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SHOCKING PINK ENDORPHINES

Films about women in sport

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An intriguing trip around the world through very diverse sports. Undisputed travel companions: women. From Pakistan to Mexico, from Israel to Mongolia, from Ethiopia to Iraq, crossing Palestine, Iran and Europe, the focus will present short and long features films chosen among the best films about sports that travelled the Festival world in the past years. The main genre is documentary, but there are also a series of fiction and animation films.

No matter what the latitude, sports offer women a way to escape from the ordinary life, be it a war situation or a boring existence without any purpose. But they can also be a way to question patriarchal societies, pushing both the personal limits and the boundaries of what is acceptable. Sports may be a passport to a better life or simply a thrill to add more adrenaline to one's life. Even the most individualistic activity implies some sort of interaction with people around and achieving results always comes at a price. Sports can become a way of living or be turned into art.

A kaleidoscope of film genres and ways of living sports, as diverse as the shades of women.

> AFTERGLOW, Tommaso Di Paola, Jack Webber, UK (2016), 6min, documentary

In English with Italian subtitles



Synopsis:

“Afterglow” follows outdoor swimmer and photographer Vivienne Rickman Poole, as she tackles the ice cold waters of the lakes in Snowdonia National Park in Gales. Vivienne recounts her thoughts and experiences about wild water swimming, giving the viewer an insight into her personal connection to nature, ice cold water and creativity.

> TOWN OF RUNNERS, Jerry Rothwell, Etiopia/UK (2012), 1h20min, documentary

In Oromiffa, Amharic and English with Italian subtitles



Synopsis:

Town Of Runners is a feature documentary about young people from the Ethiopian rural town of Bekoji, whose runners have won 10 Olympic Gold medals in the last 20 years. The film tells the story of two young girls, as they move from school track to national competition and from childhood to adulthood. Their desire is to follow in their heroes' footsteps and run their way to a different life.

[\(Trailer\)](#)



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