



# The Land of the Enlightened

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**In this seamless blend of fictional and documentary form, we experience a stunning cinematic journey into the beauty of war-tormented Afghanistan. Shot over seven years on evocative 16mm footage, first-time director Pieter-Jan De Pue paints a whimsical yet haunting look at the condition of Afghanistan left for the next generation. As American soldiers prepare to leave, we follow De Pue deep into this hidden land where young boys form wild gangs to control trade routes, sell explosives from mines left over from war, and climb rusting tanks as playgrounds, making the new rules of war based on the harsh landscape left to them. De Pue's transportative and wonderfully crafted film confronts the visceral beauty and roughness of survival, serving as a testament to the spirited innovation of childhood and the extreme resilience of a people and country.**

## CREDITS

**DIRECTOR:** Pieter-Jan De Pue

**PRODUCER:** Bart Van Langendonck

**WRITER:** Pieter-Jan De Pue

**EDITING:** David Dusa, Stijn Deconinck

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Pieter-Jan De Pue

## CREATION DETAILS

**TYPE:** Film

**PRODUCTION SHARE:** Majority Flemish  
Production

**YEAR OF PRODUCTION:** 2016

**PRODUCTION STATUS:** Completed

**ORIGINAL TITLE:** The Land of the  
Enlightened

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE:** English,  
Russian, Farsi, Pashtu, Uzbek, Waghi,  
Khyrgyz

## TECHNICAL SPECS

**RUNNING TIME:** 87'

**ASPECT RATIO:** 1.85:1

**COLOUR:** Colour

## CONTACT & SALES

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### DISTRIBUTION

- the Netherlands: Periscope Film (theatrical)
- Ireland: Wildcard Distribution (theatrical)



### MORE INFO

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