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A SHORT FILM TRILOGY

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY

ANNA SANG PARK

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Synopsis

A Korean American immigrant mother's addiction shatters her family. After the mother's unexpected death, her sister, Kyung-Hee, becomes the caregiver to the motherless children. And struggling to pay back the gambling debt his wife left behind, Mr. Cho works two jobs back to back. With barely enough money to feed his family, his problems deepen when his boss turns on him.

Logline

A Korean American mother's gambling addiction has dire consequences, leaving the rest of her immigrant family to pick up the pieces.

Director's Note

I am interested in examining Korean American communities as well as countless immigrant communities grappling with unresolved feelings of displacement, anger, lost identity, and transgenerational and intergenerational trauma. Intergenerational or transgenerational trauma occurs when human beings cannot overcome what has been overwhelming, unbearable, and unthinkable. And very often, the processing moves to the next generation to reprocess.



Anna Sang Park **Writer & Director**

Anna Sang Park is a multifaceted, award winning filmmaker. Born in South Korea, she grew up in Seoul and immigrated to the US with her family when she was eight years old. She is the writer and director of THE CHO STORIES, an award winning, short film trilogy about a Korean immigrant family told in chapter format. THE CHO STORIES received the Audience Award for Short Film at 2021 Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival and will have its West Coast Premiere at 2022 NewFilmmakers Los Angeles. One of the shorts from the same trilogy, APPA APPA APPA, won Honorable Mention at 2021 Bushwick Film Festival, the Best Short Film at 2021 Peekskill Film Festival and has been in many other festivals. Anna directed and produced 9 short documentaries for Theatre Communications Group - TCC's LEGACY LEADERS OF COLOR VIDEO PROJECT (LLCVP) highlighting groundbreaking theatre directors of color who fundamentally functioned as civil rights leaders. She directed TLC's SAY YES TO THE DRESS for 5 seasons, as well as the spin off shows. Anna also directed for BRIC TV's 2 short doc series. She produced the narrative feature film, WALLABOUT, that won Best Film at the Bushwick Film Festival and Best Personal Narrative Film at the Manhattan Film Festival. Anna was the development producer on the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning doc THE LOVING STORY. She has an MFA in Directing from Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, Brooklyn College and a BFA in Film from Emerson College. Anna is a member of the Film Fatales, Alliance of Women Directors, Brown Girls Doc Mafia, the FilmmakeHers and the Producers Guild of America. She speaks Korean fluently.



Cast

YOKO HYUN - Mrs. Cho

PHIL NEE - Mr. Cho

ZOE MANAREL - Myung-Ah

JADEN TRAN - Insu

DUSTIN CHANG - Blackjack Dealer

HO-JUNG - Kyung-Hee

STEVE CALLERAN - Principal Barnes

CHUJA SEO - Mrs. Yoo

JOHN FICO - Peter

YOON KIL SHIN - Mr. Kang

FELICE CHOI - Ms. Oh

Crew

Mrs. Cho:

PRODUCERS - Isabella Jackson, Anna Sang Park

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY - Nada Stjepanovic

EDITOR - Anna Sang Park

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS - Kayo Gorden

LOCATION SOUND - Inga Moren

SOUND DESIGNER/ MIXER - Delon Lespoir

ADDITIONAL SOUND RE-RECORDING MIXER

Andre Kelman

Myung-Ah & Kyung-Hee:

PRODUCERS - Adam Vazquez, Chloe Acerra, Anna Sang Park

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY - Teresa Torchiano, Walter Rivera

EDITOR - Reweina Tessema

SOUND DESIGNER/ MIXER - Jenstar Hacker

COMPOSER- Jenstar Hacker, I Hsuan Chen

COLORIST- Jerome Thelia, Dave Pultz, CSI

Appa Appa Appa:

PRODUCERS : Kerstin Glaess, Paulina Erni, Anna Sang Park

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY - Farrell Lecorps

EDITOR - Reweina Tessema

SOUND DESIGNER/ MIXER - Jenstar Hacker

COMPOSER - Jenstar Hacker

CAMERA OPERATOR - H.J. Kim

1ST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - Whitney Simon



The Cho Stories is comprised of three short films. It had its world premiere at the [2021 Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival](#) and received the [Audience Award for Short Film](#). In April 2022, it will have its west coast premiere at [NewFilmmakers Los Angeles](#).

The third film ***Appa Appa Appa*** received multiple accolades:

Awards:

[Honorable Mention Short Narrative Film Award - Bushwick Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Best Short Over 10 Mins - Peekskill Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Best Director Student Film - Loudoun Arts Film Festival - 2021](#)

Nominations:

[Best Director - Peekskill Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Best Performance - Exit 6 Film Festival - 2021](#) Phil Nee for his role Appa/Mr.Cho

[Best Student Film - Loudoun Arts Film Festival - 2021](#)

Screenings:

[Official Selection Peekskill Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Official Selection Loudoun Arts Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Official Selection Exit 6 Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Official Selection Bushwick Film Festival - 2021](#)

[Official Selection Omaha Film Festival - 2022](#)

[Official Selection Beeston Film Festival - 2022](#)

[Official Selection Catalyst International Film Festival - 2022](#)

Technical Specs

RUNTIME: 32:02 minutes

SCREENING FORMAT: DCP, ProRes, H264

COLOR

SOUNDMIX: D-Cinema 5.1

ASPECT RATIO: 1920 x 1080

GENRE: Narrative Short Drama

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: USA

LANGUAGE: Korean, English

SUBTITLES: English

FILMING LOCATION: New York, USA

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