

“It’s a trek as thrilling as any Hollywood summer blockbuster, with real-life plot twists of death, unexpected heroism, and surprise endings... a must-see.”

– Ernest Hardy



“A Risky, Chilly Climb to the Top... the film gets in close, with snow on the lens, and captures the sound of piercing winds at high altitude.”

– Ben Kenigsberg

The New York Times

“Captures courage, hardship and at times defeat, but above all Ohlson and his crew document the mountain itself, in all its staggering majesty.”

– Daniel Eagan



“Beautiful mountaineering film gets big boost from historical material... wealth of splendid views...”

– John DeFore



“A stunning collection of scenic vistas and a sobering gut-check on the reality of climbing K2.”

– Jeff Jackson

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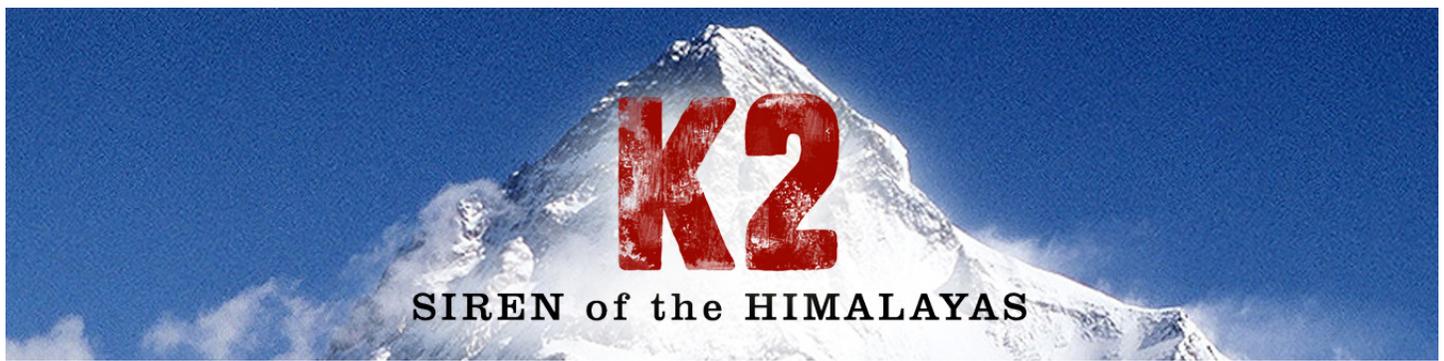


**SYNOPSIS**

A 75-minute feature documentary showing the adventure, peril and serenity of an elite group’s captivating attempt to climb the world’s most challenging peak: K2.

K2: SIREN OF THE HIMALAYAS stars elite alpinists **Fabrizio Zangrilli** and **Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner**, National Geographic’s 2012 Explorer of the Year and the first woman to summit all 14 of the world’s 8,000-meter peaks without supplemental oxygen or high altitude porters. Their breathtaking journey also features veteran climbers **Jake Meyer** and **Chris Szymiec**, as this seasoned group attempts to conquer the elusive peak of K2, roping in the viewer with them for this rare and thrilling experience.

Shot in Pakistan in the summer of 2009, the film’s director **Dave Ohlson** joins this group’s epic K2 journey on the 100-year anniversary of the **Duke of the Abruzzi’s** landmark 1909 K2 expedition. While their summit attempt hangs in the balance, the film also examines the history and geography of the Karakoram mountains while contemplating the risks, rewards and deeply personal nature of exploration in an age when there are few blank spots left on the map. Rare video footage and still images from the 1909 Duke of Abruzzi expedition make this a definitive historical piece on K2, tracing the parallels of high altitude exploration over the last century.



K2 is the second highest peak on Earth at 8,611 meters. Even in the modern era of climbing gear and technology, it remains one of the most dangerous mountains to climb, with its summit eluding even the most devoted and elite professional alpinists. For every four people who have reached K2's summit, one person has died trying. Harsh weather conditions and demanding technical climbs have made producing documentary films on K2 extremely difficult, and footage from these expeditions is rare compared to its slightly taller and more frequently scaled counterpart, Mount Everest.

Ohlson and his team shot the climbing footage on HD digital cameras and 16mm film during the 65-day expedition. Following a successful festival run, distributor **First Run Features** picked up K2: SIREN OF THE HIMALAYAS for Domestic Theatrical, DVD, TV and Digital VOD release, and **XTreme Video** picked up the film for International distribution.

Produced by the Webby and Emmy® Award-winning team behind MAN ZOU: BEIJING TO SHANGHAI, SONICSGATE: REQUIEM FOR A TEAM and EVERGREEN: THE ROAD TO LEGALIZATION.

**Award-winning Worldwide Festival Run**

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**Additional Theatrical Openings and Screenings in:**

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| New York, NY         | Anchorage, AK         | Park City, UT     |
| Nevada City, CA      | Portsmouth, NH        | Howell, MI        |
| Seattle, WA          | San Diego, CA         | Boulder, CO       |
| Mill Valley, CA      | Graz, Austria         | Flagstaff, AZ     |
| Leavenworth, WA      | Breuil-Cervina, Italy | Istanbul, Turkey  |
| Herleen, Netherlands | Milano, Italy         | Wanaka, NZ        |
| Zakopane, Poland     | Poprad, Slovakia      | Skopje, Macedonia |
| Graz, Austria        | Copenhagen, Denmark   | Tianjin, China    |

## FEATURING

### Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner – Alpinist / Explorer of the Year

Originally from Austria, Gerlinde now calls Germany home, where she lives with her husband Ralf Dujmovits. In 2011, Gerlinde became the first woman to climb all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks without oxygen when she reached the summit of K2 via the rarely climbed North Pillar route. She was named the 2012 National Geographic Explorer of the Year.



Kaltenbrunner

### Fabrizio Zangrilli – Alpinist

Based in Colorado, Fabrizio spends a good portion of every year guiding in Nepal, Tibet and Pakistan. He owns an expedition company in Colorado. When he's not guiding, he pursues personal goals on some of the biggest mountain faces in the world.



Zangrilli

### Jake Meyer – Alpinist

Jake is based in the UK near London. When he was 21 years old, he became the youngest Brit to climb the Seven Summits after reaching the top of Mt. Everest. He is a sought after speaker for corporate and charitable organizations, where he uses his experiences in the mountains to motivate and entertain.

### Chris Szymiec – Alpinist

Based in the Canadian Rockies, Chris spends most of his time guiding on mountains in India and Pakistan. He has led successful expeditions to several 8,000-meter peaks including Cho Oyu and Broad Peak.

### Duke of the Abruzzi – 1909 Explorer

The Duke led expeditions all over the world during the late 19th and early 20th century. He travelled to the Wrangell St. Elias Range in Alaska, the Rumenzori's of Africa and in 1909 he travelled to K2 to "contribute to the solution of the problem as to the greatest height to which man may attain in mountain climbing."

### Vittorio Sella – 1909 Photographer

Sella was undoubtedly the greatest mountain photographer of his time. He accompanied the Duke on several expeditions and also explored the Alps and Caucasus extensively. He was considered a master by none other than Ansel Adams.

### Dave Ohlson – Director / Producer

Dave is a photographer, filmmaker and student of life. His interests in climbing and photography have taken him to Africa, Tibet, Nepal and Pakistan. When he's not enjoying the outdoors, he's currently pursuing a degree in medicine.



Ohlson

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