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## **OPEN CINEMA RESCHEDULES *Crazy Wisdom* Screening**

Victoria, BC – January 18, 2012. **Due to Crazy Weather, today's scheduled event is CANCELLED and RESCHEDULED on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>.** OPEN CINEMA and the Victoria Shambala Centre will start the new year off with a gong by screening the Victoria premiere of the enlightening documentary ***Crazy Wisdom: The Life and Times of Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche***. The post-screening discussion will focus on the role of spirituality in our changing economy, with **Layth Matthews**, Director, Victoria Shambala Centre and CEO RateMiser Mortgage Advisor; **Rebecca Hazell**, Shastri, Victoria Shambala Centre; **Louise Trussler Mangan**, Chair, InterSpiritual Centre Vancouver; **Elizabeth Hazell**, Craigdarroch Castle.

Chogyam Trungpa was known as 'the bad boy of Buddhism'; he brought Tibetan Buddhism to the West and shattered notions about how an enlightened teacher should behave. 20 years after his death, Trungpa's name still evokes admiration & outrage.

"Trungpa was the embodiment of living outside the box." comments Victoria Shambala Director Layth Matthews, who spent time studying with the notorious Tibetan. "He made hippies wear suits and suits camp like hippies. Now, every Tibetan Lama who wishes to teach in the west closely studies his teachings. When he published *Shambhala: the Sacred Path of the Warrior* (1984), he created a time bomb of enlightenment. In a world ripe for his outrageous teachings, that time bomb is about to go off."

**WHAT:** OPEN CINEMA & the Victoria Shambala Centre present *Crazy Wisdom: The Life & Times of Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche*, followed by discussion on the role of spirituality in our changing economy. **Layth Matthews**, Director, Victoria Shambala Ctr & Mortgage Advisor; **Rebecca Hazell**, Shastri, Victoria Shambala Ctr; **Louise Trussler Mangan**, Chair, InterSpiritual Centre Vancouver; **Elizabeth Hazell**.

**WHEN:** RESCHEDULED 7pm Weds, February 1, 2012 (Doors 5:30pm)

**WHERE:** The Victoria Event Centre, 1415 Broad St (elevator access)

**COST:** \$10-15 *suggested* donation

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