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Tibetan culture alive and well in Plattsburgh

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 ${\tt PLATTSBURGH-Tenzin\ and\ Yangchen\ Dorjee\ didn't\ blend\ invisibly\ into\ the\ culture\ here\ when\ they\ arrived\ in\ 2008.}$

The Plattsburgh couple, who own Himalaya Restaurant downtown, instead have sought to bring awareness of the arts and culture of their native land to the community through Tibetan arts festivals.

Mountain Lake PBS's newest documentary, "Arts in Exile: Tibetan Treasures in Small Town America," explores how a small city like Plattsburgh can be inspired by and connected to the culture of Tibet from across the globe.

It will premiere at a free screening at the Strand Theatre in Plattsburgh at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The documentary uses the story of Tenzin and Yangchen Dorjee as a lens to explore the way Tibetans use the arts to keep their culture alive

"Arts in Exile" highlights the Dorjees' efforts to launch a large-scale Festival of Tibetan Arts and Culture with several community partners, including Mountain Lake PBS. The result was a four-week arts festival of exhibits and performances, the installation of a community-made mosaic mural and this 60-minute documentary.

"A theme that runs through much of my work is how the arts benefit people in unexpected ways," Paul Larson, documentary producer, said in a news release.

"In the case of Tibetans, they use the arts as a gateway to inform people about a global issue that affects everyone. They also use painting, dance and music to keep their culture alive, in an effort to hold onto the beauty that makes them uniquely Tibetan."

The film's broadcast premiere will be at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, on Mountain Lake PBS.

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