

Biography

Director/writer Yixi Sun was born and brought up in Beijing. She was educated at the Communication University of China studying to be a film director, before furthering her studies at Royal Holloway, University of London, where she achieved Distinction in MA Documentary by Practice.

Prior to her directorial debut “Susu” in 2007, she worked as a film editor and producer at WildAid London for five years where she made 20 episodes of high profile documentaries, which were awarded by BBC Wildlife Grant and were broadcasted internationally watched by over a billion audiences.

She was also a columnist and award-winning photographer at the time. She is currently guest tutor at the London Film Academy, as well as a member of Directors UK, BAFTA Film & Television, and Women in Film and TV.

In 2017, she completed her directorial debut feature SUSU, a psychological thriller evolving around two Chinese girls’ haunted house experience in an English countryside mansion. As a UK-China co-production, the film has met audiences through many audience film festivals worldwide and has been sold to several territories. In 2018, she finished writing TV drama IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME (17 episodes), INTRIGUE AND LOVE (4 episodes), and film adaptation treatment of LEGEND OF THEC HEROES. In 2019, she directed mini-series TASTORY (6 episodes) for Youku. Her original scripts HANGING ISLAND and THE REMARRIAGE are in development and are currently selected by project markets such as Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival and Project Finance Market at London Film Festival. Further information about the film can be found at www.susuthemovie.com

Filmography

Feature:

- Susu, Fiction, 106 min, 2017

Drama Series:

- In Search of Lost Time (writer), 45 min *24 eps, 2019
- Intrigues and Love (writer), 45 min *4 eps, 2018

Short Films:

- Airmedia Wildlife Documentary Series, doc, 6 min *20 eps, 2010-2011
- 'Book' Charity Film For WildAid, Fiction, 30 sec, 2009
- Eye Witness, Fiction, 1 min, 2009
- Five Elements, Fiction, 20 min, 2008
- Alena's Strawberry Farm, Doc, 15 min, 2006
- Where Are the Treasures of Dominica, Doc, 20 min, 2006
- 100 Flowers Hidden Deep, Fiction, 20 min, 2005
- Danny Next Door, Fiction, 10 min, 2005

Awards & Nominees

Susu

- Best Fiction, F-rated, Cardiff Int Film Festival, 2018
- Nominee, 41st Montreal World Film Festival, First Film Competition, 2017
- Nominee, 44th Seattle International Film Festival
- Selected, 8th Beijing International Film Festival
- Selected, 18th East End Film Festival
- Selected, Auckland International Film Festival 2018
- Semi-Finalist, Near Nazareth Festival, 2018
- Nominee, San Diego International Film Festival 2018
- Nominee, 17th Pyongyang International Film Festival

Education

MA Documentary, 2005-2006
at Royal Holloway, University of London

BA Film and Television Production, 2000-2004
Communication University of China

Tsing Hua University Culture and Creative Finance and Management Camp, 2019

Language

Fluent: English, Mandarin