



FORGOTTEN SEX SLAVES - COMFORT WOMEN IN THE PHILIPPINES

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SYNOPSIS

During the Second World War thousands of women in Asia were forced to work as prostitutes for Japanese soldiers. Some of them were still teenagers. They were raped, often beaten and abused. The Japanese called them 'ianfu' or Comfort Women. After the war the survivors struggled to continue with their lives, hiding what many considered to be a 'shame'. After having been silent for more than 50 years they have started to tell their stories. Until today, they are waiting for an adequate compensation and official acknowledgment of their victimization. They are in their Eighties and Nineties now and time is running out for them. This intimate, touching film tells the story of nine Comfort Women in the Philippines and follows their efforts to find justice before they die.

FESTIVALS

Festival de Cine de Paracho (Mexico), Award Winner Festival Internacional de Cine de Fusagasugá (Colombia), Eko International Film Festival (Nigeria), Medimed (Spain), Sichuan TV Festival (China), China Women's Film Festival (China), Al Jazeera International Film Festival (Doha), Ammar Popular Film Festival (Iran), Cameroon International Film Festival (Cameroon), Seoul International Women's Film Festival (Korea), Bogota International Film Festival for Human Rights (Colombia), Ozark Shorts (USA), Southeastern International Film Festival (Official Selection) (USA), Ekurhuleni International Film Festival (Finalist) (South Africa), Southway Film Fest (Ukraine), Two Cliffs Film (UK), Norwich Radical Film Festival (UK), Equality Film Festival (USA), Thanksgiving IndustryBOOST Competition (Finalist) (USA), IndieWise Film Festival (Finalist) (USA), Docademia Festival (USA), Diwa Filipino Film Showcase of Seattle (USA), CMS Vatavarana (India), GAY FILM NIGHTS International Film Festival (Romania), Auroville Film Festival (India)

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