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Film Series

Shaolin Wheel of Life

Directed by Nick Morris

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Shaolin Wheel of Life features twenty ordained Buddhist monks from China's renowned Shaolin Temple. It relays the legendary tale of a time when the Shaolin monks were brought to the imperial palace to protect the emperor, and how they saved him from an invading warlord. Later, the emperor betrayed their trust and turned against them. Ultimately, five young monks emerge to continue the tradition and perpetuate the "Wheel of Life." During the performance, the monks leap, swivel, swirl and strike in an extended kung-fu wushu performance – a sort-of martial arts ballet spectacular. All of them are limber, graceful and strong. They are lifted on sharpened spears, break iron bars on their heads, smash concrete blocks while lying between beds of nails and swords, perform handstands on two fingers and splinter wooden staffs against their bodies in an amazing display of *chi* and self-control. The entire performance is carefully choreographed in a thoroughly professional theatrical production. 90 Minutes, with English subtitles. This film is being licensed through Park Circus, Inc., www.parkcircus.com.

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