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Film Series

# Buddhism

4 Teaching Company Films Featuring Professor Malcolm David Eckel

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- **Buddhist Philosophy (30 Minutes)**
- **Buddhist Tantra (30 Minutes)**
- **The Theory and Practice of the Mandala (30 Minutes)**
- **The First Diffusion of the Dharma in Tibet (30 Minutes)**

*Buddhist Philosophy* introduces the philosophy of Nagarjuna, the Madhyamaka school of philosophy, the Svatantrikas and Prasangikas, the Yogacara school of philosophy, Asanga and Vasubandhu. *Buddhist Tantra* discusses the historical emergence of Tantric Buddhism in the sixth century, Tantra as a pan-Indian (Buddhist and Hindu) phenomenon, the Vajrayana, the Mantrayana, wrathful buddhas, and the story of Maitregupta. *The Theory and Practice of the Mandala* discusses the mandala as a meditational device, the Buddha Akshobhya, the mandala as a symbol for the world, the chakras, the three-dimensional mandala at the Kumbum in Gyantse, Tibet, and use of mandala in the Tibetan Book of the Dead. *The First Diffusion of the Dharma in Tibet* reviews the destruction of Buddhist monasteries in India, and the introduction of Buddhism to Tibet during the seventh century. It presents a line of Tibetan kings who protected and fostered the growth of Buddhism in Tibet, the founding of the first Tibetan monastery, the great teacher Padmasambhava, and the Bon tradition.

