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Film Series

# Blue Collar and Buddha

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Directed by Taggart Siegel & Kati Johnston

Friday, January 6, 2012 7:30 – 8:30 PM

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*Blue Collar and Buddha* is an award-winning documentary about refugees from Laos who settled in the Midwestern United States following the Vietnam war. The factory town which they have made their new home does not take kindly to the recent arrivals, and their new Buddhist temple is bombed on several occasions. The film investigates the opinions of townspeople, Vietnam veterans, local officials and Christian ministers. This dramatic and moving documentary discusses the Laotians' struggle to succeed as Americans while maintaining their ancient religious traditions. Running time: 57 minutes.

Admission is free.

