

YOU AND ME



A film by Ma Liwen

86 minutes. In Mandarin with English subtitles.

*Best Director of the 25th Golden Rooster Awards, China
Best Actress of the 25th Golden Rooster Awards, China
Best Actress of the 18th Tokyo International Film Festival
Opening Film of 14+ at Berlinale 2006*



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Cast:

Grandma	Jin Yaqin
Xiaoma	Gong Zhe
Grandma Yin	Zhang Shufang
Boyfriend	Sun Jie
Grandson	Luo Zhongxue
Daughter	Qiang Shuang
Son-in-law	Liu Zhengliang

Crew:

Director	Ma Liwen
Executive Producer	Wang Daqing
Producers	Han Sanping
	Jiang Tao
	Lu Hongshi
Co-Producers	Zhao Haicheng
	Wu Yakang
Screenplay	Ma Liwen



DIRECTOR'S WORDS

“I used probably the most thickheaded method to shoot the four seasons. Meanwhile, the story may be one of my own but it also has a universal theme. I aimed at showing the grandeur that arises from the trivial, instead of showing the trivial that arises from grandeur. This film was the result of my own experiences, yet it`s still not so easy to emphasize the emotional changes between two people”



Synopsis

Largely based on writer/director's own experiences, *You and Me* features two feisty women, one in her 80s and the other a young and fresh university student. The unlikely couple who happen to share a Beijing courtyard find themselves at constant loggerheads, over the course of 4 seasons, before gradually becoming interested in each other's lives and building an emotional bond.



ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

DIRECTOR: MA LIWEN

FILMOGRAPHY– MA LIWEN (as director and writer)

2005 *You and Me*

2002 *Gone is the One who Held Me Dearest in the World*

HAN SANPING (PRODUCER)

FILMOGRAPHY – Han Sanping (as producer):

2006 *The Painted Vail*

2006 *Crazy Stone*

2006 *Mission Impossible III (China)*

2005 *You and Me*

2005 *The Promise*

2005 *Sunflower*

2005 *A time to love*

2004 *Beauty Remains*

2002 *High Summer Sky*

2001 *Is Anybody Listening*

2001 *Beijing Bicycle*

2000 *Song of Tibet*

2000 *Shadow Magic*

2000 *Father*

2000 *A Lingering Face*

2000 *I Love Beijing*

1998 *Jinq ke ci qui wanq*

1998 *Biandan, qunianq*

1998 *An Unusual Love*

1997 *The Making of Steel*

1996 *Wu shan yun yu*

1995 *Min jing qu shi*

JIANG TAO (PRODUCER)

FILMOGRAPHY – Jiang Tao (as producer):

2006 *Mission Impossible III (China)*

2005 *You and Me*

LU HONGSHI (PRODUCER)

FILMOGRAPHY – Lu Hongshi (as producer)

2005 *You and Me*

WANG DAQING (EXECUTIVE PRODUCER)

FILMOGRAPHY – Wang Daqing (as Executive Producer):

2005 *The White Countess*

2005 *You and Me*

ZHAO HAICHENG (CO-PRODUCER)

FILMOGRAPHY – Zhao Haicheng (as co- producer):

2006 Mission Impossible III (China)

2005 You and Me

2004 Kung Fu Hustle

WU YAKANG (CO-PRODUCER)

FILMOGRAPHY – Wu Yakang (Co-Producer):

2005 You and Me



ABOUT THE TWO LEAD ACTRESSES

JIN YAQIN (GRANDMA)

Mme Jin had a 60-year theatre performance history behind her when she filmed YOU AND ME. At age 81, she overcame many physical difficulties for a film shot over the span of 18 months including being hard at hearing and seeing. YOU AND ME was the first feature film in which she played a principal role. At the Award ceremony in China, she declared that her movie career had just started.

GONG ZHE (XIAO MA)

A university freshman specialized in photography, Gong Zhe was discovered by the director in front of the cafeteria of China Central University of Fine Arts. Gong Zhe followed the director and her assistant immediately without posing any questions. "This girl has no suspicion whatsoever." Gong Zhe later explained that she remembered the director after watching a local TV interview. The rest is history.



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