The Sensei
Forty-three-year-old Yuji Hirayama is one of the great legends of modern climbing. Near retirement, he plans one big swan-song mission to complete a project, one of his hardest ever, at the spectacular summit of Mount Kinabalu, on the island of Borneo. But first he must find the right partner. Enter Daniel Woods, the young American boulderer who is one of the strongest humans in the climbing world, but lacks mountain experience. Daniel-San travels to Japan to prove himself worthy of Hirayama’s mentorship, and the unlikely duo team up for the expedition of a lifetime.

Spice Girl
The UK climbing scene is known for its strict traditional ethic, yielding dangerous routes and a competitive machismo among the driven young climbers risking it all to prove their boldness. It’s the last place you’d expect to find a nice little blond girl putting all the lads to shame, but Hazel Findlay is doing just that. The first woman to climb the British grade of E9 (super hard, super sketchy), Hazel is a connosieur of loose rock, dodgy gear, and big runouts. Having mastered the scrappy seaclliffs at home she teams up with Emily Harrington to tackle the massive, untamed bigwalls of Taghia Gorge, Morocco.

High Tension: Ueli Steck and the Clash on Everest
Mount Everest made headlines around the world this year when it was reported that Ueli Steck and Simone Moro, the strongest duo in alpinism, were attacked by a crowd of angry sherpas at Camp 2 while attempting a cutting edge new route on the highest -- and most crowded -- mountain in the world.

Fearing for their lives, the climbers fled the mountain, and the incident sparked a flurry of gasps and angry recrimination: sherpas, western climbers, guiding companies, even the legendary mountain itself were pounded with criticism from all sides. Amidst the bizarre event, REEL ROCK was embedded with the climbing team and given an exclusive look at what happened that day, and why.

The Stone Masters
Sender Films is currently working on a feature documentary about the counterculture climbing scene in Yosemite over the last 50 years. Provisionally titled “Valley Uprising,” the film brings all the legends to life: from Royal Robbins’ epic battle with Warren Harding to the fabled drug plane crash of 1977 and the escalating tensions between climbers and national park rangers.

This year’s REEL ROCK Film Tour will include a teaser clip from the film that focuses on the sex-drugs-n-rock era of Jim Bridwell and the Stonemasters. In the photo below, Bridwell (with the bottle) and his crew celebrate on the summit of El Capitan after their week-long first ascent of the Pacific Ocean Wall.
And Much More
We've been following some of the biggest stories in the climbing world, from the mess on Mt. Everest, to new routes in Antarctica. Featuring Ueli Steck, Simone Moro, Steph Davis, Leo Houlding, and more of the best athletes on rock, snow, and sky…

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Founded in 2006 by groundbreaking filmmakers Josh Lowell (Big UP Productions) and Peter Mortimer (Sender Films), REEL ROCK has grown to over 400 events per year, reaching over 100,000 audience members and raising over $20,000 for non-profits.

The REEL ROCK TV Series premiered in the US in January, 2013 on Outside TV (link), and will be rolling out in many more countries over the coming year. Season one includes 9 X 30-minute episodes culled from the best REEL ROCK films of recent years.

REEL ROCK films are also released on DVD and HD Download each year in time for the holiday shopping season. They are the top-selling climbing titles, and make ideal gifts for any climber.