

# *After Sunset Dawn Arrives*

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Directed by Andy Yi Li

Executive Produced by Yifan Wang

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Produced by Andy Yi Li, Lameng Bei, Yaxing Lin

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/739343668>

Online Screener Link: <https://vimeo.com/734549915>

Passcode: 581



## *Logline*

In the early 2000s, Los Angeles, introverted and unsociable 65 year-old Wan falls in love with a man who is nearly 30 years his junior and struggles to embrace his homosexuality, which he had suppressed his entire life, while also confronting his guilt towards his deceased wife.

## *Short Synopsis*

Wan, a 65-year-old widowed Chinese man used to sneak into an underground ballroom place in old Chinatown called Lai Lai and peep through the curtain. One day, a young man Ken called Wan's attention at a bathhouse, and Wan remembered seeing him at Lai Lai. Ken invites Wan to go to the Lai Lai to try some steps and meet some friends. After some resistance, Wan accepts the invitation and goes dancing at LaiLai for the first time. After that experience, Wan gradually opens up to himself and his deceased wife.



## *Specifications*

Genre: Drama, Coming of Age, LGBTQ

Runtime: 16 minutes 56 seconds

Completion Date: Sep 15th, 2022

Production Budget: \$27000

Country of Origin: USA, CHINA

Language: English, Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, English

Shooting Format: Digital

Aspect Ratio: 1.78:1

Film Color: Color, Black and White

Audio: 5.1

Available Screening Format: DCP, Apple ProRes 4444, H.264

## *Credits*

### CAST

Wan - Jesse Wang

Ken - Todd Lien

Adam - Katie Chan

Receptionist - Austin Klopfenstein

### CREW

Director of Photography: Cory Ewing

Production Design: Yihuan Zhang

Music by: Zong Chiang, San Sheng Chiang, Xiaoqi Zhou

Costume Designer: Danna Dong

Sound Designers: Raven Liu, Wendy Wang

Sound Mixer: Vera Tin







## *Festivals & Awards*

★ DGA Student Film Awards, 2022

Winner: Jury Prize in Best Asian American Filmmakers

★ 50th Athens International Film + Video Festival (Oscar Qualified)

Winner: 1st Prize Narrative Short

★ FIRST LOOK, 2023

Winner: Best Drama

★ Thomas Edison Film Festival, 2023

Winner for Director's Choice Award

- ★ The Poppy Jasper International Film Festival  
2023 Chinese Filmmaker Showcase  
Winner: Best Director-Short Film
- ★ 2023 Wisconsin Film Festival  
Honorable Mention: Golden Badger Awards
- ★ Wicked Queer: Boston's LGBTQ+ Film Festival  
Winner: Best of the Show
- Outfest Fusion QTBIPOC Film Festival 2023  
Official Selection
- ★ BFI Flare London LGBTQIA+ Film Festival  
Official Selection
- ★ WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival  
Finalist
- ★ Indie Short Fest, Nov, 2022  
Winner: Best LGBTQ Film  
Winner: Best Supporting Actor: Todd Lien

- ★ Cambria Film Festival of Romance, Love and Rom-coms, 2023  
Official Selection
- ★ Seattle Asian American Film Festival, 2023  
Official Selection
- ★ Asian Film Festival, Los Angeles Hollywood, 2022  
Nomination: Best Student Director
- ★ Silicon Beach Film Festival, 2022  
Official Selection
- ★ Sherman Oaks Film Festival, 2022  
Official Selection
- ★ Los Angeles Chinese Film Festival Screenwriting Competition, 2021  
Finalist
- ★ Top Indie Film Awards  
Winner: Best Student Film and Best Cinematography  
Nominated for Best Director and Best Writing
- ★ Tokyo International Monthly Film Festival, honorable mention

## News and Articles:

<https://deadline.com/2022/12/dga-announces-28th-annual-student-film-awards-winners-1235198571/>

<http://athensfilmfest.org/2023-awards/>

<https://www.gayemagazine.com/post/after-sunset-dawn-arrives-showcases-gay-love-with-an-age-gap-during-its-outfest-fusion-2023-debut>

<https://www.huckmag.com/art-and-culture/bfi-flare-tiu-makkonen-the-importance-of-telling-stories-about-queer-elders/>

<https://indieshortfest.com/award-winners-november-2022/>

<https://tefilmfest.org/winners.php>

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