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CINEQUEST FILM & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL 2019 CHINESE CINEMA CELEBRATION

The 2019 Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival lineup includes four phenomenal films and an exciting virtual reality experience that puts China into the limelight. These works explore captivating subjects such as modern-day culture clash; the thrilling battle over Chinese kingdoms; and the vulnerabilities of our planet. Fighting against negative Chinese stereotypes, today's Chinese cinema celebrates the various offshoots of its country's core strength. Cinequest is proud to help Chinese filmmakers reclaim their narrative. Screening and events will occur throughout the March 5th to 17th festival in San Jose and Redwood City, California.

Feature Films

GO BACK TO CHINA (COMEDY/DRAMA)

Directed by Emily Ting

Recent design grad Sasha has just been rejected by another potential employer. Despite being jobless, her million-dollar trust fund enables her to live extravagantly amidst the LA scene. However, things quickly change the night of her 24th birthday party when her credit card gets declined. She immediately calls her father to complain but is given two options: return to China and work for the family toy business—or remain cut off. Reluctantly, Sasha complies. What simply begins as a way to regain financial backing develops into a life-altering experience as Sasha learns the family business from the ground up, and more importantly, learns to appreciate her estranged family.

LAST SUNRISE (SCI-FI/THRILLER)

Directed by Wen Ren

Flash, flicker, fade. The last golden ribbon of sunshine fades across the landscape. *Last Sunrise* asks, if this were your last day to live, what would you do? While the government investigates the disappearance of the sun, the astronomer Sun Yang and his neighbor Chen Mu race to District Four in search of light. They are then immersed in the second law of thermodynamics, which is when everything becomes complex and chaotic. Shunned to perpetual darkness,

observing a cluster of stars never seen before—with the Milky Way becoming a myth from childhood—one can only ponder and agonize over the paradox of good coming from horror.

SHADOW (THRILLER)

Directed by Zhang Yimou

Pei, a kingdom in China, is ruled by a young, unpredictable, and dangerous king. His military commander is Dang. Dang faces threats and perils—both inside and outside the palace walls—but he has a secret weapon: a "shadow," his look-alike who can deceive the king himself, and the enemies who threaten his life. To claim victory over their rival kingdom, and control the walled city of Jing, Deng forms an elaborate plan involving the "shadow," his wife, and the two kings, using unconventional methods and traditional weapons.

Documentary

RITOMA

Directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Ruby Yang

Few recreational opportunities exist for the nomadic people of Tibet, but basketball has become the pastime of choice for the young men who have learned the game by watching the NBA on TV when taking breaks from their traditional work of herding yaks. When a former college basketball coach from the US forms a team with these men—who are long on athleticism and enthusiasm but short on strategic skills—he puts an audacious plan into action: organize a basketball tournament among eight local teams.

Virtual Reality

China - Mist over Beijing

Directed by Robert Michael Fox

Beijing's air pollution is linked to the development of lung cancer in a Chinese doctor. Although it appears too late for the doctor to recover, he holds steadfast to his faith in his son and his generation.

Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival 2019 occurs March 5 – March 17, 2019 in San Jose and Redwood City (Silicon Valley).

Complete lineup, passes, and tickets at www.cinequest.org

About Cinequest

The story and legacy of Cinequest is bringing together the Silicon Valley's technologies and spirit of innovation with the arts to empower great creations—and connecting audiences,

youth, artists, and innovators with these creations and with each other, improving our lives and our future. Cinequest's uniqueness and impact result from being ahead of the curve in the powerful integration of creativity and innovation. Cinequest does this through the Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival ([Voted Best Film Festival by USA Today Readers](#)) and [Picture The Possibilities by Cinequest](#).

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