

Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies Department of Chinese Studies

Zurich Taiwan Film Series



From Taiwanese Queer Cinema to LGBT Rights: Yang Ya-che's *Girlfriend*, *Boyfriend*

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 6 pm

ABOUT THE FILM :

Directed by YANG Ya-che | 2012 | Drama | 103min | Mandarin, Taiwanese with English Subtitles

In the 1980s, Taiwan is still under Martial Law, and people are locked in the battle to have it lifted; a social revolution is set to take off. Mabel (Kwai Lun-mei), Liam (Joseph Chang), and Aaron (Rhydian Vaughn) throw themselves into the fight for freedom: they paint graffiti slogans on the walls of their school and plan a protest during the morning assembly. "When you wake up, Taiwan will no longer be the same," they are told, but the awakening is not merely one from a political slumber or even a romantic one. It is the rise of a whole new generation of Taiwanese, reared on graffiti and 80s rock.

2012 Taipei Film Awards: Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Press Award 2012 Golden Horse Awards: Best Leading Actress, Audience Choice Award

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