

Country: Nepal

## **No Winter Holidays**

No Winter Holidays 2023 / Colour / 79 minutes / Nepali



**Director**: Rajan Kathet, Sunir Pandey **Producer**: Gary Byung Seok Kam

Cinematographer: Rajan Kathet, Sunir Pandey

**Synopsis:** All their friends and neighbours moved south for the winter, but the two widows Ratima and Kalima have chosen to stay back because they have been appointed as caretakers of their empty village. Isolated and snowbound for a hundred days of winter, the two women have only each other for company and support. But their common past they shared the same husband for fifty years - often comes up between them. As winter deepens, staying alive becomes a greater priority than guarding the village.





**Director's Biography:** Rajan Kathet Rajan is a filmmaker based in Kathmandu with experience in both fiction and documentary films. He graduated from the European Masters DOCNOMADS programme (2014-2016), and he has further honed his craft through participation in several highly regarded industry programmes, including the 'Berlinale Talents' (2017) and 'Global Media Makers LA Residency' (2021). His short fiction film, 'Bare Trees In The Mist' (2019), was premiered at numerous prestigious film festivals, including the Toronto International Film Festival, Tampere Film Festival, Hong Kong International Film Festival, and the Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia. No Winter Holidays is his first feature documentary as a director and producer.

Sunir Pandey is a debutant filmmaker based in Kathmandu. In the past, he has worked as a journalist in Nepal, and as a writer, translator, and editor for national and international organizations. 'No Winter Holidays' is his first film.

