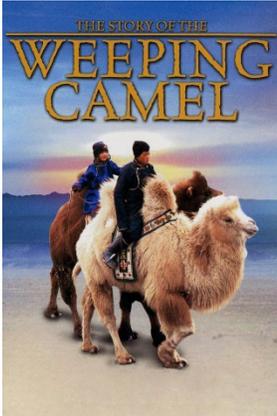




INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Reel Time Film Series 2024 IRC Movie Recommendations

The International Relations Commission offers this listing of films for private, home viewing. The films selected for the Reel Time Film Series 2024 public screenings can be found at reeltime.cityofholland.com.



The Story of the Weeping Camel (2004) 87 minutes.

Location: Mongolia

Language: Chinese. No subtitles

DVD only/purchase through Amazon

In Mongolia's Gobi Desert, a camel belonging to a group of nomadic shepherds gives birth to a white calf. It's a rare occurrence, and the shepherds watch as the unusually colored offspring is rejected by its mother. Without its mother's milk, the calf will die. To save its life, the nomads send two boys (Enkhbulgan Ikhbayar, Uuganbaatar Ikhbayar) on a journey across the desert to find a musician in the village whose song may compel the camel to accept its calf.



Lunana, A Yak in the Classroom (2019) 150 minutes.

Location: Bhutan

Language: Dzongkha with English subtitles

Available on Netflix <https://www.netflix.com/title/81587946>

A disillusioned schoolteacher is transferred to the most remote school in the world, cut off from modern life deep in the Himalayan glaciers. In a classroom with no electricity or even a blackboard, he finds himself with only a yak and a song that echoes through the mountains.



We Feed People (2022) 90 minutes. National Geographic documentary with Chef Jose Andreas

Location: World Central Kitchen locations

Language: English

<https://films.nationalgeographic.com/we-feed-people>

Available on Disney and Hulu

WE FEED PEOPLE, from Oscar®-winning director Ron Howard, spotlights renowned chef José Andrés and his nonprofit World Central Kitchen's incredible mission and evolution over 12 years, from being a scrappy group of grassroots volunteers to becoming one of the most highly regarded humanitarian aid organizations in the disaster relief sector.



The Swimmers, (2022) 135 minutes

Location: Syria, 2016 Rio Olympics

Language: English

Available on Netflix

Two Syrian sisters flee their war-torn home in Damascus, swim for hours in choppy Mediterranean seas to reach Greece as asylum seekers before going on to compete at the Rio Olympic Games.



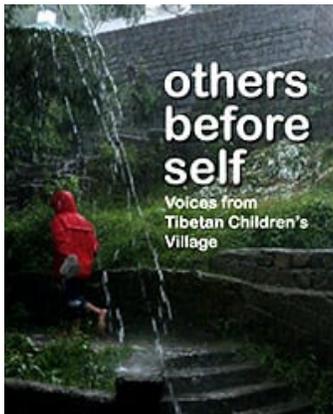
My Neighbor Totoro (1988), 86 minutes, animated

Location: 1950s Japan

Language: English (Disney distribution)

Available on Max, Amazon Prime, YouTube, and Google Play Movies

This acclaimed animated tale by director Hayao Miyazaki follows schoolgirl Satsuke and her younger sister, Mei, as they settle into an old country house with their father and wait for their mother to recover from an illness in an area hospital. As the sisters explore their new home, they encounter and befriend playful spirits in their house and the nearby forest, most notably the massive cuddly creature known as Totoro.



Others Before Self (2022), 54 minutes

Location: Tibet

Language: English and Tibetan with Subtitles

Available through [Good Docs](#)

Learn how child refugees keep their culture alive after China took their country. The kids at Tibetan Children's Village tell the story of the occupation of Tibet and show how their school teaches the wisdom of their culture and helps them work towards returning to their homeland. Deeply rooted in Tibetan Buddhism and traditions, these young voices rise in hope and anger as they work to keep their way of life in the face of the Chinese occupation. An intimate and visually stunning portrait of the lives, history, and beliefs of the young refugees at

Tibetan Children's Village in the Indian Himalayas.

