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Tibet Cry of the Snow Lion

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Tibet Cry of the Snow Lion is an award-winning documentary ten years in the making, filmed during nine journeys throughout Tibet, India and Nepal. It gives a picture of life in Tibet before and after the Chinese occupation. Traditional Tibetan culture is represented in rarely seen rituals, horse races and nomadic Yak caravans set against a background of magnificent Himalayan peaks. The dark secrets of Tibet's recent past are chronicled through riveting personal stories and interviews of Tibetans in exile, with a rich collection of archival and undercover images. 6,200 of Tibet's monasteries were destroyed during the Cultural Revolution, when Chinese artillery units used monastery buildings for target practice. Widespread starvation was a consequence of Mao's decision to force Tibetans to grow wheat instead of barley. Today, the Tibetans are outnumbered in their capital city, which has brothels to service the occupation army. The film mentions that Apartheid fell apart in South Africa, and the Berlin Wall fell unexpectedly. Can the same happen in Tibet, against all odds? *Tibet Cry of the Snow Lion* is an epic story of courage and compassion. 104 minutes.

Admission is free.

