

THE DRAGON'S GIFT: THE SACRED ARTS OF BHUTAN



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SACHI, The Society for Art & Cultural Heritage of India
and the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco invite you to

The Dragon's Gift: The Sacred Arts of Bhutan

A Conversation with Curator Emeritus Terese Bartholomew

Sunday, March 15

11:00 am, Lecture

12:15 pm, Bhutan exhibition tour

Education Studios, Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco

Free with museum admission

Space is limited and reservations required. For reservations call 650.624.8888
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Providing a glimpse at the more than eight years of research, negotiation and preparation, curator emeritus Terese Bartholomew introduces the enigmatic kingdom of Bhutan and the objects on view in *The Dragon's Gift: the Sacred Arts of Bhutan*.

The Dragon's Gift is an unprecedented exhibition exploring the remote and mystical Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. On public display for the first time are sacred objects such as thangka paintings, sculptures and textiles, many of which are actively used in rituals and religious ceremonies. Making this exhibition unique, most of the pieces on display are from working temples and serve as consecrated objects of worship. Two monks from Bhutan accompany the exhibition, performing daily rituals and prayers, a required tradition for many of the sacred objects on display.



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