

The World of Buddhism

Spring 2024 Film Series

Time:1530. Venue: Palazzo Moro, Aula 1B.

Date	Image	Title	Description
February 14 Edoardo Siani.		Worship. 2021. Thailand. 97 min. Director: Uruphong Rakhasad	Crisscrossing geographical and spiritual latitudes of Thailand, WORSHIP is a rapt sensory immersion into the ritualized power of faith and how it shapes the courses of people's lives
February 28 Jishnu Shankar		Mandala. 1981. Korea. 1 hour 57 min. Director: Im Kwon Taek.	A story that follows the lives and interactions of two Buddhist monks living in South Korea.
March 13 Elisabetta Ragagnin		Medicine Buddha. 2019. UK. 110 min.	Documentary. Narrated by Ben Kingsley this cinematic feature documentary looks at the life and work of a Mongolian national treasure. He is on a life long mission to heal all the patients under his care, all Mongolians and all humanity.
March 27 Francesca Tarocco		Amongst White Clouds. 2005. Canada. Director: Edward A. Burger.	Documentary. A journey exploring the practices of Chinese hermits living in the Zhongnan Mountains.

<p>April 10 Eugenio DiAngelis</p>		<p>Mujo. 1970. Japan. 2 hours 23 min. Director: Akio Jissoji.</p>	<p>Near a remote Buddhist monastery, a young man falls in love with his sister and gets her pregnant. After a monk finds out, the young man becomes an assistant to a master sculptor, only to proceed to complicate matters with his affairs.</p>
<p>April 24 Thomas Dahnhardt.</p>		<p>Bhikkhunī - Buddhism, Sri Lanka, Revolution. Director: Malgorzata Dobrowolska. 70 min.</p>	<p>Documentary. The revival of women's ordination in Theravada Buddhism. Shortly after Enlightenment, the Buddha said: "I shall not come to my final passing away, until my bhikkhus and bhikkhunis, laymen and laywomen, have come to be true disciples - " The line of female ordination in the Theravada tradition died out in the 11th century. The documentary presents the story of women who have become fully ordained bhikkhunis The film's protagonists are Bhikkhuni Kusuma (ordained in 1996), Bhikkhuni Dhammananda (ordained in 2003) and Bhikkhuni Gautami (ordained in 2016).</p>
<p>May 8 Andrea Drocco / Jishnu Shankar</p>		<p>Samsara. 2001.independent film directed and co-written by Pan Nalin. An international co-production of India, Germany, France, Italy, and Switzerland.</p>	<p>The film tells the story of a Buddhist monk's quest to find Enlightenment. It stars Shawn Ku as the monk Tashi, and Christy Chung as Pema.</p>