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## MCCONKEY

*Sponsored by Boutique Hotel Collection & BK Richard*

The late Shane McConkey is revered as a pioneer of freeskiing and ski-BASE jumping. Through his talent and ability and his trademark irreverent humor, he inspired countless athletes. In this new film from Red Bull Media House, the filmmakers celebrate the life of one of the world's ultimate innovators, with awe-inspiring footage of death-defying stunts. "McConkey" is a heartfelt examination of the legacy one athlete left to the progression of his sports, and the path he paved to conquer his dreams. This is one of those films best seen on a big screen – the cinematography and scenery are truly mind-blowing! **USA. 109 min.**

**Friday, March 7, 4pm**

*Downtown Cinemas*

**Sunday, March 9, 1pm**

*Galaxy Theatre*



## MY SHANGHAI – WORLD PREMIERE

*Sponsored by Barbara Bell*

Growing up fast in 1930s Shanghai, the "Paris of the Orient," Virginia Lumsdaine McCutcheon was imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II. Vivid archival footage, personal photos gathered from family collections and declassified secret documents from the British Archives bring her amazing story to life. At 92, she unveils a deeply personal story of love, loss, art, and the art of survival in this portrait documentary. Her stories weave in her family, a visit to the local farmers' market in her hometown of Morro Bay, her studio and her collection of beautiful woodblock prints. **USA. 56 min.**

**Saturday, March 8, 4pm**

*Downtown Cinemas*

**Sunday, March 9, 4pm**

*Galaxy Theatre*



## OUT OF THE FIRE

*Sponsored by John Swift*

Set against the backdrop of rural West Virginia, *Out of the Fire* offers a rare, absorbing look into the little-known world of wood-firing potters. This surprisingly interesting documentary follows master craftsman Kevin Crowe and his apprentice Krista Loomans, through an intense four-day, high-temperature kiln firing, in which nearly 2000 pots and their livelihood are at stake. Integral to their success is the support of family and their devoted band of volunteers who make the trek to Tye River two-times a year to provide extra hands, love and a sense of community for the often isolated and reclusive artists. **USA. 76 min.**

**Saturday, March 8, 1pm**

*Palm Theatre*

**Sunday, March 9, 1pm**

*La Perla Del Mar*



## PERFECT STRANGERS

*Sponsored by Films for Good*

"Perfect Strangers" tells the story of two unique and engaging characters. One is Avila Beach resident, Ellie (long-time SLOIFF volunteer), who embarks on an unpredictable journey of twists and turns, determined to be a kidney donor. Five hundred miles away, Kathy is enduring nightly dialysis and losing hope of ever receiving a transplant - until Ellie reads her profile on an online website. Both women face unexpected challenges as their parallel journeys unfold over the course of four years. "Perfect Strangers" raises questions about what motivates an individual towards an extreme act of compassion. **USA. 69 min.**

**Thursday, March 6, 7pm**

*Palm Theatre*

**Saturday, March 8, 4pm**

*Avila Beach Community Center*



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