

CARRY ON

a film by YATAO LI



“Daddy, am I going to die, too?”

“Do you know what death is?”

“No.”

“Then don’t worry about it.”

2014

China/USA

17 mins



Synopsis.

During the brutal withdrawal of Japanese forces at the end of World War II, a Chinese father does whatever he can to save his family.

Awards.

2015 Academy Awards Best Live Action Short Shortlist

2014 Palm Springs International ShortFest

- Best of Festival Award, Academy-Qualifying

2014 CINE Golden Eagle Award

- Student Division - Drama

2014 Long Island International Film Expo

- Best Foreign Short Award
- Best Story Nomination • Best Director Nomination

2014 Big Bear Lake International Film Festival

- Grand Prize Short • Best Student Short

2014 Moondance International Film Festival

- Best Short Film Award • Best Male Actor Award

2014 California International Shorts Festival

- Best Student Short

2014 Los Angeles Movie Awards

- Best Student Short • Best Director • Best Cinematography
- Best Production Design • Best Costume Design

2014 Los Angeles Cinema Festival of Hollywood

- Best Narrative Short • Best Student Film • Best Director
- Best Cinematography • Best Actor

2014 International Film Festival of Cinematic Arts - Los Angeles

- Best Short Film

2014 LA INDIE Film Festival

- Best of the Fest Award: Short Film

2014 Asians On Film Festival Winter

- Best Cinematography Award • Best Ensemble Cast Award
- Best Drama Honorable Mention

2014 Rochester Institute of Technology Honor Show

- Chair's Award

2014 Atlanta Urban Mediamakers Film Festival

- Best International College Student Film
- College Student Short Film Audience Award

2014 Accolade Awards Competition

- Award of Excellence Special Mention

2014 Wild Rose Independent Film Festival

- Best International Film Award

2014 Best Shorts Competition

- Award of Excellence - Short Film

2014 Shorts Film Festival

- Best Pacific Rim Short Award

2014 Oregon International Film Awards

- Best Foreign Film Gold Award

2014 Yosemite International Film Festival

- Best Narrative Short - Honorable Mention

2014 Three Rivers Film Festival

- Best Short Film Third Place

2015 Fargo Film Festival

- Best Student Film

2014 Back in Box Competition

- Best Makeup Award

2014 ITSA Film Festival

- Best Drama

Official Selections.

2014 Cannes Film Festival

- American Pavilion Emerging Filmmaker Showcase
- Short Film Corner

2014 Calgary International Film Festival

- Best Overall Shorts Award Nomination

2014 YoungCuts Film Festival

2014 Los Angeles International Student Film Festival

2014 North America Chinese Directors Short Film Collection

2014 Mississippi International Film Festival

2014 Ottawa International Film Festival

2014 Access Code Short Film Festival

2014 Underexposed Film Festival – Director’s Choice

2014 Hamilton Film Festival

2014 Atlanta ShortsFest

2014 UK Film Festival

2015 Golden Egg Film Festival NYC

2014 Ohio Independent Film Festival

2014 Portland International Film Festival

2014 Irvine Film Festival

Press Coverage.

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– "Carry On" would appear to be the most lauded entry here, to say the least. That's probably because it's the most formally impressive of the bunch, particularly its cinematography, which is breathtaking and evocative throughout. The story of a father trying to save his family as Japanese forces withdraw from China at the end of WWII, it's a swift 16 minutes but the film's production value makes it a true stand-out. That kind of thing can often go a long way in a short film Oscar race. The movie ends on a note of simultaneous uplift and heartbreak that is sure to draw out a reaction.

–Kristopher Tapley

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Director's Biography.

YATAO LI was born in Beijing, China. He studied Film Study at Beijing Normal University and earned his MFA degree in Film Production at Rochester Institute of Technology in USA. Now, he is a film director signed with Aim Entertainments in Beijing and his representative in Los Angeles is Amotz Zakai, the executive of Echo Lake Entertainment.

Director's Filmography.

2014	Carry On	17 mins	writer/director/producer
2013	Kid's Sword	10 mins	writer/director
2012	Vengeance is Hers	18 mins	writer/director/DP/editor
2011	Hypnotist	15 mins	writer/director/DP
2011	The Secret of Backstage	8 mins	writer/director/DP/editor
2010	The Flowerpot	11 mins	writer/director/DP
2008	The Box	11 mins	writer/director/editor

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CAST

Nakamura KENICHI MIURA

Li Dashan CHENG CHANG

Yu'er ZONGLING

Yamamoto TAKUYA SAITO

CREW

Written and Directed by YATAO LI

Produced by YATAO LI

Executive Producer WENBO ZHANG

Director of Photography QIANG PENG

1st Assistant Camera QIUSHI CAI

Gaffer SHENGJUN WANG

Art Director QINGQUN "HEATHER"

SHEN

Props CHAOYANG LI, YANG LI

Makeup Artist LEI CHI, LINA ZHAO

Still Photographer YIYING LIM

Assistant Director CHANGQING SHI

Casting Director LEI GUO

Script Supervisor LEPING ZHANG

Production Manager MO YANG

Line Producer LIYA WANG

Driver JIN

Thesis Advisor PETER KIWITT

Editor/ Colorist YATAO LI

Music RYAN LEACH

Special Effects XIAOYU "RUUDY" LIU

Sound Mixing BIN ZHENG, ZHI CHEN



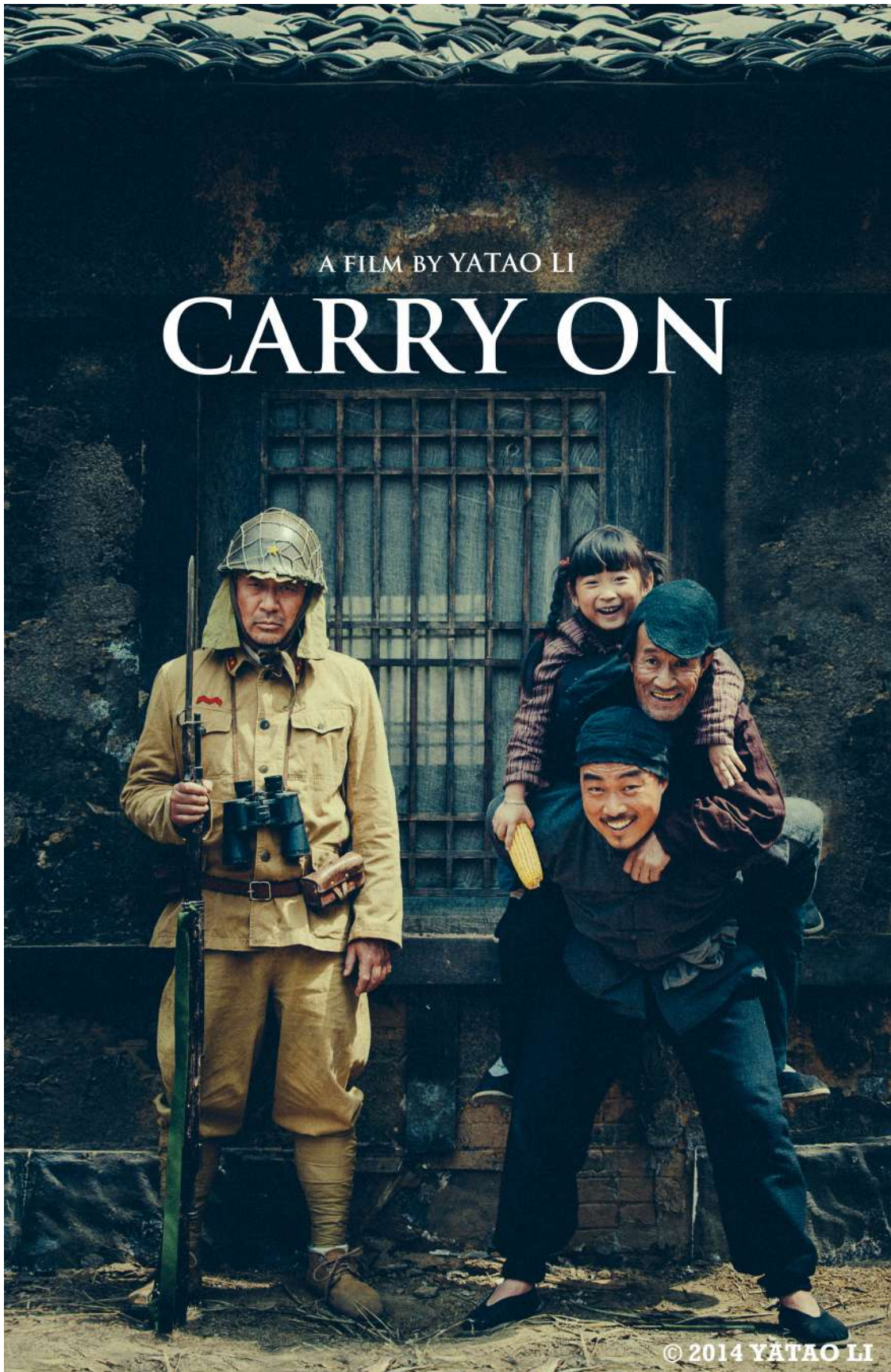
Location Sound BIN ZHENG, JINHAN KONG, YANAN CUI, HENG WANG

Key Grip WEIDONG LIU, SHUMING TAN, LEI ZHAO, RENPENG LI

Subtitle Translation MIKE ZOU

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