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Film Series

# Milarepa

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## Teachings on Milarepa

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The historical Milarepa was a great sinner and also a great saint. This film deals with the first part of his career, when, according to Buddhist legend, he was cheated out of his inheritance and turned to sorcery to destroy his enemies. Set in 11<sup>th</sup> century Tibet, Milarepa's life of privilege is overturned by his greedy uncle and aunt, and out of his despair, humiliation, pain and anger, he embarks upon a quest for vengeance. Buddhist Lama Neten Chokling – the film's director – shows us the first half of Milarepa's life, when he meets with magicians, sorcerers and demons and learns black magic. A sequel is planned to deal with his later repentance, conversion to Buddhism and meeting with the Buddhist saint Marpa the Translator. We've selected *Milarepa* for screening at this time of year since it's a good film to show around Halloween. *Teachings on Milarepa* is a companion film in which His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa Orgyen Trinley Dorje, Khandro Rinpoche and Ani Pema Chodron give commentaries and insights about the importance of Milarepa in Tibetan life and culture.

Spoken in Tibetan with English subtitles

Admission is free.

