

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL 2003
produced by Northwest Asian American Theatre

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NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL 2003 PREVIEW:
NWAAT PRESENTS THE NORTHWEST PREMIERE OF
"SEARCHING FOR ASIAN AMERICA"

Date: Friday, September 5, 2003
Time: Reception at 6:30pm
Screening and Q&A at 8:00pm
Location: Reception at the Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Seattle
Screening and Q&A at the Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S, Seattle
Tickets: \$25

SEATTLE -- Join Northwest Asian American Theatre (NWAAT) and special guest **Donald Young** of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA) for the Northwest premiere of the new PBS series "**Searching for Asian America**." The three-part series will be presented on Friday, September 5 at the Theatre Off Jackson in Seattle's International District. The event begins at 6:30pm with a reception at the Wing Luke Asian Museum. At 8:00pm, the series will be screened along with the short film "**All American Meal**" by local filmmaker **Max Chan**. A question-and-answer session moderated by **Mimi Gan** of KING 5's "Evening Magazine" follows. Proceeds from the event will benefit Northwest Asian American Film Festival 2003 which runs October 23-26.

"**Searching for Asian America**" details three very different Asian American experiences:

- "The Governor" recounts the political trailblazing of Washington's own **Governor Gary Locke**, the highest elected official of Asian descent on the mainland United States. From his beginnings as the son of first-generation Chinese immigrants to becoming the leader of his home state, Locke is living the American dream. However, as Governor Locke recounts, it is a life with burdens as well as benefits.
- "Oklahoma Home" shows how **Martin Bautista** and **Jeffrey Lim**, two Filipino immigrant doctors, navigate living in the predominantly Caucasian town of Guymon, Oklahoma, a hog-farming community deep in the American heartland.
- "Angry Little Asian Girl" features the travails of **Lela Lee**, cast member of the Sci-Fi network series "Tremors" and creator of the underground comic and website "Angry Little Girls" (www.angrylittlegirls.com). Lee gets real about her 3-D life as an Asian American female in Hollywood.

Tickets for this event are \$25 and can be purchased at the Theatre Off Jackson box office on the evening of the event or at www.brownpapertickets.com. For group rates and press screening information, please contact Wes Kim at 206-719-6261.

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FACT SHEET

"SEARCHING FOR ASIAN AMERICA"

Series Producer: Donald Young

Executive Producers: Eddie Wong and David Hosley

"The Governor" produced by Donald Young

"Oklahoma Home" produced by Sapana Sakya

"Angry Little Asian Girl" produced by Kyung Sun Yu

Running time: 1 hour 21 minutes

Official website: <http://www.naatanet.org/apatv/upcoming/searching.html>

NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (NAATA) is a San Francisco-based organization dedicated to presenting stories that convey the richness and diversity of the Asian Pacific American experience to the broadest audience possible. They accomplish this by funding, producing, distributing and exhibiting films, videos and new media. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.naatanet.org>.

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE (NWAAT) has been this region's premier center for the presentation and development of theatrical, dance, and video works by Asian and Asian Pacific Island (API) American artists since 1973. Our mission is to seek out, develop, promote and produce API American artists, with a commitment to original and innovative works. Through our work we hope to educate and entertain all audiences regarding the API American experience, develop API youth participation in the arts, and create a better understanding and appreciation of global API arts and artists. For more information about NWAAT, please visit our website at <http://www.nwaat.com>.

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL 2003 is NWAAT's second annual celebration of Asian American film and video works. The festival has two missions: to showcase film and video works by Asian American artists living and working in the Pacific Northwest and to bring Asian American works from across North America to Seattle audiences. Previously presented as "A-Fest: Through the Lens," the 2003 festival will take place October 23-26 at the Theatre Off Jackson in Seattle's International District. For more information about the festival, please visit the festival website at <http://www.nwaaff.org> or email info@nwaaff.org.

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