

A FILM BY MORITZ KRAUSE

# WARMING CYCLES

A JOURNEY THROUGH A CHANGING MOUNTAIN WORLD

Two mountaineers set out to cycle across all seven Alpine countries and climb their highest peaks, only to discover that the mountains they love are disappearing beneath them, forcing them to confront how long their way of life can still exist.





***THERE IS NO DENYING THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS HERE,***

***IT'S REAL, AND IT'S CHANGING OUR MOUNTAINS.***

Even if you don't believe in it, you can clearly see the transformation of the alpine landscape. As an adventurer, climber, hiker, mountaineer, skier, and every other title you give yourself while enjoying the peace of high altitudes, it's not anymore about 'how can we stop this?', but rather about 'how do we need to adapt to avoid the worst possible outcome?'

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Together with my best friend and long-time adventure partner Jonas, the one person I trust the most in the mountains, I want to cycle through every one of the seven alpine countries to summit each respective highest point—from Mount Triglav in Slovenia to Mont Blanc in France. We're not doing this for the adventure's sake, though. With my film, I want to answer a question that, as a mountaineer myself, is deeply connected with my lifestyle:

***WHAT IS INEVITABLY GOING TO HAPPEN IF THE  
PLACES WE LOVE START FALLING APART?***

These are 125 seconds of me about the project, in my own words.



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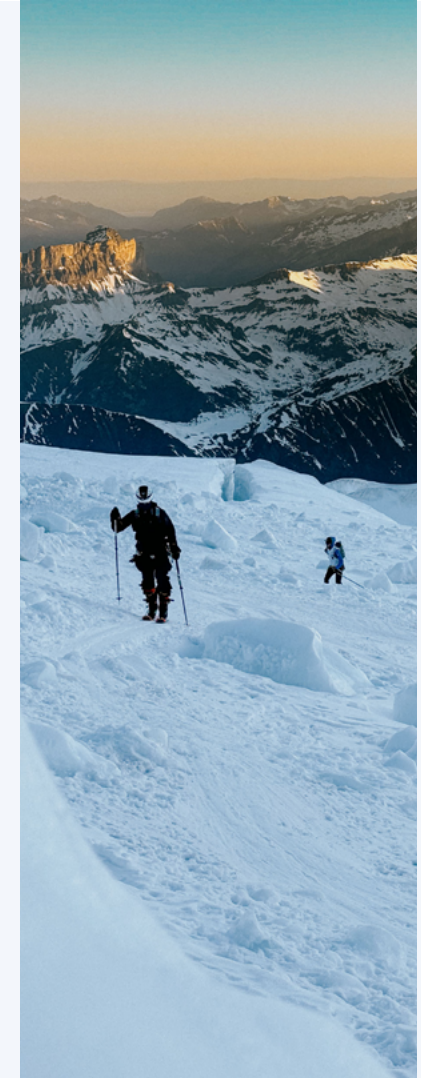
## WARMING CYCLES

RISING TEMPERATURES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO OUR MOUNTAINS BECOMING LESS STABLE—THEY ARE „FALLING APART“. DANGERS SUCH AS SERAC- OR ROCKFALLS BECOME MORE FREQUENT, RENDERING TRAVEL THROUGH THOSE AREAS A LOT MORE DANGEROUS.

It's a film about an epic adventure, yes, but it also features conversations with experts and mountain guides who witness the changes of our Alps firsthand. Who show us (and the audience) how the mountains are falling apart, how the objective dangers become bigger, and what their unique perspective on the future looks like.

Finally, it is a movie that speaks directly to the audience:

***IT PUTS OUR RECKLESS ATTITUDE TOWARDS NATURE INTO PERSPECTIVE AND RAISES AWARENESS FOR THE FRAGILITY OF OUR BELOVED MOUNTAINS.***





**MORITZ KRAUSE**

*Director, Cinematographer, Co-Producer, Athlete*

Next to my passion for adventures, expeditions, trail running and mountain sports I am a professional filmmaker, director, cinematographer and editor.

With emphasis on outdoor adventure documentaries, I have created a number of movies that were screened and awarded at international film festivals. My feature documentary „*End to End Svalbard*“ premiered in front of 400 people in a well known theater in Munich, and my latest film „*Merino Trails*“ took me on a 6-week exploration to New Zealand, discovering the magic of merino wool.

I live in the heart of the Alps in Chamonix, France.



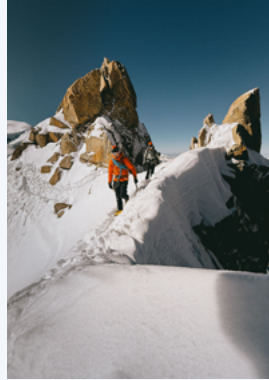
**JONAS HAASS**

*Producer, Athlete*

Jonas quit his well-paid business consultant job to pursue working as an Arctic Nature Guide on Svalbard, as well as an athlete and producer on our documentary movie projects.

Having produced our latest feature-length documentary movies „*End to End Svalbard*“ and „*Merino Trails*“, he has firsthand experience with the tasks and challenges involved in creating a high-quality film from scratch. Coming from the business side of things he knows how to handle budgets, manage logistics and turn beautiful imagery into a successful end product.

Jonas lives near his hometown in Munich, Germany.



The narrative arc moves *from physical challenge to something harder to sit with*. It's not a film that tells the audience what to think. It follows two people who go into the mountains with one set of expectations and come out with different ones, and it brings the audience along for that shift.

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The adventure is real. The characters are real. And the theme—*what happens when the places you love start to fall apart*—is one that a lot of people are already asking themselves, whether they spend time in mountains or not.

**WOULD IT BE WRONG TO SAY**  
this story isn't relevant to your audience?

**AND IS IT A BAD IDEA**  
to follow characters who experience this change firsthand?

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*If your answer to both questions is “No”,  
it seems like this is worth a conversation.*

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