



THE WALL OF SHADOWS

by Eliza Kubarska



SYNOPSIS

When a Sherpa family is asked by a group of westerners to lead a trek up the never-conquered east wall of the imposing Kumbhakarna Mountain in Nepal, they're confronted with a dilemma. Not only is the summit reputed to be more challenging than Mount Everest, but according to the local Kirant religion, it's a sacred mountain that is not supposed to be ascended. While the father would like to earn the money necessary for his son's education, the mother, a fierce woman who supports her boy's dream of becoming a doctor, is adamant that they shouldn't hike God's body. Director Eliza Kubarska follows the expedition after the family agrees to guide the three foreigners, negotiating as best they can the pressure to finish the climb, the dangerous conditions and their own religious beliefs. Herself an experienced alpinist, Kubarska captures breathtaking images of the majestic landscape, honouring the spiritual dimension of the environment. (Charlotte Selb)

„Kubarska knows that...

FESTIVALS

2020

Hot Docs FF Toronto - Int. Spectrum
 Audience Award - Millenium Docs Against Gravity
 DMZ Docs, South Korea
 Documentaire Extraordinaire Award - Bergen IFF
 Ji.hlava IDFF
 BANFF Mountain Film Festival, Alberta/Canada
 Best Documentary of the Year - NAFF, Denmark
 Zürcher Filmpreis - Best Directing

2021

Best Feature Film - Birds International Club Kottayam India
 American Cinematographer Award - Salem Film Festival USA
 Chamonix Film Festival!, France
 GRAND PRIX in DOMZALE - 15 Mountain FF

2021

Switzerland, Germany, Polen
 2020
 94 min

ORIGINAL TITLE
 WAND DER SCHATTEN

FORMAL CATEGORIES
 Adventure, Conflicts,
 Nature/Animals, POV, Travelling,
 Religion

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 Toronto, Canada (2020)

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