

Asian Studies Centre, St. Antony's College
University of Oxford

Film Showings

Asian Studies Centre & Taiwan Studies Programme

Week 1 - Thursday 21st January - Taiwan Studies Programme

'Grandma's Hairpin' Directed by Hsiao Chu-chen

'In 1949, the Nationalist Government had lost the civil war against the Chinese Communists and retreated to Taiwan with about 600,000 soldiers. My father was one of them.....it was my father's memory of his mother's silver hairpin that led me into his world and the life stories of the old veterans'

In 2000, *Grandma's Hairpin* won the Taiwan Award at the Taiwan International Documentary Festival and the best documentary award at the Golden Horse Awards.

Week 2 - Thursday 28th January - Taiwan Studies Programme

'Let it be' Co-directed by Yen Lan-chuan & Juang Yi-tseung

'Let it be records the everyday labour and lives of three elderly rice farmers in Houbi Township, in the heart of Taiwan's rice-producing country. It observes their toils and their approach to life, enabling viewers to appreciate the wisdom that imbues their lives, and the fascinating dynamics of their relationships with each other, their animals, gods, the weather and the land'

From **5.00pm** in, The Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

Week 7 - Thursday 4th March - Asian Studies Centre

'The King of Masks' Directed by Wu Tian Ming

'Having lost his son in the war, an artist adopts a boy as his grandson. Unfortunately, he has been hoaxed by the pedlar, as the child turns out to be girl. He tries to get rid of her, but without success. Yearning for a home, she clings desperately to the old man for a livelihood. Thus the grandfather and the child lead a wandering life riddled with a series of witty but heartrending adventures.

Week 8 - Thursday 11th March - Asian Studies Centre

'Going to School with Father on my Back' Directed by Chow Yau Chiu

'Seven year old Xi-wa, lived in a poor mountain village in Mainland China with his father and elder sister. His father could not afford the schooling of both children. Xi-wa won the chance by twisting the wooden spoon. One day his father tumbled to the ground and became paralytic, and, at the same time Xi-wa received an admission notice from a teacher training college...'

From **7.00pm** in, The Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

All are welcome

Convenor: Dr Steve Tsang (Taiwan Studies Programme)

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