



A SHORT DOCUMENTARY BY BARI PEARLMAN

In the developing world, water-gathering is primarily a woman's job, and rural Tibet is no exception. Multiple times a day, she carries a heavy bucket to a potable source of water - sometimes as far as a mile away - and brings it back home 80-pounds full. Though necessary for her own survival and her family's, this task is not only physically debilitating, but the hours she spends doing it every day keep her from having time for an education, a wage-earning job, or even much-needed rest from her other exhausting responsibilities.

WATER offers us a rare opportunity to witness this ritual as a Tibetan woman patiently and painstakingly collects water on her family's yak farm. Shot on location in remote Nangchen, Tibet.

Produced, Directed and Edited by Bari Pearlman
Cinematography by Gena Konstantinacos

About Bari Pearlman

Bari is an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose works include the short films *Water*, *Ritual Objects* and *Tsampa* (2011) about rural Tibetan life and ritual, *Daughters of Wisdom* (2007) about the women of Kala Rongo Monastery in rural Tibet, *The Strangest Town in Alaska* (2009, pitch trailer) about the people and peculiarities of Whittier, Alaska, and *Mah-Jongg: The Tiles That Bind* (1998) about the Jewish women who play the traditional Chinese game. She is now developing *Looking for Lepke* about the notorious Murder Inc. gangster who was her grandfather's first cousin. Bari also produced Lee Storey's *Smile 'Til It Hurts: The Up With People Story* (2009) about that kitschy upbeat singing group, as well as two episodes of the docudrama series *The Fugitive Chronicles* (2010) for A&E, *VH1 Fan Club: ABBA* (2002), and *Shots in the Dark* (2001), for Court TV/Channel 4. Her work has been supported with grants from The Jerome Foundation, NYSCA, The Hartley Film Foundation, The Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation, and the Lucius and Eva Eastman Foundation, as well as artist's residencies at Yaddo and the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council.

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