

Speech

AFI CONSERVATORY presents THE SPEECH Starring HARMONIE HE, GLORIA XIONG and CHEDI CHANG Edited by LUQI ZHAO Production Design by MENGHAN QI Cinematography by ANTON SHAVLIK Produced by XIAOXIAO LI Written and Directed by HAOHAO YAN



The Speech 黄真真的演讲

25'25"/USA/2019

Logline

During the SARS epidemic in Beijing, China, 2003, three eight-year-old girls uncover small truths in an afternoon of school.

Synopsis

May 2003, Beijing, China.

Under the pressure of WHO, the Chinese government announced that the SARS (Severe acute respiratory syndrome) outbreak is real. The city is closed. Most students have been sent home. During a lockdown inside a

private boarding school, three eight-year-old girls have to find a way to make sense of the world.

Director's Statement

It was a hot summer day at a boarding school in the outskirts of Beijing, China. During activity time, the principle made an announcement over the loudspeaker: nobody would be going home anymore, the school was to be locked down because of the outbreak of SARS. I was eight years old, sitting in my classroom, struggling to memorize the lines for my first public speech ever. Too young to have the knowledge to make sense of the world, something I still suspect was absent in adults in that period of time, I felt for the first time the urgency to search for something real, something that could help me make sense of the world and make sense of my own life.

Moments like this keep coming back to me as I' ve grown up. I have constantly found myself in similar situations despite the passing of time and the changes in my body. The only difference is that as I get older and older, I' m not as honest about my feelings as when I was a kid. With this film I want to capture the raw emotions stimulated by childhood discoveries, the urgency to make sense of the ambiguous and arbitrary world, the bold decisions, the awkward fantasies, the rare moment of finding our place on the map of the world.





Harmonie He

Harmonie is an nine-year-old actress in Hollywood. She has been active in TV series and movies. Recently she played the young version of Lucy Lu's character in CBS show Why Women



Kill as Young Simone.



Chedi Chang

Chedi is a seven-year-old rhythmic gymnast and fashion model living in Los Angeles, California.



<u>Gloria Xiong</u>

Gloria is a eleven-year-old straight A fifth grader who likes to sing, swim and try all kinds of food.



Filmmakers



Haohao Yan WRITER/DIRECTOR

Haohao is a writer-director based in LA. Born and grew up in Beijing, China, she came to the U.S to pursue her B.A. in Film and Television Production at UCLA School of Theater Film and Television. After graduation, she stayed in LA and worked as a freelancer with a focus on Chinese-American coproduction film and commercials. In 2019, she graduated from the directing program at American Film Institute.



Xiaoxiao Li PRODUCER

Xiaoxiao Li is an award-winning producer, director. Graduate of Producing at the American Film Institute.Specialized in U.S.

China co-production, film distribution and marketing. Working with Huaxia Film Distribution, Vogue, New York Documentary Festival, MassMutual Financial Group, etc., earning her Filmmaking MFA degree at 2016, also was invited by Featured Candidate of International Youth Leadership Summit as the filmmaker representative. Her film "SUPERCAR MAN" won more than 20 categories in International Film Festivals and has been highly acclaimed by critics and film festivals alike while garnering distribution worldwide.



Anton Shavlik Cinematographer

Anton is an American cinematographer who received his masters degree from the AFI. He has worked in Europe, Asia and the Americas and his films have played at festivals such as Sundance and Palm Springs. He has a degree in political science.



Menghan QI

Production Designer

Born and raised in the North region of China, she received traditional art training from an early age and graduated from LuXun Academy of Fine Art. Prior to moving to the US, she pursued her M.F.A in Painting at Savannah College of Art and Design. Working with drawing, painting and installations, Qi's work has been wildly shown internationally and nationally in the U.S, Europe, Canada and China. including: Katzen Art Center, Mi gallery, Crossing Art Space, Gallery 50, Laney Contemporary Fine Art and more.



Luqi Zhao

Editor

Luqi Zhao is from Kunming, a city in Southwest China. She graduated from University of North Carolina Wilmington with a major in Film Studies. During undergrad, she developed a strong interest in editing which led her to pursue her dream to become a film editor. She then moved to Los Angeles and worked in post-production along with graphic design at Market Street Productions in Venice, California for a year. In 2019, she graduated from American Film Institute.

Behind the Scenes









AFI Conservatory Presents

The Speech

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY Haohao Yan

> Produced by Xiaoxiao Li

CINEMATOGRAPHY BY Anton Shavlik

PRODUCTION DESIGN BY Menghan Qi

> EDITED BY Luqi Zhao

(In Order of Appearance)

Audrey Yu Jamie Zhang Gloria Xiong

ANQI'S MOM ANQI'S DAD ANQ

PLAYGROUND GIRLS

QINGQING	Kaitlyn C Wang
LIAN	Lotus Yong
XINYI	Yuxinyi Wang
LITA	Rita Yong
AILI	Alicia Yu
OLD STAFF	Jason Wang
YOUNG STAFF	Joseph Huang
DANCE TEACHER	Mona Arkin
BOY AT GATE	Ethan Xiong
GIRL AT GATE	Phoebe " Ka Tung "Zhang
PE TEACHER	Xiaodong Wang
DANCE GIRLS TIAN JIAN DUODUO ZOU MEILI	Amy Song Jane Kang Doris Tseng Zoe Chen Amelie Guo
MALE TEACHER	Todd Lien
YEZI	Chedi Chang
DORM TEACHER	Lei Wang
DORM KIDS LI YANG LU JIAJIA YAO WANG ZHENG YUXIN WEN TAI	Danae Gao Wenona Wenb Verna Li Shiqi Tan Sean Pan Eric Song Jason Chen Evan Rong Taven Rong
FEMALE NEWS HOST	Charles Sun
MALE NEWS HOST	Briana Liu
ZHENZHEN	Harmonie He
LUXI	Lucy Lu



ANNE YOUNG COOK OLD FEMALE COOK	
QIN JIEFU LIAO GAI CHANG TIANHAO XIXI SHUIJING SUO AILIN	Alisa Cha Nelson Q Jeffery Li Leo Zhao Gavin Zh Eric Char Thomas I Selina Zh Sophia Z Avlin Liu Kevin Yua Bobby He
CHINESE TEACHER	Yan Lan
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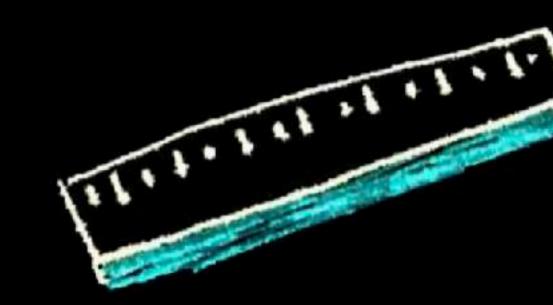
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STUNT COORDINATOR

Duy Beck



CREW

LINE PRODUCER UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGERS FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS	Siyi Ren Xianqi Crystal Du Jinkui Jervis Li Taylor Maxwell Jane I-Chen Chung Joseph Huang
CASTING DIRECTOR	Kara Sullivan
CAMERA OPERATOR FIRST ASSISTANTS CAMERA	Motiejus Barauskas Jackie Bao Riley Shen Colino Lavous
SECOND ASSISTANTS CAMERA	Celine Layous Ai Chung
LOADERS	Darell Ham Jay Cheng Lucia Rinaldi Royce Gao
STILL PHOTOGRAPHER	Brian Lau Xian Yang
SCRIPT SUPERVISOR PRODUCTION COORDINATOR ACCOUNTANT	June Jin Kimberly Moore Siyi Ren
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ELECTRICIANS

Saulius Lukosevicius Rachel Beedee Neelix Ramirez Colin Moore Daniel Short

Jiayu Liu Tim Hilman LOCATION MANAGER LOCATION CONSULTANTS Jimmy Hang Joseph Huang Xiaoxiao Zhang Vasha Narace 2ND SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS ASSISTANT EDITORS Yuxi Han Maria Freire Mr. Woody Speed Ratliff Yang Wang PRODUCTION SOUND MIXER BOOM OPERATOR PLAYBACK OPERATOR ART DIRECTORS SET DECORATOR PROPERTY MASTER LEAD MAN SET DRESSERS COSTUME DESIGNER COSTUMERS

Yuan Wang Zelia Peng Shivangi Singh Hanrui Wang Siwei Lu Jie Song Jill Colcol Sofia Ribeiro Yue Yin Xiaotang Wang Mufeng Han Zheng Huang

Nan Zhou Qiyu Zhou Jianan Ma Xiaowen Wang Yang Wang

MAKE-UP & HAIR

Jasmine Min



SOUND DESIGNER RE-RECORDING MIXER SUPERVISING SOUND EDITOR DIALOGUE EDITOR FOLEY ARTIST ADR / FOLEY MIXER SOUND STUDIO MANAGER	Nathan Ruyle Nathan Ruyle Jedy Xu Mike H. Miller Robert Louis Howley Robert Louis Howley
COLORIST	Tom Reiser
SPECIAL EFFECTS ON SET SUPERVISOR SPECIAL EFFECTS ARTIST	Caleb Knueven Anton Shavlik
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR DRIVERS	Michael Hellerstein Walter Spohn Tim Edmond Timothy Bushika José A Vides
ASSISTANT PRODUCTION COORDINATOR CASTING ASSISTANTS	Corey (Yuxuan) Wang Joseph Huang
EXTRAS CASTING KEY SET PA	Xiaoxiao Zhang Liang Zhao Tim Edmond

PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS



Shah Anshu Timothy Bushika Yang Wang Alex Ramsan Lita Van Houten Chloé Caldasso Kylie Kozar José A Vides Anthony Ojeda

Stella Pacific Mgmt Tom Porter Amy Stanoszek Jeffrey Scott Nuttall Guy Flint Belinda McCormick Rose Stuart Shauna Poutre Louisa B. Caucia

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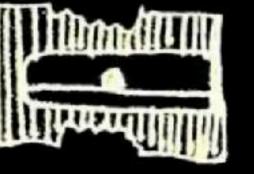
RESHOOT CREW

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FIRST ASSISTANT CAMERA

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Riley Shen



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PRODUCTION COORDINATOR	CJ Hwang
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2ND SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS	Zoe Zou Muyin (Angel) Tang
PRODUCTION SOUND MIXER & BOOM OPERATOR	Joy Yang
ART DIRECTORS SET DRESSER	Yuan Wang Danna Mcdonald Zelia Peng Jill Colcol
DRIVER	Anthony Ojeda
PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS	Shujia Li Eva Zheng
STUDIO TEACHER	Eileen Sterling

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