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Still photo from the movie „Hema Hema“ from Dzongsar Kyentse Norbu Rinpoche

Bhutan Film Days in Zürich – Innovative movies from the Himalaya

Since the introduction of TV and Internet in the year 1999, a very diversified film production took off in Bhutan. Dzongsar Khyentse Norbu Rinpoche represents an internationally renowned film director of this country and his most recent film "Hema Hema" was shown as World Premiere at the Locarno Film Festival 2016. Apart from him, several young, independent filmmakers, like Dechen Roder, Tashi Gyeltsen, Zuri Rinpoche and Jamyang Jamtsho Wangchuk had their films shown abroad and received awards for them.

These films have in common a strong bond to the Bhutanese culture and traditions, particularly Buddhism. Dzongsar Khyentse Norbu Rinpoche very aptly said: "For centuries Buddhism has adopted the method of statues and artistic representation in order to express messages of compassion, love and wisdom. Film could be seen as a modern day thangka (a traditional Buddhist painting) as it is one of the most powerful mediums that we have today."

The movies allow the audience not only to dive into an exotic world but also into a different thinking. We have invited several film makers and actors from Bhutan in order to discuss with them the contemporary film production in Bhutan. These will be shown in original languages with English subtitles. The discussions are in English.

During the film days Bhutanese food will be served. Programme: Documentary and fictional movies will be displayed during six film blocks on Friday and Saturday late afternoon and evening as well as on Sunday's matinée and afternoon.

Organisation:

Venue: Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zürich, Pelikanstrasse 40, 8001 Zürich

Pre-ordering of tickets from 12.1.2017: musethno@vmz.uzh.ch , Tel. 044 634 90 11, or directly at the reception.

Detailed programmes are available from 12.1.2017: www.musethno.uzh.ch/de/museum/news and www.bhutan-switzerland.org

Prices: Single entry Fr. 12.-/8.-, Day pass Fr. 20.-/15.-, Film Day pass Fr. 50.-/40.-. Reduction for SSB members, AHV and students.

Patronage Committee: H.E. Ambassador Kinga Singye (Ambassador of Bhutan in Geneva), This Brunner, Ruth Dreifuss, Sylvia Egli von Matt, Mario Fehr, Walter Fust, Annemarie Huber-Hotz, Elmar Ledergerber, Corine Mauch.

Organisers: The Bhutanese Film Days are organized by the Society Switzerland-Bhutan (SSB) in collaboration with the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich. The Bhutan Film Trust supports the organizers in matters of film copyrights and contacts with film directors and producers.



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