Bhutanese Film Evening

Friday, 11 January, 2019, 19.30

Songtsen House
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HEART IN THE MANDALA: Bhutan 2013, 39 Min.
Dzongkha with English ST
Director: Dechen Roder

“Heart in the Mandala” is a modern Bhutanese love story, tragically scarred by the past once forgotten act of corruption. When an orphaned cabaret bar dancer strikes up a romance with an older businessman, she pictures a happier future for herself and her handicapped brother, only to be suddenly confronted by a dark past. Using a non-linear approach and the Buddhist Mandala as a motif, the film explores the interconnected-ness of love, fate, choice, divinity and the universe.

HOME ALONE: Bhutan 2014, 9 Min.
Dzongkha with English ST
Director: Loday Chopfel

Meme Tshering, a 95-year-old man living alone in his birth place in a remote village reflects on his children leaving the village, a diminishing community. He also reflects on his life as a whole. “Home Alone” highlights the bitter truth and effects of rural-urban migration, the loss of vitality in rural areas and modernisation.

RENT AND GRAINS: Bhutan 2013, 5 Min.
Dzongkha with English ST
Director: Loday Chopfel

An old woman sets out from her village to collect edible plants. Suddenly, she finds herself in a new and terrifying world with high buildings and a lot of traffic. She must return home empty handed, confused and devastated. “Rent and Grains” addresses the dichotomy between tradition and modernity, industrialisation and nature conservation in Bhutan.

Entrance fee CHF 15.-, members Songtsen House and SSB CHF 12.-