

Bodh Gaya - The Seat of Enlightenment/India/2017/27 min/English/Non-fiction

Director: MSN Karthik



Synopsis:

In Dhammapada, the Buddha says - "All tremble at violence; all fear the ultimate sleep. Putting oneself in the place of another, one should not harm nor cause another to harm."

The film revolves around the kind of transformation Buddhism can bring in people's lives and the role it can play in today's chaotic world. In our journey through the film, we also explore the story of the Buddha, the historical relevance of the ancient Indian pilgrimage and personal experiences of Buddhist monks and practitioners.

Director Bio

For many, films are a hobby. For some, they are a passion. But Karthik is a sort of a person, who always lived his life in 24 frames. Films were what shaped him since childhood. He says that he watched Rob Williams in awe, as he stood up on his desk to inspire his students to seize the day, in Dead Poets Society. Film seemed a powerful medium to communicate ideas and he wanted to become a filmmaker when he grew up. But in India, joining such a profession was not encouraged and he had to take up a software job after graduating from IIT. But the filmmaking bug in him never died. At 24, he made his first documentary, with an unparalleled conviction to deliver his story.

He realized that storytelling was what defined him and that he would want to pursue it forever. So, he started travelling across India in search of untold stories. From Bodh Gaya in the East to Rajasthan in the West and Himalayas in the North to Munnar in the South, he covered a lot of

places and launched his first travel film series "My Great Escape". Such a vast country seemed very small in front of his quest to tell an engaging story.

Today, he has established a production house called "Adwhyta" in Hyderabad, which operates in the genres of travel, adventure, drama and documentary and aims to explore different ethnographies by understanding life in its purest sense.

Adwhyta, the Film Production House:

<http://www.adwhyta.com>