

THE MONK AND THE GUN

DIR: PAWO CHOYNING DORJI (2023)



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Comedy, Drama

Bhutan

1h 47m

It's 2006, and high in the mountains of Bhutan, an old Lama listens to the radio with rapt attention. The King has just announced that he will step down as the leader of Bhutan and gift his people a new way forward — Democracy. In the next few days, government representatives will be dispatched to rural villages, like his own, to hold a mock election and teach the people how to vote. It's time for the citizens of Bhutan to let go of their old ways, and embrace this new modern world and the cornerstone of Western values. The old Lama switches off the radio, turns to his young monk disciple and says, "I need you to get me a gun."

Yes, what better way to emulate the United States, the world's greatest democracy: "Get me a gun!"

From the acclaimed writer/director of the TCFF 2022 favorite, "Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom," Pawo Choyning Dorji, comes this powerfully witty & biting poignant satire — voted Best Film at the Rome, Mumbai and Vancouver Film Festivals! An absolute must-see!