

<Da Bai> _Press Kit

SYNOPSIS

Three coincidences that happened to three different residents in the same apartment building eventually lead to the tragedy of an eight-year-old child.

Bios of Director & Producer

Director&Writer: Pengbo Wang

Pengbo Wang is an international student from China. His undergraduate degree was at Ohio University, and he came to New Zealand in January 2020 to study as a postgraduate student in Screen Production at the University of Auckland, his supervisor is Breandan Donovan.

Pengbo Wang developed a strong interest in film during his undergraduate years, and began to try to shoot some short films, as well as personal and editing works. After coming to New Zealand in 2020, he filmed a 5-minute short film "Joe, The Notebook & Hudson" in Auckland. In April 2021, he officially started planning the 15-minute short film "Da Bai".



Producer: Harley Neville

Harley Neville is a Producer and Actor from New Zealand.

Harley Neville has been producing feature films, documentaries, shorts and other content for over 20 years. His credits include the feature documentary Glimpses, as well as feature films I Survived a Zombie Holocaust, Older and Immi the Vegan.

As the Event Manager for Show Me Shorts Film Festival Harley is organised and well connected to the Auckland filmmaking community. He also has a long history as a



broadcaster having worked in Television for the last 20 years in a variety of positions including Production, Camera, Sound, Directing, Writing, Editing and Presenting.

Director's Statement

The style of the whole movie will be closer to the TV series "The Bad Kids" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4X0zYbflpYQ>) released in China in 2019. The color palette of the picture will be kind of depressed, yellow, green, and blue will be several commonly used hues. The editing will divide the stories of the three families into multiple parts for parallel editing. So the rhythm of the whole movie will be faster. High-contrast, fast-cutting movies, and a heavy mood tragedy make the whole story deeply emotional. I hope the whole movie can be very immersive. Also, I hope the whole story can make the audience understand that three coincidences led to the final tragedy. However, behind those three tragedies, there is selfishness, arrogance, and kindness.

The short story "Da Bai" is one of my favourites, as it reflects and explores human nature. In both the story and the script, we see the psychology of three families: kindness, arrogance, and selfishness. This is an ensemble film, with each of the characters slowly revealing their connection to the boy's death. The police represent the audience; observing and investigating.

The core purpose of the narrative is to allow the audience to see how small coincidences can collide to create an irreversible tragedy. The audience has a God-like perspective – able to see into the lives of all the families. The three story lines run side by side, and across multiple timelines. This intercutting will compare and contrast the different families and create a strong editing rhythm – propelling the story forward and engaging the audience.

CREW

DIRECTOR

Pengbo Wang

PRODUCER

Harley Neville

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Tania Wylie

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Yuanting (Tina) Luo

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Jimmy Yang

FIRST AC

Jack Feng

SECOND AC

Stella Jin

GAFFER

Boshi Wang

LIGHTING ASSISTANT

David Dou

MAKEUP

Amy Chen

ART DEPARTMENT

Nina Geng

SOUND RECORDIST

Leonardo Magri

SCRIPT SUPERVISOR

Zuzanna Biolik

CATERING

Jingtong liu

PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS

Johana Sicua

Jonathan Buckman

Talia Finlayson

EDITOR

Geoff Chen

Pengbo Wang

Sound Post

Envy Studios

Re-recording mixer

Vedat Kiyici

Sound Editor

Morten Gamst

Colourist

David McLaren / Colourspace

Music Composer

Tomas Iglesias

Visual Effects

Ashton J Lee

CAST

Detective Laura Li

Nicole Chen

Mr Liu

Gabriel Chao Ren

Teacher Zhou

Sherman Zhou

Mrs Zhang

Lou Yang

Qiqi

Harry Shaun

Mr Thomas

Richard Lambeth

Miaomiao

Melissa Xiao

TV Repairman

Harley Neville

Police Officer 1

Serge Victor

Police Officer 2

Lucas Fabiano

Puppy

Charlie Romero

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