



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING

OLYMPIAN BROOKE RABOUTOU AND IFSC SECRETARY GENERAL ATTEND GLOBAL PREMIERE OF FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY FILM “THE WALL – CLIMB FOR GOLD”

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Feature-length documentary film ‘The Wall - Climb for Gold’ made its global premiere in New York City, USA, last night, with Olympian and protagonist Brooke Raboutou and Debra Gawrych, International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) Secretary General, in attendance.

The film follows four of Sport Climbing’s first female Olympians on their journey to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, where the sport made its Olympic debut earlier this year. In the two years approaching the Games, the athletes battle through Olympic qualifying events, face an intense season of competitions and training, before having their dreams and plans put on hold as the COVID-19 pandemic forces the postponement of the Olympics. Providing an intimate portrait into the lives of Great Britain’s Shauna Coxsey, Japan’s Miho Nonaka, Slovenia’s Janja Garnbret, and the USA’s Brooke Raboutou, the documentary reveals inspiring insight into what it means to be a climber, an Olympian, and ultimately, what it means to be human.

With six World Championship titles and 31 IFSC World Cup gold medals under her belt, Slovenian Sport Climbing sensation Janja Garnbret is one of the most decorated climbers to date, aged just 22. After making history in 2019 by sweeping the entire IFSC Boulder World Cup season, the Slovenian broke another barrier in 2021, becoming one of the first Olympic gold medallists in Sport Climbing alongside Spain’s Alberto Ginés López. Garnbret’s superpower is performing well under pressure, remembering to be present in the moment and enjoy the climb.

Competing on home soil at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, 2018 IFSC Boulder World Cup Champion Miho Nonaka fought to overcome the added pressure of representing her country in her home city, climbing onto the second step of the Olympic podium with a silver medal.

One of Sport Climbing’s youngest Olympians competing in Tokyo, Brooke Raboutou balances training with university studies. Born into a family of climbing legends, with her mother Robyn Erbesfield-Raboutou and father Didier Raboutou taking numerous IFSC World Cup titles in the 1990’s, Brooke hopes to continue the family success.

IFSC Boulder World Cup Champion in both 2016 and 2017, Shauna Coxsey MBE is one of Britain’s most successful athletes on the Sport Climbing circuit. Suffering a series of serious injuries over the last few years, Coxsey is experienced in hard work, perseverance, and coming back stronger each time.

Produced by award-winning production company Windfall Films, part of the Argonon group, ‘The Wall - Climb for Gold’ is executive produced by Dan Kendall, directed by Nick Hardie, includes a score by multi-award-winning composer Nainita Desai, and is edited by Emily West. The film features footage shot at IFSC competitions during the last two



years, with IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych and Marco Vettoretti, IFSC Head of Communications, receiving thanks in the credits.

Attending the global premiere in New York City, USA, IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych said:

“It was a fantastic evening and Brooke was the shining star of the event. I believe the film will catapult our sport to new heights with spectators all over the world. It shows how hard these four women worked, how they had to work through failures and then succeed – if not to win the gold or podium, even to succeed in life. It shows the support of their families and is beautiful from a cinematic aspect as well. I was blown away.”

Star of the film Brooke Raboutou attended the premiere alongside family-members Robyn Erbesfield-Raboutou, Didier Raboutou, and Shawn Raboutou. IFSC Routesetter Chris Danielson and former athlete Angela Payne were also present at the documentary’s debut screening.

Next on the premiere tour is Kendal Mountain Festival in Kendal, Great Britain, where Shauna Coxsey, Olympian and IFSC Athletes’ Commission President, will host a question-and-answer session this weekend following the film’s second public screening.

The full list of premiere dates and locations is as follows:

- 18 November - New York City (USA), The Explorers Club, Q&A with Brooke Raboutou
- 20 November - Kendal (GBR), Kendal Mountain Festival, Q&A with Shauna Coxsey
- 25 November - Tokyo (JPN), Ikebukuro Humax, ft. Q&A with Miho Nonaka
- 30 November - Nuremberg (GER), Café Kraft
- 2 December - Munich (GER), Filmtheater Sendlinger Tor
- 8 December - Ljubljana (SLO), Cukrarna Gallery

“The Wall - Climb for Gold” will be released digitally in January 2022. Watch the trailer [here](#).

Visit the film’s official website [here](#).

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