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**Evergreen Theatre**

**Saturday, Feb. 18  
2:45 pm**

**Students/Seniors \$6  
Regular Price \$8**

**Duration: 89 min.**



## 40 Days at Base Camp

Award-winning filmmaker Dianne Whelan's new documentary opened this year's Banff Mountain Film Festival, after its world premiere at the Vancouver International Film Festival, with sold out screenings and critical acclaim.

At 18,000 feet above sea level and over the course of 40 days last spring, Whelan immersed herself in the challenging and captivating world of base camp at Mt. Everest. With spectacular footage of the mountain landscape as a backdrop, the film is an intriguing and intimate portrayal of three climbing teams and their journey to the peak.

Whelan puts a knife through the heart of the Everest myth with stories of climbers interwoven with daily life at base camp, including mis-management of garbage left from expeditions, mountain history, and devastating effects of climate change on its ecology.

An intimate portrayal emerges of life at Mt. Everest, 'goddess' to locals and a place of staggering physical beauty. It sheds provocative light on a community of people that are brought together in their quest to reach the top of the world and the challenges that journey brings. *Filmmaker Dianne Whelan & Production Assistant Leslie Mawhinney in attendance*

*Showing with "Pacific Gyre" (5 min.)*

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**Directed & Produced  
by: Dianne Whelan**

**Camera:  
Andrew Coppin**

**Editor: Janice Brown**

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