

Window on Taiwan

New Documentary Filmmaking in Taiwan

Friday October 19:

“Madame Chiang Kai-shek”

Dir. Tseng Wen-chen,
56 min, English,
b&w/color

The life of Soong May-ling (1897-2003), better known as Madame Chiang Kai-shek, transcended three centuries and was closely intertwined with modern Chinese history. The film covers the intriguing and controversial stories of this legendary first lady with recently revealed declassified documents and interviews with witnesses who lived through histories, across the Taiwan Straits and Pacific Ocean.

Friday October 26:

“The Lost Kingdom”

Dir. Hsiang-Hsiu Lee
Mandarin/Taiwanese with
English subtitles, 98 min,
b&w/color

This award-winning film reconstructs the history of the "Kung Yue Society", a well known koa-a-hi (Taiwanese Traditional Opera) troupe, whose popularity and gradual falling into oblivion not only reflects the history of Taiwanese opera after 1945, but also symbolizes the loss of cultural traditions experienced by Taiwan in the last few decades.

Friday November 2:

“Let It Be”

Dirs. Yen Lan-chuan & Juang Yi-tseng,
Mandarin/Taiwanese with English
subtitles, 108 min, color

One of the brightest gems of Taiwan's vibrant documentary scene, this inspiring film records the everyday life and labor of three elderly rice farmers in the heart of Taiwan's rice-producing country. Even though the WTO has affected the livelihood of the rice farmers, their fortitude and humanity against hardship keeps inspiring audience to re-think man's relationship to the land.

Friday November 9:

“Jump! Boys”

Dir. Lin Yu-Hsien
Mandarin/Taiwanese with
English subtitles, 85 min,
color

This charming documentary follows a group of boys from different backgrounds and with different personalities who were brought together by an unusual passion for gymnastics and are coached by a has-been, hoping they will become national champions. Comic and touching, it became an instant hit in Taiwan when it was released in 2005.

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