

Honeygiver Among the Dogs/ Bhutan / 132 min/ 2016/ Dzongkha with English subtitles/ Narrative/ Digital



Buddhism meets film noir.

Film noir receives a surprisingly spiritual and feminine reworking in Bhutanese filmmaker Dechen Roder's beautiful and inventive debut. ---The Hollywood Reporter

Director: Dechen Roder

Credits

Cast: Jamyang Jamtsho Wangchuk, Sonam Tashi Choden

Cinematographer: Jigmet TENZING

Editor: Dechen RODER

Sound: Warren SANTIAGO

Music: Tashi DORJI

Synopsis

In remote Bhutan, an undercover detective investigates the case of a missing Buddhist nun and falls into a risky alliance with his only suspect- an alluring young woman known as the village "demoness."

Director's Bio

Dechen Roder was born in 1980 in Bumthang, Bhutan. She learned film on the job and through self-training. Since 2004, she made multiple documentaries that aired on Bhutan National TV. Her work *Young People on Wheels* was nominated for the UNICEF Child Rights Awards in 2006. In 2011, she produced her first short fiction. *Original Photocopy of Happiness* (2011) was nominated for Best Short Film in the 2011 Brussels International Independent Film Festival and won Jury Mention at the 17th IFVA Hong Kong Awards in 2012. Her most recent short film *3 Year 3 Month Retreat* was screened in Berlinale, Fribourg, Melbourne, Palm Springs, and many other festivals worldwide.