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Film Series

A Month of Hungry Ghosts

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A Month of Hungry Ghosts – When They All Return is a documentary about the annual “Hungry Ghost Festival” in Singapore. During the seventh lunar month the gates of hell open up and all souls are free to wander the earth and revisit their former habitations in ghostly form.. It is the occasion for many religious and folk festivals. The Buddhists invite the dead by candlelight, Taoists perform rituals to appease the spirits, and there is much superstition in business, financial markets and personal lives. If you want grandfather to enjoy himself in the afterlife, then burn “hell currency” money, paper cars, houses and computers so that he can take them with him to the next world. Thousand year old Buddhist scrolls help to explain the origins of ghost month. This film is decked out with vibrant images and is at times playful and at times eerie. Traditional Chinese instruments and folk songs provide a colorful soundtrack. This film is our Halloween offering this year, and is being provided courtesy of Mythopolis Pictures, <http://mythopolis.com/>.

Admission is free.

