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From Indian Warli painting through traditional Japanese calligraphy and Kabuki Dance to traditional Balinese dances, this stunning collection of artfilms on Asian art & culture also features award winning documentaries on current affairs in North Korea, contemporary China and more...

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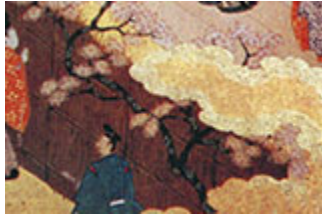
### Antiquities, Oriental and Asian Art



EX-DesAntiq | 130' | DVD & Streaming

The world's most beautiful and fascinating antiquities from the ancient Greek, Etruscan, Roman, Egyptian, and Near-Eastern sculptures and vases and also the masterpieces of the African, Asian and Oriental Art.

### Great Tales In Asian Art



KU-Asia | 82' | DVD

Filed on location, four beloved stories of India, Indonesia, Korea and Japan are told through the masterpieces of visual art and the stirring performances these tales have inspired for centuries.

### The Theatres of Asia: An Introduction



DG-Asia | 45' | DVD & Streaming

Places the major forms of both Asian classical and folk theatre in their cultural context, this video introduces Asian theatre through the roles it plays in the lives of Asian people and its special relationship to young people.

### Asian Theater: Conversation with A.C. Scott



MS-Scot | 28' | DVD

A.C. Scott elaborates on his long years of experience in China and Japan and shows film clips and slides of his classes, rehearsals and workshop productions in which Asian performers have assisted him in the training of American student actors.

### Buddhism as - in Performance



DG-Budcd | e-book

Analysis of Meditation and Theatrical Practice by Dr David George. "Buddhism as/in Performance is a commendable piece of painstaking research, presented in jargonless, compellingly readable style. It is certainly a pre-eminent contribution to drama studies, particularly of Buddhist theatrical practices."

### Edward Said: On Orientalism



MEFW-Edw | 40' | DVD

In this lavishly illustrated interview Said talks about the context within which the book was conceived, its main themes, and how its original thesis relates to the contemporary understanding of "the Orient" as represented in the mass media.

### Edward Said: The Myth of the 'Clash of Civilisations'



MEFW-Edw2 | 60' | DVD

In this important lecture delivered at the University of Massachusetts, Said takes aim at one of the central tenets of recent foreign policy thinking- that conflicts between different and "clashing civilizations" (Western, Islamic, Confucian) characterize the contemporary world.

### Encounters: The Meeting of Asia and Europe 1500-1800



ILL-Enc | 50' | DVD

Produced alongside the V&A's landmark 2004 exhibition, the film explores both the western fascination for the exotic materials of Asia as well as the interest in European technologies in India, China and Japan.

### My Asian Heart



FR-Asian | 70' | DVD

In 1989 Blenkinsop quit his job on The Australian newspaper, sold his Austen Healey Sprite sports car, bought two Leica cameras... and a one way ticket for Bangkok. He was escaping suburbia for the heartbeat and chaos of Asia.

# China





CHINA  
SCREEN

## Chronicles from a changing empire...

For a few years now China has been undergoing considerable changes. The implosion of the Soviet Empire, the reforms and opening-up policy, the advent of consumerism and the emergence of modernity: important challenges to meet, both socially and economically. Although the country has gained considerable international influence, its inner mechanisms actually remain largely unknown. Between the < yellow peril > and an economic miracle, one often forgets to consider the 1.3 billion Chinese citizens attempting to find their place in a completely new context.

That's why **it is important to talk about "the New China"** differently: through an exceptional **22 volume** portfolio of human-interest stories, filmed from the inside by young independent Chinese filmmakers.

By observing its diversity, in the cities and in the countryside, with the young and families, with rich and poor, but always with ordinary people. The curious viewer will find here a compelling mosaic revealing a mysterious, complex and authentic China.

### A Better Life



IC-CSBetter | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Hard Old Rock



IC-CSHard | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### The Yangtze River`s Green Sailors



IC-CSSailor | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Flavour and Affinity



IC-CSFlavour | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### My Last Secret



IC-CSSecret | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### The Secret of the Roast Pigeon



IC-CSPigeon | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### The Graduates



IC-CSGraduate | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### The Final Migration



IC-CSFinal | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### From one Patient to the Next



IC-CSFrom | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### The Travelling Court



IC-CSTravel | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### An Ordinary Season



IC-CSOrdinary | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### A Village Life



IC-CSLife | 52' | DVD & Streaming



## The Christians of Caichong



IC-CSChristian | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## Lost Sentence?



C-CSLost | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## The Last House Standing



IC-CSLast | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## The Big Family



IC-CSBig | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## Nu Shu



IC-CSNu | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## Piano Dream



IC-CPiano | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## Nobody's Child



IC-CSNobody | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## Three Strings for Two Storytellers



IC-CSStrings | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## The New Shelter



IC-CSShelter | 52' | DVD & Streaming

## Of Mothers and Daughters



IC-CSMothers | 52' | DVD & Streaming

Titles are available individually or as a collection of 22 documentaries. Please e-mail [digital@artfilms.com.au](mailto:digital@artfilms.com.au) or [info@artfilms.com.au](mailto:info@artfilms.com.au) for more info.

## Documentaries on the issue of the Future of our Planet

Environment, energy, the diversity of species and peoples, food security, world governance... given today's complexities, the list is long. While refusing to draw alarmist conclusions, to provide a platform for pessimistic speeches or obtrusive slogans, those films are a space for Citizens who chose to objectively open their eyes on the world around them. They fight in one way or other for an acceptable tomorrow. There is a good chance they have in mind the Indian saying "the earth is a gift of our parents and a lending of our children".

### Dioxin's Children



IC-GCDiox | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### If Cities Could Fly



IC-GCCities | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Heavy Metal



IC-GCHeavy | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Hell in Paradise



IC-GCHell | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Organic, against all odds



IC-GCOrganic | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Murky Waters



IC-GCMurky | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### Dust



IC-GCDust | 52' | DVD & Streaming

### The Last Village



IC-GCLast | 52' | DVD & Streaming



### The Summer Palace Volume 1



IC-Summer1 | 52' | DVD & Streaming

QIANLONG AND THE SPLENDORS OF THE MIDDLE EMPIRE. Discover the secrets of the extraordinary imperial garden, recognized as a World Heritage treasure. Recognize why it is called the Versailles of the Orient.

### The Summer Palace Volume 2



IC-Summer2 | 52' | DVD & Streaming

CIXI AND THE DECLINE OF THE QING DYNASTY. This part is built around the legendary figure of Empress Cixi, which accompanies the decline of the Qing dynasty and with it, China as an Empire.

### China: The Ancient Tea Route



IC-Chtea | 52' | DVD & Streaming

Three part series in HD follows in the hoofprints of those caravans which hauled their baggage of tea across the Tibetan Plateau and the Himalayas to be sold in the markets of South West Asia and dispersed to the entire world.

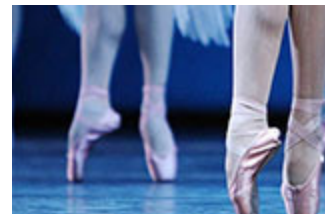
### Hand & Eye



PE-Hand | 25' | DVD & Streaming

THE NOODLE MAN: Chinatown, New York City is a traditional village in the midst of downtown Manhattan, a tightly packed neighborhood of crowded, tortuously winding streets. In the heart of this urban "village" for more than 60 years is the Hong Hop Noodle Company.

### On the Move: The Central Ballet of China



DC-On | DVD

For the dancers of the Central Ballet of China their American debut means not only an opportunity to perform, but also the chance to create an intercultural exchange with other dancers. This film documents their journey as they introduce Chinese ballet to American audiences.

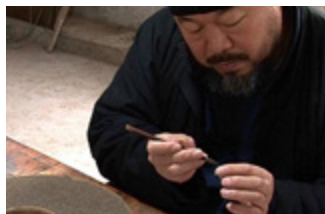
### A One Woman Show: Chinese Take Away (Stage Play)



AY-Chi | 60' | DVD & Streaming

Using a unique blend of storytelling, circus skills, clowning, movement and magic, Anna Yen embodies her grandmother's stories of survival in 1930's China and Hong Kong, to her mother's dislocation and grief in 60's suburban Sydney, to her own grief, confusion and peace-making with her family's histories.

### Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry

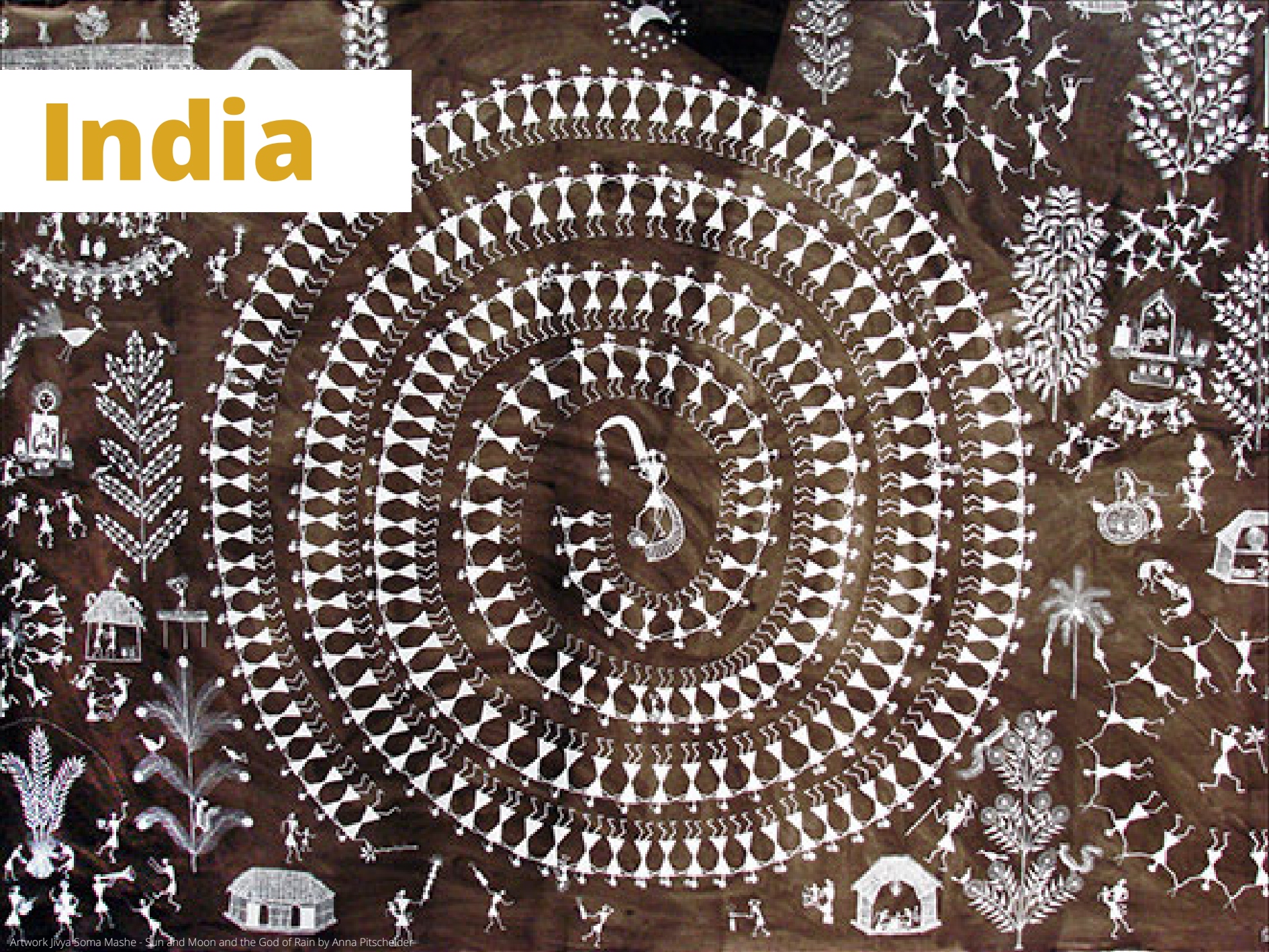


MAD-Ai | 91' | DVD & Streaming

The inside story of a dissident for the digital age who inspires global audiences and blurs the boundaries of art and politics. The detailed portrait provides a nuanced exploration of contemporary China and one of its most compelling public figures.



# India







### Dances of India by Nala Najan



CAT-Dan | 28' | DVD & Streaming

Classic dances of India are performed by Nala Najan, teacher and dancer who studied for years in India. Mr. Najan performs each dance in traditional costume.

### Seraikella Chhau The Masked Dance of India



MS-Sera | 38' | DVD

Kedar Nath Sahoo, Director of the State Government Training Centre of Seraikella Chhau, performs excerpts from choreographed pieces. With demonstrations of many of the basic movement patterns adapted from the martial arts tradition of the region.

### Dances of India Bharata Natyam Arangetram Dances



PC-Dan1 | 60' | DVD & Streaming

Traditional Bharata Natyam dances performed during the formal performances. It also has all the dances used during Arangetram (solo graduation recital). Includes the songs, meaning of the songs and descriptions of the dances for easy reference.

### Dances of India Learning Bharata Natyam



PC-Danlea | 60' | DVD & Streaming

Padma Chebrolu demonstrates Bharata Natyam: Salutation, Basic Positions, Single Hand Gestures, Warm up Exercises, Steps, Head Movements, Eye Movements, Neck Movements, Double Hand Gestures, Poses, Costumes & Make Up, Ananda Natanam Dance.

### The Darpana Dance Company



CAT-Darp | 28' | DVD & Streaming

Mrinalni Sarabhai and her troupe of Indian dancers and musicians - The Darpana Dance Company - perform a classical Kathakali piece, and her own "Song of Creation." Asian dance expert Faubion Bowers provides commentary and interviews Sarabhai.

### Actor Training and Kalarippayatt Martial Art of India



MS-Kala | 45' 30" | DVD

Phillip Zarrilli explores the potential of studying selected aspects of this unique form of martial art as part of an integrated program of actor training. Demonstrated by students of the Department of Theatre, Michigan State University.

### Kalarippayatt Martial Arts of India



MS-Kalari | 22'52" | DVD

Phillip Zarrilli explores a wide range of basic physical movements. Demonstrates the basic poses, steps, jumps and kicks, how various weapons are incorporated into the advanced stages of physical training.

### From India to East Lansing: Surpanakha - Producing a Sanskrit Drama



MS-Sans | 31' | DVD

Graphically describes the research, preparation and rehearsal process which led to performance of an Indian play by American theatre students.

### Acting Techniques of Kutiyattam - Sanskrit Theatre of India



MS-Ind | 54' 55" | DVD

Farley Richmond demonstrates the basic body posture for male and female characters, simple physical movements, the use of gesture as language. Indian instructors demonstrate the eye exercises and facial expressions.

### Raga Revelry: A Journey Through North Indian Classical Music



GL-Raga | 250' | DVD & Streaming

Documentary and companion study tracks. An introduction to the centuries-old tradition of North Indian Classical Music, colloquially referred to as Raga music. The educational quality of the film is endorsed by India's premier national arts academy.



### Sun and Moon and the God of Rain



API-Sun | 41' | DVD & Streaming

With an emphasis on the changing face of traditions, the film explores Indian Warli art from the perspective of its essential functionality, its role within the tribal community and roots in rituals and worship. Featuring warli artist Jivya Soma Mashe.

### Indigo: A World of Blue



MH-Indi | 60' | DVD

Follow the production of the dye from the fields of Sindh, Pakistan, through Laos, Indonesia, and Turkey to the famous Pitchi Reddy farm in India. Presents rare footage of the dye process in several unique village contexts.

### Tana Bana: Wisdom of the Loom



MH-Tana | 60' | DVD

What is the magic of the hand-loomed cloth? Shot in rural locations in Africa, Laos, Indonesia, India, and Pakistan, this documentary explores the world of looms, weaves, and artisans.

### Through The Eye of a Needle: Stories from an Indian Desert



MH-Throu | 30' | DVD

Stories of the women from the Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan co-operative are recorded here. The amazing landscape of the Indian Kutch desert, the remarkable diversity of the communities who live here, and the breathtaking colours of their textiles.

### In Search of Lost Colour: The Story of Natural Dyes



MH-Insearch | 90' | DVD

Documents the growing, harvesting, extraction and use of natural dyes. From the Bogolanfini mudprinting of Mali to the madder-root of Turkey, from the cochineal insects to the rare shellfish purple, this film provides a look at some of the most exotic colours in existence.

### Hinduism: An Introduction



FFH-Hindu | 29' | DVD

The history of Hinduism's development and reformation; spiritual concepts such as karma, dharma, and God as both one and many; the numerous Hindu scriptures; and Hindu worship practices are explored in this intriguing educational resource.

### Indian Mysticism



ZO-Ind | 135' | DVD

A set of six documentaries, an in depth exploration of Indian culture, religion, rituals, spiritualism & society touching on Nadi Shastra, the Mahakumbh at Allahbad, Saadhana: The Art of Devotion, Aghoris and more.

### Bloody Monday: The Assassination of Lord Louis Mountbatten



IC-Mount | 52' | DVD & Streaming

Mountbatten was a naval war hero and the last Viceroy of India, the man who had supported Mahatma Gandhi's bid for independence. On the morning of August 27th 1979 Lord Mountbatten's motor boat was blown to pieces by an IRA bomb...

### A Death for Peace: Mahatma Gandhi and the Impossible Quest



IC-gandhi | 52' | DVD & Streaming

On January 20, 1948, Gopal Godse ridicules himself in a failed attempt to kill the mahatma. However, only ten days later, his brother Nathuram will put an end to the life of the Father of the Partition of the Indian Empire into India and Pakistan...

# Japan







## Acting Techniques of the Noh Theatre of Japan



MS-Noh | 29' | DVD

With Akira Matsui. Basic posture patterns of walking and turning. Variations of these depending on the sex, temperament, age and personality of a character. Symbolism of hand gestures and more...

## Noh, the Classical Theatre of Japan



MG-Japan | 28' | DVD

Akiro Matsui, professional actor and master-teacher of the Kita Noh School of Tokyo, performs excerpts from the plays BENKEI ON THE BRIDGE and THE LADY HAN. The excerpts illustrate widely contrasting aspects of the Noh actor's art.

## The Japanese Noh Theatre Selected Scenes



MG-Sel | 103' | DVD & Streaming

Performance selections from the Five Main Schools of Traditional Japanese Noh; including: Takasago Yashima, Hagoromo, Tenko, Midare, Koi no Netori, Youchi Soga Ominameshi, Kazuraki. Interviews: Okura Genjiro, Fujita Rokurobyoue Umewaka Gensyou and more...

## Noh - Theatre & Music 2 DVDs



MG-Noh | 194' | DVD

Musical segments from the following Noh plays and Dances: Okina Sanbaso, Kami-mai, Miwa Kakko, Nomori, Shishi, Utaura, Matsumushi, Kanjincho, Miidera. Performance selections from the Five Main Schools of Traditional Japanese Noh.

## Music of the Noh Theatre



MG-Music | 91' | DVD & Streaming

Musical segments from the following Noh plays and dances: Okina, Sanbaso, Kami-mai, Miwa, Kakko, Nomori, Shishi, Utaura, Matsumushi, Kanjincho, Miidera. Performed by many of the most important musicians of the Noh theatre world.

## Noh Play "Tale of Genji" excerpts



CAT-Noh | DVD & Streaming

Excerpts from the Japanese dance-drama Noh play "Tale of Genji", from the 14th century, performed by Tatsuo Minagawa, Tei Ko, Shizu Nakamura, and Yuki Shimoda, with commentary by the leading Japanese scholar Donald Keene.

## Noh Theatre - Dojoji



MG-Dojoji | DVD

Featuring highlights and a complete performance. Featuring Kanze Kiyokazu, at Obori Koen Nogakudo, Fukuoka; Umewaka Rokuro, at Nagoya Nogakudo; Shiotsu Akio, filmed on the outdoor Noh Stage of Misogi Shrine Nogakuden, in Yamanashi.

## Asian Concepts of Stage Discipline and Western Actor Training



MS-Stage | 33' | DVD

A.C. Scott draws on long years of experience in China, Japan, and teaching to present a clear philosophy of Asian stage discipline and its application to the training of western actors.

## Bunraku Classical Japanese Puppet Art



CAT-Bun | 27' | DVD & Streaming

Includes performances from two traditional Bunraku dramas and filmed scenes showing how the puppets are made and articulated. Commentary by Faubion Bowers, expert on dance and Asian arts.

## The Lovers' Exile



MG-Lov | 90' | DVD & Streaming

Brings an engaging theatrical form from Japan to contemporary cinema audiences, merging the artistry and grace of the legendary Bunraku Puppet Theatre with the power of the screen through the collective talent of many international contributors.



## Kabuki Techniques



CAT-Kab | 27' | DVD & Streaming

Two of the greatest stars of Japan's Kabuki Theatre reveal the acting techniques used in this most difficult of theatre forms. Onoe Shoroku II and Onoe Baiko VII discuss and demonstrate their craft. Includes footages of great Kabuki performances of the past.

## Kabuki Acting Techniques 1: The Body



MS-Kab1 | 60' | DVD

Leonard Pronko demonstrates fundamental techniques in Kabuki acting. Male movement patterns, variations in the walk, poses and exits, female movement patterns based on age, temperament and social class. Excerpts from professional performers.

## Kabuki Acting Techniques II: The Voice



MS-Kab2 | 29' | DVD

Pronko explains a range of voices appropriate for depicting the young girl, noble wife, evil warrior, young man, old woman and refined warrior. He demonstrates numerous specialized vocal techniques with filmed illustrations.

## Kabuki Classics: Onoe Baiko VII in The Salt Gatherer



CAT-Kabcl | 27' | DVD & Streaming

Performance by Kabuki actor Baiko VII of a famous 18th Century Kabuki dance based on a Noh drama. Baiko also grants a rare interview, explains his art and the origin of the dance he performs and gives notes on technique to his son, also a Kabuki actor.

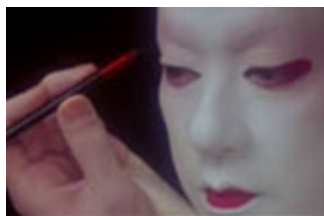
## Kabuki for Western Actors and Directors



MS-Kabwes | 37' | DVD

Pronko outlines a multitude of ways Kabuki may be used by actors and directors in the West. He provides a range of filmed illustrations from his own productions and shows slides of his recent show, THE REVENGER'S TRAGEDY.

## Kabuki-za Final Curtain



MG-Kabuki | 160' | DVD

Ichikawa Danjuro XII, Onoe Kikugoro VII, Nakamura Jakuemon IV, Nakamura Baiyoku IV, Kataoka Nizaemon XVI, Nakamura Kanzaburo XVIII, Nakamura Kichieemon II and many of the greats of the Kabuki world appear in this documentary.

## Tamasaburo Bando Kabuki Dance Collection



## Fuji Musume MG-Fuj | 70' | DVD

Tamasaburo Bando dances Fuji Musume. Features the dances, Yukari no Tuki, Yasuna, Aoi no Ue, Kane no Misaki.

## Kagamijishi MG-Kag | 70' | DVD

Tamasaburo Bando displays his extraordinary versatility in this most demanding of roles; first as a shy maiden and then as a fierce lion. Also features Tamasaburo in the dances Kanaya Tanzen and Kosu no To.

## Musume Dojoji MG-Mus | 70' | DVD

Performed at Tokyo's Kabuki-Za Theatre, Tamasaburo is seen here at the height of his powers as a dancer.

## Onatsu Kyoran MG-Onat | 119' | DVD

Today it is one of the best surviving examples of early 20th century theatre reform, reform that sought to do away with much that was illogical in traditional Kabuki dance and to concentrate instead on the psychological realism of the characters.

## Sagi Musume MG-Sag | 70' | DVD

## Yokihi MG-Yok | 70' | DVD

Part fairy tale, part ghost story, Princess Yôkihi (Yang Kwei Fei) is one of the most beautiful love stories in Chinese history.



### Physical Theatre: Butoh and Beyond



KD-But | 39' | DVD & Streaming

The video is a documentary of a workshop presented by Cheryl Heazlewood in Perth in 1996. Cheryl presents powerful and inspiring training exercises which are drawn from her eclectic training in occidental and oriental movement and theatre.

### Cine Dance: The Butoh of Tatsumi Hijikata (by Takahiko Iimura)



TI-Cinedance | 33' | DVD & Streaming

**Anma (The Masseurs)** Dancers: Tatsumi Hijikata, Kazuo Ohno, Yoshito Ohno, Akira Kasai, and others. **Rose Color Dance** Dancers: Tatsumi Hijikata, Kazuo Ohno, Yoshito Ohno, Akira Kasai, Mitsutaka Ishii, and others...

### Butoh Piercing the Mask



NBD-But2 | 49' | DVD & Streaming

This documentary pierces the mystery and mystique of a dance movement adored by the West and largely ignored by the Japanese. It uses archival and modern footage of leading Butoh performers - Dairakudakan, Hakutobo, Kazuo Ono - and interviews.

### Butoh Body Weather Farm



STA-But | 20' | DVD & Streaming

An insight into the training practices and life on Body Weather Farm - the home to one of Japan's most enigmatic Butoh practitioners, Min Tanaka and his dance company, Mai Juku. Featuring previously unpublished photographs.

### Gagaku: Music For Eternity



MG-Gagaku | 90' | DVD & Streaming

Transcending time and space for hundred and thousands of years, Gagaku, the traditional music of the Japanese Imperial Court, represents the spirit of an ancient time.



**A Zen Life - D.T. Suzuki**

MG-Zen | 77' | DVD

Daisetsu Teitaro Suzuki was one of the 20th century's most important writers and thinkers. During his long and extraordinarily fruitful life Suzuki became the first voice of Japanese Buddhism, especially Zen, to the Western World.

**Dreams of the Projects  
DANCHI NO YUME**

MIC-Dreams | 78' | DVD

Danchi No Yume: Dreams of the Projects, tells the story of Anarchy, a young man born into a hidden underworld of yakuza gangsters, immigrants and low income families struggling to survive in a strict Japanese society.

**Kochuu:  
Japanese Architecture  
Influence & Origin**

SO-Kochuu | 53' | DVD &amp; Streaming

Modern Japanese architecture, its roots in the Japanese tradition, and its impact on the Nordic building tradition. Winding its way through visions of the future and traditional concepts, nature and concrete, gardens and high-tech spaces.

**Getting Along  
in Japanese**

MG-Get | 300' | DVD

Video learning series which presents the Japanese language through familiar daily situations: Shopping, Asking the Way, Taking the Train and Bus, Getting Along with Neighbours, Going Out to Eat at a Restaurant, at a Japanese Home, Preparing a Meal etc...

**The Visas that Saved  
Lives**

MG-Visas | 115' | DVD &amp; Streaming

The story of an extraordinary Japanese diplomat who sacrificed his own career during World War II to write the precious visas that saved an estimated 6,000 Jewish lives.

**Soul of the Samurai**

CG-Soul | 46' | DVD &amp; Streaming

With unique 3D animation, ancient Japanese woodblock prints come to life. Soul of the Samurai is the story of their life and of a culture unfamiliar to most of the Western world.

**MA, a Japanese Concept**

TI-Ma | 46' | DVD &amp; Streaming

Takahiko Iimura experimental films. MA: SPACE/TIME IN THE GARDEN OF RYOAN-JI (1989), THE MAKING OF IN RYOAN-JI (1989), MA: THE STONES HAVE MOVED (2004), MA (INTERVALS) (1977)

**Japan Cultural Atlas**

HU-Jap | CD-Rom

A visual feast of Japanese culture. Containing nearly 2000 photos it has a user-friendly thematic arrangement, of image and text, under headings such as Art, Religion, Martial Arts, Sport, People, Architecture etc.

**Kendo:  
The Path of the Sword**

CAT-Ken | 28' | DVD &amp; Streaming

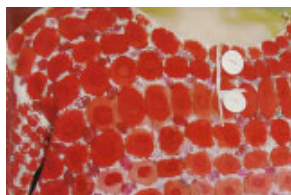
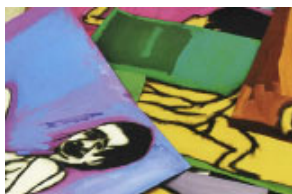
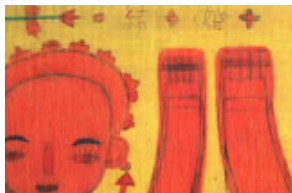
An examination of Kendo, the "senior" Japanese martial art, a form of stylized sword fighting using bamboo staves. Shot on location in Japan, includes explanations of kendo formalities, its appeal at all levels of society, and comparisons with other martial arts.

**The Story of Sumo**

MG-Story | 40' | DVD

The pageantry and ritual preparations by wrestlers and supporting staff in the days prior to one of the six annual Grand Sumo Tournaments. The efforts of wrestlers, hairstylists, calligraphers and builders of the ring itself come together on opening day.

## OUTSIDER ART IN JAPAN



Outsider Art has its origins in the French word art brut, which described art made by those outside the art scene particularly that created in 19th Century European Psychiatric Hospitals. In The 1940s, surrealists like Dubuffet and Max Ernst became interested in this art, and Outsider Art came to be more broadly interpreted as outside a didactic tradition and outside the boundaries of official culture. It was often unsettling and indecipherable, yet undeniably arresting. While it did not follow the artistic fashion of its time, Outsider Art nevertheless responds to the times in unexpected ways. For this reason Outsider Art has a growing following in world art circles.

Outsider Art has also had an influence on the introduction and development of art therapy programs around the world. In Japan's art therapy programs, materials are typically made available to the participants without any instruction on what they should make or how they should make it. The results are astonishing and diverse. The work of Japanese outsider artists has now been featured in galleries in London, Lausanne and the Venice Biennale.

"Outsider Art in Japan" is a series of films that demonstrates the circumstances of some of these outsider artists, and how their art is created. With immense concentration, with zen like calm, methodically, obsessively, they create mysterious objects and fantastic drawings. The creation is ritual, reality into fantasy, fantasy into reality, revealing a logic that is perplexing yet strangely familiar.

**Volume 1: Human Figures** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Masao Obota, Yoko Kubota, Kento Tamai

**Volume 2: Writing** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Moriya Kishaba, Yoshimitsu Tomizuka, Takanori Herai

**Volume 3: Urban Dreams** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Yuji Tsuji, Hidenori Motooka

**Volume 4: Imaginary Worlds** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Shiho Ueda, Shinichi Sawada, Satoshi Nishikawa

**Volume 5: Odd Shapes** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Akane Kimura, Machiko Nishimura, Takashi Shuji, M.K., Hirotaka Hatana

**Volume 6: Passion for Toys** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Keisuke Ishino, Masatoshi Nishimoto, Atsushi Yokoyama

**Volume 7: Déformer** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Shinichi Adachi, Kenshi Ito, Kazuhiko Takahashi, Hideaki Yoshikawa

**Volume 8: The Realms of the Unreal** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Masaomi Kitajima, Shigemi Takahashi, Masahiko Tsuchiya, Kenichi Yamazaki

**Volume 9: Figures of Solitude** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Norikazu Usui, Osamu Nadoyama, Yoshito Matsuo

**Volume 10: Metamorphosis** CAT-India | 23' 12" | DVD & Streaming  
Kaoru Kudo, Takahiro Shimoda, Eijiro Miyama





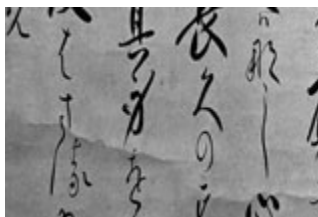
### Potters at Work



MG-Pot | 41' | DVD & Streaming

A contemplative study of life and work in traditional craft making communities. Filmed in the traditional pottery making villages, Onda and Koishibara in Southern Japan. The film presents the workshops of Shigeki Sakamoto in Onda and Kumao Ohta in Koshibara.

### Shodo: Japanese Calligraphy in Daily Life



CAT-Shod | 29' | DVD & Streaming

A survey of the varieties of writing styles, the place of writing as art in everyday life, examples of calligraphy filmed in kabuki theater, the shops that sell the inks and papers used in fine writing, monks executing sutras in the old temple of Nara and more...

### The Leach Pottery, 1952



MG-Leach | 32' | DVD & Streaming

The only complete film available on the world-renowned artist potter Bernard Leach, one of the most influential craftsmen of the 20th century. The resulting documentary is a charming presentation of the daily activities at The Leach Pottery.

### Future Wave: Japanese Design



CG-Fut | 58' | DVD & Streaming

Examines the economics, aesthetics, philosophy and personalities of Japanese design. It features interviews with Japanese design managers, fashion designers, marketing executives, authors and commentators.

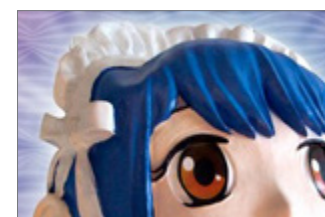
### Samurai in Space - Shinkichi Tajiri



PCO-Samurai | 44' | DVD & Streaming

A film by Paul Cox about Shinkichi Tajiri Japanese-American sculptor, photographer, filmmaker. His life story, the hardships of being Japanese in the USA during WW2, his career as an artist.

### Manga Mad



NM-Mang | 59' | DVD & Streaming

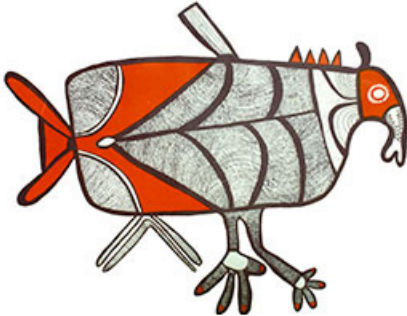
Contemporary Japanese culture through the iconography of its biggest pop culture and explains why comics are not just for children, as depicted by the compulsive consumer obsessiveness of the otaku adult manga and anime scene.



# Southeast Asia







## Living Art in Papua New Guinea

SCO-Living | e-book & streaming

An art book for the digital age. A multi-layered electronic book, it will enrich your imagination and visual experience with the living arts of Papua New Guinea.

Living Art presents artworks and cultural performances that are astonishing in their dramatic visual effect and virtuosity. It is a highly visual experience of Papua New Guinea's spectacular cultures and artistic wealth for many readers and viewers who have not experienced Papua New Guinean art in its own setting and context.

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The interplay between text and interactive elements adds to the reader's experience visually and intellectually. All individual interactive elements in Living Art have been carefully researched to extend the beyond the format of a conventional art book. The visual spectrum of images is greatly increased through virtual galleries. Hyperlinks to exhibition websites, online catalogues and essays extend the interpretation of images. With embedded video clips, you-tube links and image galleries, Living Art brings alive the multiple contemporary realities of art and life in Papua New Guinea.

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## North Korea - Crossing the Line Series

Crossing the Line - a rare portfolio of investigative documentaries, where engaged filmmakers look at what a certain number of North Korean defectors have experienced to escape their country. At the risk of their lives and those left behind. Korea, orphan of the Cold War, remains even in 2011 a divided country.



### **VOL 1. Accross Land, Across Sea** IC-Crossing1 | 55' | DVD & Streaming

2012 INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL EMMY® AWARDS NOMINEE - BEST DOCUMENTARY. Songgook and Sueryun are a newly wed North Korean couple now living in the south. As is the case for an estimated 20 000 defectors who have built or are trying to build a new life in South Korea, they are attempting to secure their entire family's freedom by arranging their defection along with them to the South. Songgook puts his life at risk, making a dangerous trek to the Tumen River, a border zone between China and North Korea. He makes plans to lead a daring escape: to smuggle his family into the South by boat. Because of the extreme danger associated with this journey, this kind of attempt is very rare. And this is the first ever to be filmed.

### **VOL 2. Itinerary of A Rebel**



IC-Crossing2 | 50' | DVD & Streaming

Tracing a North Korean's citizen's quest for dignity.

### **VOL 3. Crossing Three Borders**



IC-Crossing3 | 30' | DVD & Streaming

The story of nine defectors in an attempt to cross from China into Vietnam.

### **VOL 4. Seeking Haven**



IC-Crossing4 | 57' | DVD & Streaming

Youngsoon is a North Korean girl has been determined to arrange her sister's escape.

### **VOL 5. Phantoms of the Border**



IC-Crossing5 | 101' | DVD & Streaming

On the border of China, North Korean women are offered to Chinese brokers to be sold on the human market.



## The Bali Dances: A Veil Between Worlds



JUN-Bali | 64' | DVD & Streaming

Eleven of Bali's most dramatic dances to show how intimately culture, religion and life are intertwined in Bali. Content: Legong Kraton, Aria, Sanghyang Jaran & Kecak, Baris, Topeng, Joged, Palawakiya, Terunajaya, Condong, Calonarang.

## Dances of Bali



CAT-Dances | DVD & Streaming

Several important classic Balinese dances are performed by six dancers and twelve musicians, artists celebrated in their own culture yet hardly known abroad. Interviews in Malay with two leading dancers are included: Raka and Sukraka.

## Acting Techniques of Topeng, Masked Theatre of Bali



MS-Top | 39' | DVD

John Emigh introduces the masked theatre of Bali and shows how masks may be used as a guide to the interpretation of character. The walk, variations on the basic walk, variety of character types and voices that is possible to achieve with the masks.

## Adapting Topeng, the Masked Theatre of Bali



MS-Adap | 45' | DVD

John Emigh explains how he has incorporated mask training and improvisation. Highlighted with humorous excerpts from LITTLE RED RIDING SHAWL. He discusses the ways he has combined ideas from the West and from the masked theatre of Bali.

## Masks and Faces: Dance and Drama in Bali



DG-Balcd | e-book

A comprehensive guide to Balinese dance and drama by Dr. David George. Dancing for the Gods; Trance and Dance; Masks and Faces; Shadows Of The Past (Topeng). With more than 100 unique slides.

## Cambodian Royal Ballet



CAT-Cam | 27' | DVD & Streaming

Classic dances of India are performed by Nala Najan, American teacher and dancer who studied for years in India. Mr. Najan performs each dance in traditional costume. Classic dances of India are performed by Nala Najan, American teacher.

## Cloud Gate Dance Theater of Taiwan: Moon Water



NAX-Moon | 65' | DVD

A breathtaking performance, water sweeps across the stage and is flicked in arcs from the dancers' moving arms and feet. The sound of splashing water mingles with Bach's music as the dancers throw themselves on the stage, gliding on the fine film of liquid.

## Cloud Gate Dance Theater of Taiwan: Bamboo Dream



NAX-Bam | 63' | DVD

In the choreography of the artistic Director Lin Hwai-Min, age-old beliefs and stories are brought into contemporary and universal perspective taking its inspiration from the Bamboo which is seen in China as a symbol of integrity and epitomising elegance.

## Ram Thai: Dance Art of Thailand



CAT-Ram | 29' | DVD & Streaming

An exploration of various types of Thai dance, conducted by Asian dance authority Faubion Bowers, and illustrated with performances by dancers from the royal dance school. The dances are seen with traditional instruments and costumes.

## Dancing from Ceylon



CAT-Cey | 27' | DVD & Streaming

Ceylonese dances, each with an explanation by T.P. Amerasinghe, dance authority from Sri Lanka. The fire dance, cobra dance, mask dance, harvest dance, a dance of exorcism, the butterfly dance, and the ritual dance Ves Natuma, which was originally the prelude to a sacrifice.

### Vietnam: A Contagious Revolution



IC-Vietnam | 52' | DVD & Streaming

Using powerful, often new archives from sources East and West, the surprising itinerary of the Father of the Vietnamese nation will unfold in front of us. Testimonies of Vietnamese veterans and historians and researchers will bring their expert views to the equation.

### Frontline



FR-Frontline | 54' | DVD

An account of the Vietnam war as seen through the camera of Australian journalist Neil Davis. His footage of the conflict was seen nightly by millions. Vietnam was a television war, a war said to have been lost in the lounge rooms of middle US and not on the battlefield.

### Global Citizen: Dioxin's Children



IC-GlobDiox | 52' | DVD & Streaming

Operation 'Ranch Hand' was one of the most heinous military operations of the Vietnam War. The purpose of this operation was to use chemical warfare to destroy the vegetation cover used by the Viet Cong, and to poison their crops to deprive them of food supplies.

### The Lost Temple of Java



SEV-Lost | 50' | DVD & Streaming

Borobudur, in the shape of a pyramid, this extraordinary building is covered with 3 miles of carvings. Following a recent complete renovation, many questions can only now be answered surrounding this enigmatic temple.

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