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# Preaching From Pictures: A Japanese Mandala

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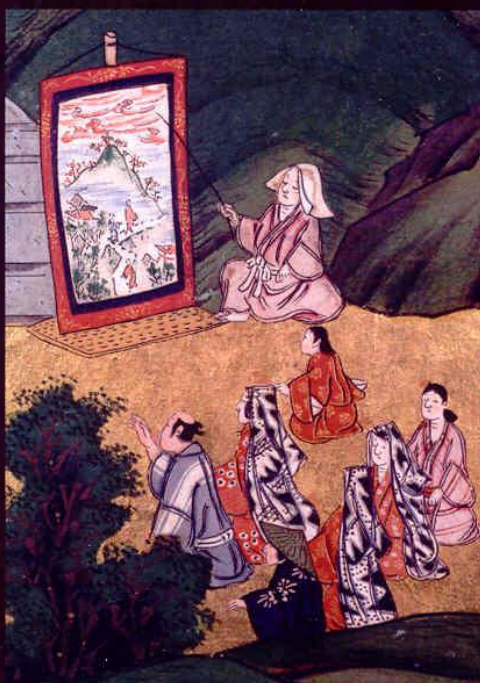
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*Preaching From Pictures* tells the story of the Kumano nuns, a Buddhist sect which traveled the Japanese countryside during the pre-modern era. They preached from a hanging scroll called the *Mandala of the Ten Worlds*. The *Mandala* depicts the ten realms of existence, and traces the path which human beings must take from birth through youth, middle age, old age and death. Heaven and hell are included in graphic format, along with buddhas, bodhisattvas, demons and devils. This film includes a 37 minute tour of the Mandala, a 4 minute sermon similar to what the Kumano nuns might have delivered and a virtual hour long academic symposium on the Mandala and its historical context. *Preaching From Pictures* is based on a film produced by the National Museum of Japanese History. The Freeman Foundation funded the production of this English-language DVD. This film is being screened at the First Zen Institute courtesy of the Asian Educational Media Service ([www.aems.illinois.edu](http://www.aems.illinois.edu))

**Admission is free.**

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