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Film Series

A History of Zen Buddhism, Part I: Zen Beginnings

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The Zen Garden at Ginkakuji

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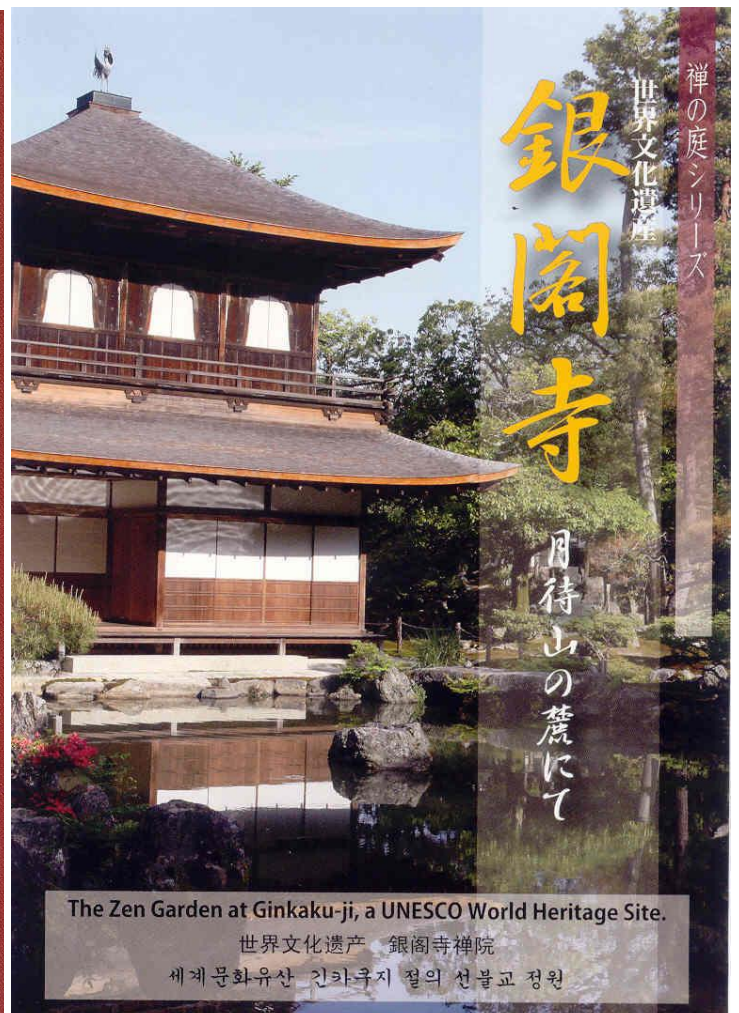
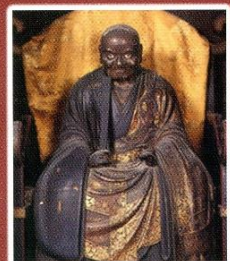
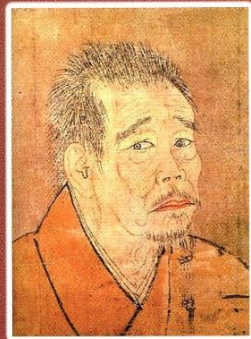
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A History of Zen Buddhism, Part I: Zen Beginnings is a documentary about the early history of Zen Buddhism. It covers Zen in China and the early introduction of Zen into Japan. It also places Zen within the larger historical context of Buddhism in general. It profiles the important Zen masters Eisai, Dogen and Muso Soseki, and examines the etiology and aesthetic of the Zen Garden. Parts II and III will be screened in December at the First Zen Institute of America. 60 minutes. *The Zen Garden at Ginkakuji*: Ginkakuji was founded by the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimasa following his retirement to Kyoto's East Mountains for a life of peaceful seclusion. The Ginkakuji garden is a typical stroll around garden, designed for appreciation from wherever one is on the path that surrounds the central Kinkyo-chi pond. The garden includes a distinctive expanse known as the "Sea of Silver" and a large, flat topped sand cone known as the "Moon-Viewing Platform". This beautiful DVD shows shots of the garden at all seasons of the year. 20 minutes. *A History of Zen Buddhism, Part I: Zen Beginnings*, is being screened courtesy of James Zito and Vajra Video. *The Zen Garden at Ginkakuji* is being screened courtesy of The Institute for Zen Studies.

Admission is free.

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A HISTORY OF ZEN BUDDHISM

A FILM PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY JAMES ZITO
NARRATION BY PETER COYOTE



The Zen Garden at Ginkaku-ji, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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