

RICHARD MANNING PHOTOGRAPHY

“12 Years In Turkestan, Water In A Dry Place...”

(Pictures From Places That You Cannot Go To Anymore)

Material collected between 1988 and 2000 in India, Iran, Mongolia, Central Asia; Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan, Morocco, China; Xinjiang & Tibet and Nepal. During repeated visits over 12 years. Primarily on Colour Transparency but also some Black & White and Colour negative as well as digital.

A collection in multi-media formats; Photographs, Film & a Website.

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Material: 10 -15,000 images in total; All formats, analogue & digital.

50 Hours of film; Mini dv tape. Interviews and Film documentation.

The Chinta Mani website; Remotely started from Central Asia in 1998.

Journeys between 1988 & 2001

Jan 1988-Apr'99: Asia for 15 months; India (6 mths); 3 months in the north and 3 months in the south. Pakistan (2 mths); Hindu Kush mountains, Skardu & Karakorum mountains, Peshawar, Chitral to Gilgit over the Shundur Pass. Nepal (1 1/2 mths) Thailand (3 mths) Hong Kong (2 weeks) China (3 mths) including Kashgar Sunday Market, Xinjiang. Tibet during riots and Beijing just before Tiananmen Square uprising squashed. Trans-Siberian back to Berlin from Beijing, through the then crumbling Soviet Block, via Moscow and Red Square.

Aug 1990: **India;** Kullu Valley in Himachal Pradesh, over the Rothang pass through Zaskar to Ladakh.

Aug 1991: **Morocco;** Tangiers Medina/Old town, Fez & the Rif Mountains.

Aug 1993: **Trans-Siberian Express from Europe to Beijing;** Then To Kashgar, again, in Xinjiang. Via Xian, over the Karakorum mountains via the Khunjerab pass to Hunza Valley, in Pakistan. Ended at Lahore for outbreak of the Monsoon.

March 1994: **India;** Official Photographer for Muzaffar Ali film shoot: Kotwara, UP & B & W village life. Delhi Sadhus; Tiger Baba & Madhu Sudan, Sufi/Baul Musician from Calcutta/Bengal.

July 1994: **Mongolia;** Nada Music Tour of Mongolia: Ulaan Baatar to Chandeman Sum near the Altai Mountains in the West of Mongolia. Khoonii singing. I stayed on for a month visiting Nomad families and collecting atmospheric & photojournalistic material.

1995: **Mongolia;** Horse Holidays in Mongolia Article for Horse & Hound, plus associated pics.

Central Asia; Uzbekistan, Kirghizia and Kazakhstan. Samarkhand Registan and around.

India; Rajasthan Solar Eclipse. Beautiful pics.

July 1997: **Mongolia;** Galshar Naadam, and Text for Article for the Sunday Times (unpublished). Reintroduction of Prejwalski's Horse project from Europe, to save the breed.

Feb 1997: **India;** Horseracing in India: Bombay Derby & Horse Sales, Manjri Stud farm & Bombay city. Ifthar at Bindi Bazaar, Bombay: Ramadan pics incl. Prayer in Mosque & people feasting. Goa; Anjuna Flea/Hippy Market, Rajasthani women, atmosphere and stalls.

1998: **Nepal;** Kathmandu & the Himalayas. Photographer for “East of Watford” Film Production.

1998: **Central Asia;** The Chinta Mani production. Remote website build from Central Asia. Incl. Film, Photographs and Text produced around the journey. (Research for BBC Medicine Men Production with Benedict Allen).

1999: **Morocco;** Further Research for BBC Medicine Men Production (Film & Photographs) Ganawi Sufi Musicians in Tangiers and “A Walk through Morocco” film. Marrakesh; Djema El Fna, Traditional Berber healers & The Souk/Markets.

Turkmenistan & Iran; Further research into the Origins of the Thoroughbred. Film and Photographs from Iran and Ashkhabad. Visit to Louis Fairouz, American living at Gonbad-e-Kabuz, nr the Alborz Mountains. Authority on Turkoman Horse Breed.

2000: **Turkmenistan;** With Brough Scott - Horseracing TV Presenter & Journalist. To look into doing a Television production on the Origins of the Thoroughbred Racehorse.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC STORIES:

- Central Asia:** Resurgence of Traditional Cultures Post Communism
Silk Road Cities & Cultures during the 1990's
Equine Nomads, Sufism and Islam
The Origins of the Thoroughbred Racehorse
- Uzbekistan:** Samarkhand, Bukhara, Khiva & The Ferghana Valley
Islam in Uzbekistan - Shrines, Mosques & Muslims at prayer
Sufism – Naqshbandi Complex, Bukhara & Ashur Pulat, a Bakshe in Ferghana
Kazakh Nomads at Zerafshan preparing for a wedding
Zoroastrianism & Shamanism as an aspect of Sufism in Uzbekistan
- Turkmenistan:** Silk Road cities, Ashkhabad, Anau, Merv/Mary, Nisa & Chardzou
The Origins of the Thoroughbred Racehorse – Turkoman Breed
Horseracing & Breeding in Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan
Turkoman Nomads - Ashkhabad Market, rugs and Portraits
Sufism and Islam post Communism, esp. Nisa & Anau
- Iran:** Louise Fairouz, Gonbad - e - Kabuz. Authority on Turkoman Horses
Origins of the Thoroughbred Racehorse and Turkoman Tribes in Iran
A Sufi shrine in Alborz Mountains, near Gonbad-e-Kabuz
Aryan stone culture in Alborz Mountains - A field of stone Phalluses
- Mongolia:** Ulaan Baatar, Khovd and Chandeman, Nr Altai Mountains in West of Mongolia
Mongolian Nomads & Culture, documentation of lifestyles and portraits of
Mongolian Buddhism during 1990's, resurgence of post Communism
Nada Music Tour of Mongolia, 1994. Official Photographer & Didgeridu
Music and Musicians in Mongolia, esp. Khoomii singing from Chandeman
Re-introduction of Prjewalski's Horse project, the first breed of horse
Naadam Festival at Galshar, 1997. Children Racing, Wrestling & Archery
- India:** The making of an Indian Film - Hosne Jahne by Muzaffar Ali, 1994
Village Life in Uttar Pradesh (B&W)
The Solar Eclipse in Rajasthan in 1995
Journey over the Rothang pass from Kullu Valley to Ladakh (Tibetan Culture)
Horseracing in India - Bombay Derby & Horse Sales, Manjri Stud Farm
Ifthar; break of fast during Ramadan at Bindi Bazaar, Bombay
Shiva Festival in Bombay (B&W)
Sadhus - Tiger Baba and Madhu Sudhan (Baul – Sufi)
Goa; Anjuna Flea market – Tibetan and Rajasthani Traders
Mughal Architecture in Delhi and Bombay general pics
- Nepal:** East of Watford film Production, Official Photographer
Tibetan Culture in Kathmandu, Swayambu Stupa and around
Tibetan Shamanic Healer in Kathmandu
Street Children & soup kitchen in Boudhinath, near Khatmandu
- China:** China - Emergence of Capitalism during mid-1990's, Xian & Beijing
Tibet - Riots in Lhasa in 1989 & Shigatse, Gyantse and Sakya
People portraits, temples and culture in Tibet
Xinjiang - Kashgar and Sunday Market 1989 & 1993
Journey over the Khunjerab Pass into Northern Pakistan
- Morocco:** Tangiers, Fez, Marrakesh & Rif Mountains
Sufism – Ganawa musicians
Berber Healers/Ashab - Marrakesh
Souks in Marrakesh – Traditional Medicine
Tangiers – A walk through Morocco (Film in 2 parts - Tangiers & Marrakesh)
- England:** UK Horseracing and the Byerley Turk
Whirling Dervishes in London
Tibetan Freedom demonstration in London