

# SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU

A film by Anita W. Chang



Experimental Documentary, 2001, Nepal / USA  
29min, Video, Color

## Credits:

Director/Producer: Anita W. Chang

Script / Editor: Anita W. Chang

Cinematography: Anita W. Chang & Anjali Sundaram

Music: Scott Tsuchitai & Tsering Maya Gurung

Cast/Characters: Tsering Maya Gurung, Monika Rasali, Sushma Sada,  
Vinita Shrestha, Chandani Thapa, Jana Thapa, Phulam Yonjan



## Synopsis

In October of 1999 in Kathmandu, Nepal, after befriending an Asian American filmmaker, three 13-year old Nepali girls named Monika Rasali, Sushma Sada and Vinita Shrestha bravely took the unique opportunity to share with the filmmaker their ideas on being girls in Nepal, marriage, friendship, love, loneliness, their dreams, and God. These recordings provide a complex and poignant framework for three Nepali women living in the U.S. to reflect on their own struggle, exile and quest for liberation.

## Director's Biography

Award-winning Anita Chang was born in the U.S. to Taiwanese parents who immigrated in the 1960's. In New York City, she worked as a youth counselor in Chinatown, a civil rights investigator/activist and editor/writer for an Asian American zine. She then studied and performed with SF-based Butoh dancer for 5 years. Her works include *An Elegy to Our Small Selves* (2002), *Imagining Place* (1999), which won the New Visions Award at the LA Asian Film Fest, *Mommy, What's Wrong?* (1997), *One Hundred Eggs a Minute* (1996), *Video Letter to the President* (1996), and *Spofford Alley* (1994). She currently lectures in the Film Department of various universities and is Education Director at Teaching Intermedia Literacy Tools, a grassroots organization which brings media literacy education and media production to youth.

## Festivals

Ann Arbor Film Festival, *Isabella Liddell Art Award*  
New York Asian American International Film Festival  
San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival  
LA Asian Pacific Film & Video Film Festival  
Boston Asian American Film Festival, Museum of Fine Arts  
Women in The Director's Chair  
Women of Color Film Festival, Pacific Film Archive  
Film Arts Festival of Independent Cinema, San Francisco  
Dallas Asian Film Festival  
Kerala International Film Festival  
South Asian Documentary Film Festival, Kathmandu, Nepal