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Film Series

The Lady

Starring Michelle Yeoh and David Thewlis

Directed by Luc Besson © 2011 Cohen Media Group

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The Lady is a dramatization of the life story of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese democracy leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. The story starts with the murder of her father, a Burmese national hero who freed Burma from both British and Japanese rule. Forty years later, she is a British housewife with two young sons. The story is told both from her perspective and that of her husband, an Oxford professor who is slowly dying of cancer. Her pleasant life in Britain comes to an end when she visits Burma on the occasion of her mother's death, and becomes the de-facto leader of the protest movement against the military regime. She faces down hordes of gun-toting soldiers like the Buddha facing down a rampaging elephant. Her imprisonment at the hands of the Burmese military dictatorship lasts for years, and only comes to an end when a small army of Buddhist monks demand her release. Michelle Yeoh puts in a strong performance, reproducing Aung San Suu Kyi's mannerisms and stern but compassionate facial expressions. Michelle Yeoh learned Burmese so that she could deliver some of Aung San Suu Kyi's most famous speeches. Her inspirational performance is mirrored by that of David Thewlis, who plays Aung San Suu Kyi's husband, Michael Aris. 128 Minutes

Admission is free.

