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Journey from Zanskar PROGRAM 6 - Friday, February 12, 5:00 p.m., Boulder Theater

USA, Feature Documentary, 2009, 90 min

By the director of the Academy Award-winning film *Hoop Dreams*.

Near-mythical Zanskar, in the Indian Himalayas, is one of the most inaccessible and isolated regions on Earth. Today, it is considered the last place in the world where traditional Tibetan Buddhist norms and ways of life still exist, but it is now being connected to the outside world by a road being built by the Indian Army. Concerned by the coming deluge of influences from the outside world, the Dalai Lama instructed two Zanskar monks to bring 17 bright students down to a Buddhist school in Manali. The purpose: to educate the next generation in the Tibetan alphabet so that they can read the Tibetan Buddhist scripture and, in doing so, preserve their language, heritage and culture. Oscar-winning filmmaker Frederick Marx follows their beautiful and dangerous journey. Subtitled.

Directed by Frederick Marx

World Premiere

Frederick Marx in person

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