

THE LAND OF THE ENLIGHTENED

by Pieter-Jan De Pue



SYNOPSIS

A gang of Afghan kids from the Kuchi tribe dig out old Soviet mines and sell the explosives to children working in a lapis lazuli mine. When not dreaming of the time when American troops finally withdraw from their land, another gang of children keeps tight control on the caravans smuggling the blue gemstones through the arid mountains of Pamir.

With: Gholam Nasir, Khyrgyz Baj, Noor & Zulfu, Koko Ewas, Koko Mullalih, Marina Golbahari, Sergei Kovinchenko, Devin A. Cleaves (U.S. Soldier) and children from Ladjewar Sho, Badachschan; Bezirk Argo, Badachschan; Nichigam, Kunar; Sudgul, Nuristan; Zurabad, Bagram

FESTIVALS

2016

sundance

Sheffield Doc Fest

hotDOCS Toronto

DOCVILLE, Leuven

Filmfest Munich

Olympia IFF, Greece

The Panorama of the European Film

This Human World, Vienna

MIFF Malatya

MIFF LISAPAD, Minsk

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Pieter-Jan De Pue · PRODUCER Bart van Langendonck

2016

87 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, War/Peace, Human Rights, Sustainability, Politics, Social issues

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