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## International Paddling Film Festival Makes a Splash in Aurora

July 8, 2009--(AURORA-III.) The Illinois Paddling Council will host the 4th annual Reel Paddling Film Festival at the Aurora Paddlesport Festival this weekend.

The Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour is an international event presenting the world's best whitewater, sea kayaking and canoeing action and lifestyle films of the year on screens in 75 cities across Canada, United States, Europe and the United Kingdom.

With 29 inspiring paddling films short-listed for the World Tour, including the eight festival category winners, audiences can expect to see heart pounding whitewater action, sea kayakers exploring remote coastlines, northern river canoe expeditions, international river travel films, motivating environmental documentaries, grueling kayak fishing battles and hilarious short films capturing the lighter side of paddling life.

Audiences can expect to see these great films:

***Digging Water***, 300 paddlers set out on a 66-day voyage from Rocky Mountain House to Thunder Bay by voyageur canoe to commemorate one of the world's greatest geographers and explorers, David Thompson.

In ***Eastern Horizons*** you'll go sea kayaking from the mangrove swamps of the Carolinas to the icebergs of Newfoundland, from the tidal flows around the Bay of Fundy to the urban landscapes of New York City.

***Game On*** follows renowned big-game kayak angler Jim Sammons around North America on a kayak fishing adventure of a lifetime.

***This is the Sea 4*** is a gritty edge-of-your-seat portrayal of a couple's battle against the elements while sea kayaking 1,500 miles around the South Island of New Zealand.

***Pulse*** follows world-class whitewater kayaker Tao Berman around Chile, Lake Superior, Mexico and Washington.

The Aurora Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour will be presented at the Phillips Park Visitor Center beginning at noon on Sat. July 11 and noon Sunday, July 12. Hour-long showings will begin each hour on the hour. Tickets are \$2 per show. Last showing each day begins at 5 p.m.

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### ABOUT THE AACVB:

The Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau serves as the tourism marketing and management organization for Aurora, Batavia, Hinckley, North Aurora, Montgomery, Plano, Sugar Grove and Yorkville. This not-for-profit organization provides numerous travel resources to visitors via the Web site at [www.enjoyaurora.com](http://www.enjoyaurora.com) and a toll-free number 1-800-477-4369