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Contact: Patrick Driggers, Customer Service Specialist
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Re: *Documentary Nights!* at the Sequim Branch Library features “The Song Collector”
Attached: *Song Collector.jpg*

As part of the *Documentary Nights!* film series, a free screening of Seattle-based filmmaker Erik Koto’s “The Song Collector” will be shown at 6pm on Tuesday, January 23, at the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS).

Set high in the Indian Himalaya, Ladakh is home to a rich Buddhist culture and an ancient tradition of folk singing. In the 1960s as economic development thrust change upon Ladakh, Morup Namgyal, Ladakh's greatest folk artist, began his lifelong efforts to preserve his beloved folk songs. Using song as the medium, Morup and his peers sparked a social movement that would bring about profound and enduring change in Ladakh. It was a movement built on education, tradition, and preservation. What Morup could not imagine at that time was that he would ultimately embrace development and modernization.

Through the lives of three generations of the Namgyal family, *The Song Collector* explores the uneasy relationship between culture and development and ultimately offers a new vision, inspired by the Buddhist concept of the ‘middle path’, that seeks to find a beneficial coexistence between tradition and modernization.

Additional information

This program is generously supported by the Friends of Sequim Library. For more information about this and other upcoming events at your Library, visit www.nols.org and select “Events,” and “Sequim,” email discover@nols.org, or call 360.683.1161. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.



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