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**TRAIL RUNNING FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2025 FILMMAKER GRANT WINNERS****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

OLYMPIA, 01/27/25 - The Trail Running Film Festival is thrilled to announce the winners of its 2025 Filmmaker Grants. This year, we're proud to support two filmmakers who are crafting powerful stories that capture the heart, challenges, and triumphs of trail running. These films promise to inspire and connect audiences around the globe with their creativity and unique perspectives.

**Grant Recipients****Kelp and Fern (Martin Larsen-Jones) – Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Wales**

Martin Kelp's 8-minute short film provides an immersive, first-person journey through the highs and lows of an ultra-marathon. Using striking visuals, raw emotion, and artistic cinematography, the film offers viewers an intimate glimpse into the physical and mental extremes endured by runners. This film is an ode to the ultra-marathon experience—a powerful depiction of the human spirit and the emotional depth of the trail running journey.

**Patrick O'Leary – San Francisco, California, USA**

***Dipsea Generations*** takes a fresh and inclusive look at the Bay Area trail running community, using the iconic Dipsea race as a lens to tell its story. Patrick's film follows young runners from diverse backgrounds as they prepare for and take part in the Dipsea. By intertwining their personal stories with the race's rich history, the film highlights the opportunities for greater inclusivity and accessibility in trail running. Combining breathtaking visuals of Bay Area trails with a celebration of youth involvement and community spirit, the film explores how tradition and innovation can come together to shape the future of the sport.

**Celebrating the Trail Running Spirit**

Both projects reflect the mission of the Trail Running Film Festival by celebrating the sport's unique culture, fostering inclusion, and highlighting human perseverance.

“We’re honored to support these talented filmmakers as they bring these meaningful and inspiring stories to life,” said Mathias Eichler, Executive Director for the Trail Running Film Festival. “These films have the potential to deepen connections within the trail running community while also reaching new audiences.”

For more information, visit [www.trailfilmfest.com](http://www.trailfilmfest.com).

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### **About the Trail Running Film Festival**

Headquartered in Bellingham, Washington the Trail Running Film Festival is a project of Outdoor Arts & Recreation a 501(c)(3) non-profit. With roots in the Pacific Northwest the The Trail Running Film Festival has been touring the country since 2013.

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