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**Film Series** 

## Kūmāré

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**Kūmāré** is the story of documentary film maker Vikram Ghandi, an American of Indian descent. Growing up in New Jersey, he is taken aback and disgusted by the blind faith which some Americans place in Indian gurus. A film maker by profession, with no prior religious vocation, he assumes a phony Indian accent, dons the orange robes of a sadhu, and with the help of a pair of female accomplices, moves to Phoenix, Arizona, where he sets himself up as a Guru. Without too much difficulty, in a short while, he acquires a sizable following insisting all the while that his followers are all their own gurus. His followers are mostly naïve, sincere, spiritually-minded people. **Kūmāré** is a provocative social-experiment/documentary. Eventually he must reveal the hoax. 84 minutes.

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