



2011 (7th) Chinese Film Festival in New Zealand

《The Piano In A Factory》



Director: ZHANG Meng

Casts: WANG Qianyuan, QIN Hailu, ZHANG Shenyong (Korean)

Genre: Drama, Romantic, Family Story

Duration: 107 Minutes

Year of Release: Jul. 2011

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: *****

Synopsis

An offbeat ballad of friendship and devotion, "The Piano in a Factory" captures the tempo of changing times with quiet wisdom and a tinge of nostalgia.

Steelworker Chen (Wang Qian-yuan) has a passion for music and plays the accordion in a local band with a close group of friends. When his estranged wife (Jang Shin-Yeong) returns one day after years of absence, she demands a divorce and sole custody of their daughter. Chen is at a

loss. He doesn't mind divorcing a woman who has become a stranger, but he can't bear to part with his daughter. Chen has worked hard to give her a respectable life and has taught her his love of music. When asked if she'd rather stay with her father or go with her mother, the girl gives a practical, devastating answer: she'll go with whoever can provide her with a piano.

Chen cannot afford such a luxury item, but the piano becomes his last hope to save what little is left of his family. With the help of his loyal friends and the support of his lover – the singer in his band – Chen concocts several plans to fulfil his daughter's wish, from sneaking her into the local music school at night to drawing a fake piano. He even tries to steal the instrument from the school – anything to keep her near him. Nothing works for long, until Chen looks around his fading steel factory town and hits on the perfect solution.

Awards History

- Best leading Actor in 2010 Tokyo International Film Festival,
- Best Leading Actor in 2011 Shanghai International Film Festival,
- Special Jury Award in 2011 Sydney International film festival,
- The Best foreign Film Award in 2011 Miami International Film Festival,
- The Best Film Award in 14th Annual Huabiao Film Awards (National, China)

《Heaven Eternal, Earth Everlasting》



Director: ZHANG Meng

Casts: WANG Qianyuan, QIN Hailu, ZHANG Shenying (Korean)

Genre: Drama, Romantic, Family Story

Duration: 90 Minutes

Year of Release: Jul. 2011

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: ****

Synopsis

Hangzhou, China, 1992. Orphaned at the age of 11, Shen Xingchen (Yang Zhiwen) goes to live with her wealthy uncle Chen Jianfeng (Li Hongquan), his wife Gu Nian (Shi Ke) and their six-year-old son Chen Mo (Chen Wang). After his wife divorces him, Wang marries his mistress Li Qing (Wu Wenjia) and they have a daughter (Daotian Luna). Five years later, when Chen Mo is bullied at school, Shen takes revenge against his attacker, Fatty Wang (Wang Jiajian), and receives unexpected help from Ming Yuan (Huang Ming), her high-school classmate. Shen and Ming become close friends, though Ming is also fancied by fellow classmate Wen Jia (Yi Na). After graduation, Shen goes to study at Beijing University, while Ming and Wen stay in Hangzhou at the China Academy of Art. When the SARS epidemic hits China in 2003, Ming and Wen are thrown even closer together, while Shen, isolated up north, worries about him.

Awards History

- The Best Film Award in 14th Annual Huabiao Film Awards (National, China)

《Deep In the Clouds》



Director: LIU Jie

Casts: NA Zhenye, WANG Puze, Ji Ardi

Genre: Drama, family Story

Duration: 98 Minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Year of Release: Nov. 2010

Rating:

Stars: ****

Synopsis

The story takes place in a Lisu Village near the Nu River, which is in the border among Yun Nan, Tibet and Burma. Di A Lu, in love with Mu Pa's sister Ji Ni, is banned from pursuing her by Lisu tradition. Mu Pa is arrested after cutting down a national protected plant. Mu Pa's father tries to marry Ji Ni to A Da to settle Mu Pa's case. Ji Ni, dressed in a traditional Lisu wedding outfit, disappears into a foggy Mountain on her wedding day.

Awards History

- Golden Horse Award in 2010 Golden Horse International Film Festival (Taiwan)
- The Best Digital Film in 14th Annual Huabiao Film Awards (National, China)
- Golden Koala Awards for the Best Director and the Best leading Actress in 2011 Sydney International Film Festival
- Jury Award in 18th Beijing Undergraduate Film Festival

《Colour Me Love》



Director: CHEN Yili

Casts: LIU Ye, YAO Chen, CHEN Chong

Genre: Drama, Comedy, Romantic Story

Duration: 97 Minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Year of Release: Dec. 2010

Rating:

Stars: ****

Synopsis

Beijing, the present day. University graduate Wang Xiaofei (Yao Chen), from Anxi, Fujian province, gets a job as a deputy fashion editor at *Flair* magazine, thanks to editor-in-chief Zoe (Joan Chen) being a USC classmate of Xiaofei's aunt. Xiaofei's down-to-earth attitude immediately starts her off on the wrong foot in the vain and temperamental fashion world: during a photo shoot for arrogant, womanising painter Luan Yihong (Liu Ye), she pours a bucket of paint over him and subsequently writes a cutting article. Zoe reprimands her but recognizes her talent and straightforward common sense. Xiaofei and Yihong later bump into each other and make up, gradually becoming more than just friends. However, when Xiaofei learns that Yihong was once married to super-model Ke Min (Monica Mok), who slit her wrists when they broke up three years ago, she puts a halt to her burgeoning relationship with him. But Yihong, who's finally able to paint again now he's found a new muse, won't give up so easily.

Awards History

- The best Film in Products Placement of 2010 American International Film Festival

<Under The Hawthorn Tree>



Director: ZHANG Yimou

Casts: DOU Xiao, ZHOU Yudong, LI Xuejian, XI Meijuan, LV Liping

Genre: Drama, Romantic story

Year of Release: Sep. 2010

Duration: 115 minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: ****

Veteran director Zhang Yimou (*Raise the Red Lantern, Not One Less*) brings us a story of youthful passion amid the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution of 1970s China.

With her father a political prisoner, trainee teacher Jing is sent to a provincial village as part of her 're-education'. There she meets Sun, a smart, handsome geology student - the attraction between them is immediate and unmistakable. But their budding romance is dangerously at odds with the social mores and political paranoia of the world around them, and Jing is faced with an impossible choice between love and duty..Based on a best-selling novel by Chinese author Aimi, who adapted the tale from a true story, *Under the Hawthorn Tree* is a moving tale of star-crossed romance against a backdrop of social upheaval and political turmoil.

Awards History

- The Best Romantic Film Awards in 2011 Macro, Hong Kong and Canton Youth Film Festival, 2011 the most influenced on-line film in China,
- The Best Film Award in 14th Annual Huabiao Film Awards.

《Hua Mulan》



Director: MA Chucheng

Casts: ZHAO Wei , CHEN Kun, HU Jun, Jaycee Chan

Genre: Drama, Martial arts, Romantic Story

Year of Release: Nov. 2009

Duration: 119 Minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: ****

Synopsis:

Hua Mulan was a heroine who disguised herself as a man to stand in for her father and joined the army in the Northern Wei Dynasty. That well-known story has been adapted for the movie.

Mulan's commander Wentai was impressed by Mulan's martial skills when she first joined. However, Mulan's secret identity fell into increasing danger of being uncovered.

Mulan and Wentai fought shoulder by shoulder and were both promoted. As times goes on, they came to have a trader feeling for each other. Nevertheless, their dream of tying the knot was broken up by the Emperor who decided to marry his daughter to Wentai in order to end the war.

Awards History:

The best leading actress (Nomination) in 29th Hong Kong International Film Festival

《Go, Lala,Go!》



Director: XU Jinglei

Casts: Xu Jinglei, Karen Mok, Stanley Huang

Genre: Drama, comedy, Romantic story

Year of Release: Apr. 2010

Duration: 100 minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: ****

Synopsis

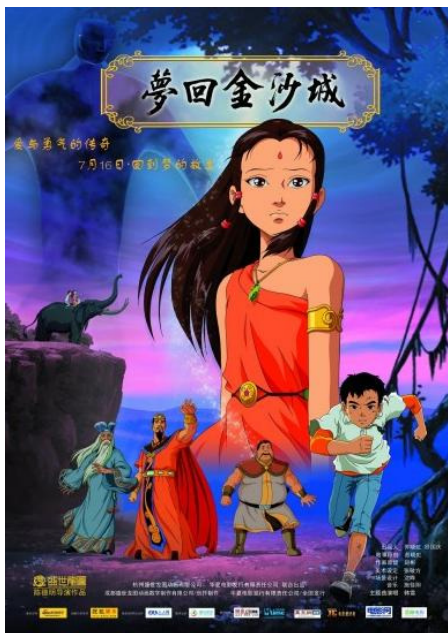
Job-hunter Du Lala pursues a brighter future as other people. Lala begins her career in DB Company and enjoy her tough life there. She gets promotion as well as romance. David Wang, the director of sales seems uncommon with Lala since beginning. However, David has a relations with Lala's boss, Rose....

Lala lost her mind under the pressure and frustration.....

Awards History:

- Golden Angle Awards for the best film and best director in 6th China-American Film Festival.
- The Premiere movie in the 5th Chinese Film Festival in Paris.

《 The Dream of Jinsha 》



Director: CHEN Deming

Main Characters: Long, Jisha people, Divine Elephant

Genre: Animation, Fantasia, adventure

Year of Release: Jul. 2010

Duration: 90 minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: ****

Synopsis

Long was an egocentric middle school student whose life was changed by a little dog. He travelled back to the gorgeous Kingdom of Jisha 3,500 years ago through a time tunnel.

Jinsha was threatened by a piece of abnormal energy. Long was told that the only thing that could rescue the Kingdom was the jade ornament that he possessed. Finally, Jinsha people, Divine Elephant and Long made a miracle with their love and courage and successfully saved the Kingdom. Long came back home in the modern time, being no longer who he was, but a kindhearted young man with strong sense of responsibility.

Awards History

- Golden Monkey Award for the Best Long Cartoon Film in 2011 Hangzhou International Cartoon & Animation Festival
- Invited to participate 2010 Ghana International Film Festival

《Eternal Moment》



Director: ZHANG Yibai

Main Characters: XU Jinglei, LI Yapeng, WANG Xuebing, HE Jie

Genre: Drama, Comedy, Romantic Story

Year of Release: Feb. 2011

Duration: 106 minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: *****

Synopsis:

NO.1 Beijing Yang Zheng Wen Hui story seven years of marriage, and Yang Zheng are a large company executives, Wen Hui concentrate on housekeeping. Intentionally or unintentionally leaving home again, he admitted to a knock at his home across the business hotel, and started peeping Wen Hui's life. Many nights, he actually did not find Wen Hui found him. Disheartened when he discovered the secret of Wen Hui series

NO.2 Shanghai Yang Zheng in Beijing, is a car repair technicians, ready to divorce. Wen Hui in Shanghai, recently divorced, with children, against the Electric City to make a living selling mobile phones. A class reunion, the two meet, the occurrence of a series of farce. When both men were soon found that the feelings had been stumbling in the night in the re-grow

NO.3 Wen Hui Yuan Bordeaux in France, a nameless phone disrupted the lives of Yang Zheng, Yang Zheng Wen Hui left for France to find, but inadvertently become involved in family among the Wen Hui. Yang Zheng Wen Hui year to regain the feeling

《City Monkey》



Director: KONG Lingchen

Casts: LV Liping, GUO Tao, SHENG Chao, LI Bin

Genre: Drama, family story

Year of Release: Sep. 2010

Duration: 90 minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: ***

Synopsis

He Zhipeng is a senior student in high school who lives in a big old Beijing hutong yard with his mother and grandmother. He loves parkour, an extremely dangerous sport in most people's eyes. With his good psychology and physique, he becomes the star player of "City Monkey" parkour club. But his mother strongly disapproves it and hopes he could focus only on his entrance exams to university. Clashes of different concepts, rebellion of the youth, and persistence to the ideal are unavoidable problems for them. What would the two generations do?

Awards History

- Golden Horse Award in 2010 Golden Horse International Film Festival (Taiwan).
- The Best Digital Film in 14th Annual Huabiao Film Awards.

《1911》



Director: Jackie Chan, ZHANG Li

Casts: Jackie Chan, LI Bingbing, ZHAO Wenxuan, JIANG Wu, SUN Chun, HU Ge, Jaycee Chan

Genre: Drama, War story

Year of Release: Sep. 2011

Duration: 100 minutes

Language: Mandarin Dialogue with English Subtitles

Rating:

Stars: *****

Synopsis

At the beginning of the 20th century, China is in a state of crisis. The country is split into warring factions, the citizens are starving, and recent political reforms have made matters worse, not better. The ruling Qing Dynasty, led by a seven-year-old emperor and his ruthless mother, Empress Dowager Longyu (Joan Chen), is completely out of touch after 250 years of unquestioned power. With ordinary citizens beginning to revolt openly, the Qing Dynasty has created a powerful, modern army (the “New Army”) to quash any rebellion. But weapons are expensive, and desperate for cash, the Qing leaders are trading anything they can get their hands on with foreign countries... and selling China