

Dreaming Lhasa

A Film Benefit for Nalanda

Saturday, March 7, 2009

2:30 PM

Olympia Film Society – Capitol Theater

Ticket prices:

\$8.00 General (non-OFS members)

\$5.00 OFS members



Dreaming Lhasa is a beautiful and moving look into Tibetan exile life that becomes a universal reflection on justice, relationships, and personal responsibilities. Karma, a Tibetan filmmaker from New York, goes to Dharamsala, the Dalai Lama's exile headquarters in India, to make a documentary about former political prisoners who have escaped from Tibet. She wants to connect with her roots but is also escaping a deteriorating relationship back home. One of Karma's interviewees is Dhondup, an enigmatic ex-monk who has just escaped from Tibet. As he confides his real reasons for coming to India, we journey deeper into Tibet's fractured past but also into self-discovery and universal themes. This sensitive and intriguing film will both delight and inspire.

"It's a pleasure to come across Dreaming Lhasa, a drama that unfolds amid crystalline backdrops...the images have a translucent purity; you feel as if you're seeing the world anew."
- Boston Globe

"The beauty of life's realities! A wonderfully 'different' film view of Tibet"
- Neue Zürcher Zeitung

"Beautifully shot imagery...a delicate and graceful exploration of cultural identity."
- San Francisco Bay Guardian

"This quiet little film is well propelled by the powers of gentle persuasion and emotional subtlety."
- The Hindustan Times

After the film: Geshe Jamyang Tsultrim, Tibetan Buddhist teacher and former monk will answer questions for those interested.

Dreaming Lhasa, 90 min English, was directed by Ritu Sarin and Tenzing Sonam. Tenzing is Tibetan, Ritu is Indian. They have made many documentaries and other films about Tibet and Tibetan human rights issues. Check out White Crane Films:

<http://www.dreaminglhasa.com/home.htm>