

## **Boston Asian American Film Festival Announces 2014 Lineup**

New Independent Films Debut in Boston October 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> with Special Presentations, October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

BOSTON, MA [October 8, 2014] – The **Boston Asian American Film Festival (BAAFF)** officially unveiled the film lineup and special guest appearances for this year's festival. The BAAFF empowers Asian Americans through film by showcasing Asian American experiences and serves as a resource for filmmakers and the Greater Boston Community. BAAFF is a production of the **Asian American Resource Workshop**. The screenings run from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> with special presentations on October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Films will be presented at The Brattle Theatre in Harvard Square, Suffolk University's Modern Theatre, and the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, however most screenings will take place at Emerson College's Paramount Center.

The much-anticipated opening film, executive produced by **Martin Scorsese**, ***The Revenge of the Green Dragons***, makes its Boston debut on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and comes out in theatres the following day. It is co-directed by **Andrew Lau**, whose *Internal Affairs* was remade into the Oscar-winning movie *The Departed*, and **Andrew Loo**. It explores the dark world of Asian American gang life in 1980s and '90s New York City. A few of the cast members of "Dragons" will be present at its screening at the Brattle Theatre, including **Shuya Chang** (*Casse-tête Chinois, Karma: A Very Twisted Love Story*), **Shing Ka** (*The Manchurian Candidate, God's Land, Grand Gesture*), **Celia Au** (*Detachment, The Unity of All Things, Sonic*), **Carl Li** (*Math Warriors, Loveless, Pistol Whipped*), and **Richard Lam**.

**George Takei**, of Star Trek fame, and his partner **Brad Takei** will be present at the ***To be Takei*** special presentation at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The film follows Takei's journey over seven decades, from a WWII internment camp to the helm of the starship Enterprise to the helm of daily newsfeeds of five milling Facebook fans.

The BAAFF features 26 films. The full lineup is: ***Fred Ho's Last Year, Revenge of the Green Dragons, Shorts Program I (Mandevilla, Why We Rise, Breaking the Rules, Left on Shin Wong, H7N3, Hypebeast), Chu & Blossom, Pretty Rosebud, Can, Shorts Program II (The Corner Table, Cleaner, A Stitch in Time, Samnang, Sukiyaki with Love), 9-Man, 100 Days, Kumu Hina, Shorts Program III (My Name is Asiroh, More than a Face in the Crowd, Descendants of the Past, Ancestors of the Future, M A R K E D), A Leading Man***, and ***To be Takei***.

Also, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a free panel discussion with special guests, entitled **Asian Americans in Media**, at the Tufts Medical Center Wolff Auditorium in Chinatown.

This year's selections aren't short on young and local talent, including **Ursula Liang**, a Newton, MA native who directed ***9-Man***, this year's centerpiece film, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth musician **Royal Hartigan**, MIT graduate and director **Albert Chan**, **Steven J. Kung** (who worked

as the assistant to **Matthew Weiner** on *Mad Men*) with his directorial debut of *A Leading Man*, winner of two best feature awards, and the 2014 Short Waves Winner, **Jose Soto** whose short film *Who I Really Am...* will be screened on opening night.

The BAAFF opens with a preview party on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at **Crave: Mad for Chicken** (75 Kneeland Street, Boston).

Festival Sponsors include: **Tufts, Lev Kia, Wellesley Toyota, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, South Cove Community Health Center, Asian American Commission, LobsBoston, JetBlue, and Kollaboration Boston.**

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# BOSTON ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL LINEUP

Special guest appearances and more info will be announced on website: [www.baaff.org](http://www.baaff.org)

All screenings are at [Emerson/Paramount Center](#) unless otherwise noted.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 [Special Presentation]

» 7:00PM **Fred Ho's Last Year**

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

» 7:30PM **Revenge of the Green Dragons** [Opening Film]

@ Brattle Theatre - Harvard Square

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

» 7:00PM **Shorts Program I** - Mandevilla | Hypebeast | H7N3

Why We Rise | Breaking the Rules | Left on Shing Wong

» 8:00PM **Chu & Blossom** @ Modern Theatre/Suffolk University

» 9:00PM **Pretty Rosebud**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

» 1:00PM **Can**

» 2:30PM **Asian Americans in Media** [Free Panel]

@ Tufts Medical Center Wolff Auditorium - Chinatown

» 4:00PM **Shorts Program II** - The Corner Table | Cleaner

Samnang | Sukiyaki with Love | A Stitch in Time (for \$9.99)

» 7:00PM **9-Man** [Centerpiece Film]

» 9:00PM **100 Days**

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

» 1:00PM **Kumu Hina**

» 3:00PM **Shorts Program III** - My Name is Asiroh | MARKED

My Revolutionary Mother | More than a Face in the Crowd

Descendants of the Past, Ancestors of the future

» 5:00PM **A Leading Man** [Closing Film]

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 [Special Presentation]

» 7:00PM **To Be Takei** @ Somerville Theatre - Davis Square

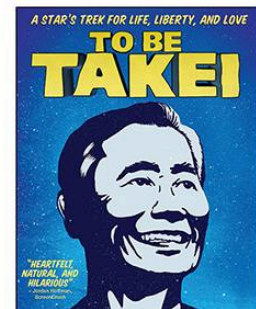
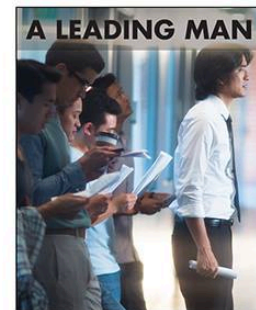
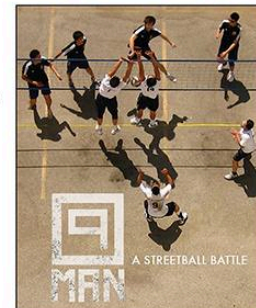
Emerson/Paramount Center: 559 Washington St., Boston (Downtown Crossing)

Brattle Theatre: 40 Brattle St., Cambridge (Harvard Square)

Modern Theatre/Suffolk University: 525 Washington St., Boston (Downtown Crossing)

Somerville Theatre: 55 Davis Square, Somerville (Davis Square)

Tufts Medical Center: 800 Washington St., Boston (Chinatown)



All info shown may be subject to change. Please check [www.baaff.org](http://www.baaff.org) for updated announcements.

## **Press Opportunities**

(Before each screening, 45 minutes will be allocated for interviews, 10-15 minutes of which will be reserved for on-camera interviews by BAAFF production staff for internal use.)

### **Launch Party**

**Thursday, October 9**

BAAFF organizers and staff will be present

### **CONFIRMED Talent Appearances**

#### **Monday, October 13**

Steven De Castro, Director, *Fred Ho's Last Year*

Royal Hartigan, Drummer, *Fred Ho's Last Year*

#### **Thursday, October 23**

Shuya Chang, Lead Actress, *Revenge of the Green Dragons*

Shing Ka, *Revenge of the Green Dragons*

Celia Au, *Revenge of the Green Dragons*

Carl Li, *Revenge of the Green Dragons*

Richard Lam, *Revenge of the Green Dragons*

Jose Soto, Director, *Who I Really Am...* 2014 Short Waves winner (local)

#### **Friday, October 24**

Wesley Chan, Director, *Left on Shing Wong*, Shorts Program 1

Charles Chu, Director, *Chu & Blossom*

Gavin Kelly, Director, *Chu & Blossom*

Ryan Nan, Writer, *Chu & Blossom*

#### **Saturday, October 25**

Pearl Park, Director, *Can*

Ursula Liang, Director, *9-Man*

Melanie Riley-Green, Executive Producer, *9-Man*

Theresa Navarro, Co-producer, *9-Man*

Weiko Lin, *100 Days*

#### **Sunday, October 26**

Yu Zhang, Director, *Marked*, Shorts Program 3

Albert Chan, Director, *Descendants of the Past, Ancestors of the Future*, Shorts Program 3

Tina Chen, Actress, *Descendants of the Past, Ancestors of the Future*, Shorts Program 3

Steven Kung, Director, *A Leading Man*

#### **Monday, November 3**

George Takei, *To Be Takei*

Brad Takei, *To Be Takei*

**The media is invited to attend any and all events, but we request that your attendance be confirmed. Please RSVP and send all interview requests to**

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