Documentary Film Screening and Book Discussion

Escape from Tibet

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
12:30 to 2:00 pm

Department of Educational Studies
Ponderosa G Lounge
2044 Lower Mall

RSVP http://ogpr.educ.ubc.ca/Tibet_NGray_Oct21

Each year, thousands of Tibetan refugees, many of them children, risk death from exposure and frostbite to escape political oppression by climbing over the highest mountain range in the world, the Himalayas. Nick Gray, an author and television producer who has been making award-winning documentaries for more than 30 years, captured this journey in his risky 1997 film Escape from Tibet. Among the group of refugees he followed were Pasang and Tenzin, young brothers who became the focus of the film that Gray has now turned into a book: an “astonishing true record of endurance, of the triumph of the human spirit, told as a real-life adventure story.” Tenzin joins Gray to talk about their collaboration, their journey and where the brothers are today.

“The graphic depiction of their experiences is so riveting that it reads like fiction... A valuable and fascinating resource...”
– Kirkus Reviews, 2014

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