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Film Series

A History of Zen Buddhism

Part II: Rise and Fall

Part III: Zen Comes West

Produced and Directed by James Zito, © 2009, Vajra Video

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A History of Zen Buddhism, Part II: Rise and Fall traces Zen's golden age in Japan through its steep rise and tremendous growth through its period of aesthetic excess and spiritual decadence to a period of great destruction and eventual renewal. Here the lives of some of Japan's most important masters such as Daito Kokushi, Ikkyu Sojun and Hakuin Ekaku, as well as the Zen poet Ryokan are examined in detail. In addition, there are segments examining the role of the tea ceremony in Zen and a look at the evolution and function of Zen art and calligraphy. 68 Minutes.

Part III: Zen Comes West: discusses the current state of Zen in Japan and the dissemination of Zen to the West. It also shows how Zen's core values are being revitalized in its journey to the West and contains an examination of the fundamental role of meditation in the practice of Zen Buddhism. 30 minutes. *A History of Zen Buddhism, Parts II and III*, is being screened courtesy of James Zito and Vajra Video.

Admission is free.

INQUIRY INTO THE GREAT MATTER A HISTORY OF ZEN BUDDHISM

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

