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Film Series

Seven Years in Tibet

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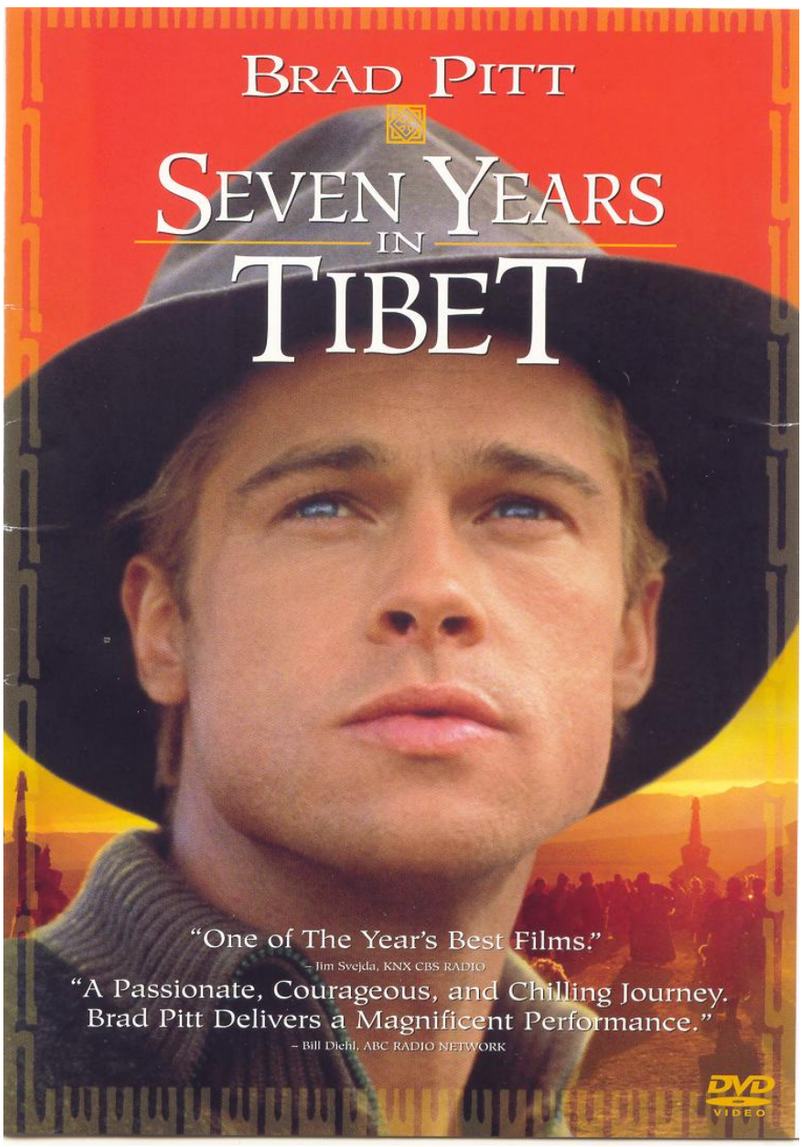
Seven Years in Tibet tells the story of Heinreich Herrer, an Austrian mountain climber who attempts to scale the treacherous peak of Nanga Parbat in the Himalayas when World War II breaks out. As an enemy national, he ends up in a British POW camp in India. Escaping from prison, he and a fellow Austrian mountain climber make it across the Himalayas to Tibet. Tibet in the 1930s was one of only three Asian nations to have escaped Western control, along with Japan and Thailand. Tibet's defense was to hide behind the Himalayas and prohibit foreigners from entering the country. *Seven Years in Tibet* gives a clear picture of Tibet's diplomatic isolation and backwardness, and presents a sympathetic portrayal of the young Dalai Lama. Tibet's extreme diplomatic isolation is broken only by a single diplomatic mission from Chiang Kai-shek's China. With the collapse of the Chinese Nationalist government, Mao Tse Tung's army is able to move in and take control. *Seven Years in Tibet* presents much of the historical backdrop to the current Tibetan tragedy.

Admission is free.

Seven Years in Tibet will be preceded by a 10-minute film of the First Zen Institute's Matt Cichon dancing. Matt is in the process of completing his dance studies at New York University.