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Film Series

Buddha on the Silk Road

A MagicPlay Entertainment Film

Lost Treasures of Tibet

A NOVA/Public Television Film

Friday, December 3, 2010 7:30 PM

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Buddha on the Silk Road – is a documentary about art along the old silk road, and particular about the ancient city of Dunhuang, formerly the western gate to the Chinese empire. Dunhuang is an oasis desert town, where even today caravans of camels set out to traverse the vast expanse of the Taklamakan desert. Dunhuang was the departure point for the Chinese Buddhist pilgrim Xuan Zang during his 6th century journey to India. It was in Dunhuang, in 1907, where a sealed cave was discovered containing priceless manuscripts dating from the Tang dynasty. To the southeast of Dunhuang are the Magao caves “The caves of the Thousand Buddhas,” and the location of the beautiful fresco paintings of the “Michaenangelo of the Silk Road.” *Buddha on the Silk Road* is being screened courtesy of MagicPlay Entertainment. 51 minutes.

Lost Treasures of Tibet – is a NOVA documentary about the process of restoring 13th – 15th century Tibetan frescos in Buddhist temples in the kingdom of Mustang, in present day Nepal. Some of the art restoration professionals who worked on the Sistine Chapel are brought in to repair and restore dazzling art objects damaged by the elements and by centuries of neglect. 56 minutes.

Admission is free.

