promote his program throughout the United States. JAR will further develop Project Arrowhead which combines equine therapy with an awareness program to educate youth about the risks of HIV infection. The project uses proven strategies from equine therapy to develop a sense of self-efficacy and acceptance, impulse modulation, and social skills building. Through his music and his horsemanship, JAR is proving age is not a barrier when it comes to changing a person's life. He starts with one horse and one child at a time to make this world a better place. A percentage from sales from concerts, speaking engagements, merchandise, and music helps to provide the funding that ensures the program's success for years to come.

DEAR WILD ONE (2018) USA

5:10 min / Directed by: Madison Shambaugh

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/270156351>

Equestrian Commercial – Art

Equestrian Art Film – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Explore the impossible as horsewoman, "Mustang Maddy," journeys through the mountains with her herd of previously wild horses and reflects on what it means to reconnect with our inner wildness and freedom.

3:30 pm

HORSES ARE THE HEALERS SHORTS COLLECTION

60:00 min

PARA REINING (2018) USA

04:57 min / Directed by: Lee Schneider

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/113724860>

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Lee Schneider - The Video Zoo – Fort Worth Texas - <http://www.thevideozoo.com/>

Fort Worth, Texas 76104 - 817-721-6836 - Lee@TheVideoZoo.com

Lisa Coulter Para Reining - 1570 North Preston Road - Prosper, Texas 75078 – 214-701-4416

LITTLE HORSE HORSE BIG MEDICINE (2018) USA

04:14 min / Directed by: Susan Edwards

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djkOwPzmXEO>

Horses Helping Humans – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Peggy is a young girl dealing with grief after her best friend dies. She gets help from the horses at Team Velvet.

Each day there is a child who experiences the death of a loved one, witnesses violence, is victimized by crime or intense bullying, disfigured by an accident or other countless events - all resulting in severe childhood trauma. In the extreme, child trauma may cause flashbacks, blackouts or may make a child want to die.

Team Velvet Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)-3 [EIN#26-2167394] organization, provides multimodal horse therapy for traumatized children ages 5-12 with psychologist Dr. Susan Edwards. Therapy horses may be involved in interactive games, kick a soccer ball, dance or be taught liberty performance. Children do not ride the horses; they interact while working toward goals of increased self-esteem and resiliency over trauma.

SPECIALTY HORSE (2018) UK

02:00 min / Directed by: Flo Knoyle

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/238669219>

Equestrian Student Film – Adult (filmmaker over 18 years old – submit copy of student ID with entry)

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)



Horses Helping Humans

'Specialty Horse' is a short film by Flo Knoyle, who is currently studying BA (hons) Short Film-Making at Hereford College of Arts. Adopted when she was only three years old, Bee is a young girl who has struggled developmentally and was eventually diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder at the age of 7. Autistic Spectrum Disorder is a life long learning disability. It causes emotional social and communication difficulties. These difficulties can present themselves in various forms such as lack of social awareness, rigidity of thought, the constant need for routine, and repetition of familiar tasks and function. A person with Autistic Spectrum Disorder may also feel particularly anxious when they are asked to do something that they feel is not within the realms of their usual routine. They can become easily frustrated and often have difficulty communicating their frustrations as thought processes become muddled. Nancy is a little pony who was rescued from the Welsh Mountains as a foal. She was orphaned, severely malnourished with a bad case of mange. As a result Nancy was hand raised and sometimes herself presents behavioural issues arising from her past. Bee and Nancy give each other the confidence to continue on their journey of development.

WALK ON (2018) USA

09:26 min / Directed by: Ethan Downing & Vincent DeLuca

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/298337196/83a3aa1755>

Equestrian Documentary – Mini (under 15 minutes)

Kendra Johnson has a knack for defying the odds. When Kendra was born with an extremely severe physical disability, none of the doctors at the local hospital had any experience with arthrogryposis, so they immediately air-lifted her to another hospital. Couching the prognosis in the gentlest terms possible to Kendra's parents, the doctors left no uncertainty that Kendra would not walk, that is if she survived. Worse yet, nobody seemed to know where to begin or how to even try to help Kendra gain the mobility she would need to live. Armed with an indomitable spirit, Kendra's mom created her own plan to incorporate every innovative physical therapy she could find to make sure her daughter would have a fighting chance at an independent life. Settling was not an option. No one expected Kendra to achieve so much in so little time, nor did they think horses would play such a large role in it.

THROUGH THEIR EYES (2018) USA

6:40 min / Directed by: Suzanne Warren

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/44537710>

Horses Helping Humans

The unseen wounds of war are just as debilitating and devastating as the visible ones. In an evolution of humankind's relationship with the horse, equine therapy is being increasingly used with veterans to help them heal from PTSD. Many veterans find themselves unable to leave the nightmare of what they've seen and heard and done behind. Horses are able to bring people into the present where all true healing takes place. The film will tell the story of how these magnificent creatures are helping to heal.

WARHORSES FOR HEROES YOU CAN BE THE HERO (2018) USA

03:20 min / Directed by: Ani Blair

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad_aJY4nJ-4

Horses Helping Humans

A look into the WarHorses for Heroes program and how it impacts veterans. It's more than just a therapy program, this community of horses and veterans is saving lives.

WarHorses for Heroes is a local non-profit organization that provides equine-assisted therapy to veterans who have sustained service-related mental or physical injuries. Some of the available services are grooming, groundwork, horseback riding, and even advanced horsemanship classes.

PURPOSE WHEN HORSES HEAL (2018) USA

25:12 min / Directed by: Gregory K. Charkoudian

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/260292553>

Equestrian Series

A three-part feature video series highlighting the critical and highly effective role that horses play in addressing the epidemic of U.S. military veterans returning from combat with PTSD. The series, produced by ABR Films, focuses on three distinct non-profit programs dedicated to better serving veterans through equine therapy.



A PONY AND HIS BOY THE STORY OF BERRY & JOSH (2018) USA

20:00 min / Directed by: Julianne Neal

Trailer:

Equestrian Inspirational Documentary - Under 30 Minutes

Horses Helping Humans

SPOTLIGHT Rescue Series - Julianne Neal - julianne@jamediaconnections.com – 803-351-0223

“A Pony and His Boy: The Story of Berry & Josh” shows the power of a pony and the effect that he has had on one small boy. Josh, a young boy with Down Syndrome, had been afraid of animals, especially horses, until one summer afternoon when walking in the pasture full of horses with his mom and Lisa he was asked “Do you want to ride?” When he surprisingly said yes, they caught him off-guard, swept him up and placed him on Berry. The relationship that started between Berry and Josh that day has been life-changing, not only for Josh, but for everyone who loves him.

Filmed in Illinois, North and South Carolina, plus featuring both heartfelt testimonials and informative interviews, “A Pony and His Boy” is a testament to the power of the horse.

FEATURE FILMS IN THE POP-UP GALLERY

4:30 pm

BACK IN THE SADDLE (2018) CANADA

43:54 min / Directed by: Tracy Jacobson

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/279901989>

Equestrian Documentary – Full Length (over 30 minutes)

‘Back in the Saddle’ chronicles the passion of famed Canadian cowboy David Cowley and his desire to showcase the often mystical bond of trust that can develop between horse and rider by attempting something never accomplished before on horseback. Along the way, David will compete in the Cowboy Up Challenge at the world famous Calgary Stampede, deal with an emotional family tragedy and endure a series of setbacks that will have him questioning his own confidence before rising up to face his greatest challenge as a horseman.

5:30 pm

THE SPANISH VAQUERO CLINIC CORDOBA SPAIN (2018) IRELAND

JEFF SANDERS CALIFORNIA VAQUERO HORSEMANSHIP

24:00 min / Directed by: Elaine Heney

Trailer:

Equestrian International - Documentary

Jeff Sanders is a sixth generation Californian horseman. Jeff travels around the world teaching horsemanship and preserving the traditions of old Spanish California. This is his documentary. Join Jeff Sanders, California Vaquero, at his two day horsemanship clinic in Cordoba, Spain, from anywhere in the world with this in-depth step-by-step footage recorded by the award-winning Elaine Heney of Grey Pony Films. At this clinic Jeff Sanders, who works with three riders, and explains many manouvres on his own horses live at the clinic.

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6:00 pm

FAST HORSE (2018) CANADA

14:00 min / Directed by: Alexandra Lazarowich

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/291619672> - pw HORSE

Wild Horse - Short (under 30 min)



FAST HORSE follows the return of the Blackfoot bareback horseracing tradition in a new form: the Indian Relay. Siksika horseman Allison Red Crow struggles to build a team with second-hand horses and a new jockey, Cody Big Tobacco, to take on the best riders in the Blackfoot Confederacy at the Calgary Stampede.

6:20 pm

HALTER OFF (2017) USA

18:51 min / Directed by: Jake Bulgarino, Jamie Young

Trailer: <https://eastward.com/halteroff/>

Equestrian Documentary – Short

Set in Charles Town, West Virginia, Halter Off offers an unapologetic look at one man's shot at a second chance. Angelo Jackson, a 50-year old horse trainer with a checkered past, is looking to redeem himself after being one charge away from a life sentence in prison. Banned from the track and with the odds against him, Angelo is facing the biggest race of his career against mentor and legendary horse trainer, James W. Casey.

As Angelo finds himself down on his luck and with the system he is working for working against him, he puts it all on the line to win the race of his life.

Far removed from the pageantry of races like the Kentucky Derby, veteran trainer Angelo Jackson competes not for fame or prestige but as a means of survival. However, when his checkered past sees him banned from the track, he looks to Halter Off, the first horse he's raised on his own to win the biggest race of his life.