



Cinema International

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## The Monk And The Gun

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2023 / Colour / 107 minutes / English



**Director :** Pawo Choyning Dorji  
**Producer :** Jean Christophe Simon  
**Cinematographer :** Jigme Tenzing  
**Editor :** Hsiao Yun Ku  
**Music :** Frederic Alvarez  
**Cast :** Tandin Phubz, Harry Einhorn

**Synopsis :** Set amidst the backdrop of Bhutan's inaugural major elections in 2008, a time of chaos, curiosity and change, an American antique arms collector comes to purchase a coveted 19th-century rifle. He sees an unusual sight of a monk carrying a gun. The film follows multiple storylines, each protagonist facing their unique challenges. With its deliberate pacing, the film invites the audience to linger in the world it crafts, allowing a rare intimacy with its characters.



**Director's Biography :** Pawo Choyning Dorji, born 23 June 1983, is a Bhutanese filmmaker and photographer. His feature directorial debut *Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom* (2019) was nominated for Best International Feature Film at the 94<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards. He is the youngest recipient of Bhutan's highest civilian award, the Druk Thuksey, the Heart Son of the Thunder Dragon. It was bestowed to him by King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. He is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.