

Director



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Diana Chao is a Taiwanese filmmaker, who earned her BA in English Literature & Linguistics from National Chengchi University (2007, Taipei TW) & MFA in Film Production at USC's School of Cinematic Arts (2013, Los Angeles USA) by concentrating in writing & directing. In 2012, she directed to promote an US-China collaboration feature **FINDING MR. RIGHT** in NYC. In 2014, she worked with the **KUNGFU PANDA III** team as interpreter at Dreamworks. **THE RESTORATION** and **MATCH** are her first two independent shorts after graduation. Currently, she's developing her first feature with UNIK PICTURES.

Her interest in filmmaking is exclusively for narrative storytelling – creating a world for our characters to live in, and through these fictional elements, she, as director, conveys values, affections, messages that she truly believes in. It's real, but it's also unreal. Film, with its integration of visual and auditory elements, multiple forms of presentation, and potential for impacting audiences on many levels, is the medium that she loves working in. Death, trauma, remembrance and oblivion are themes commonly seen in her work, which, combined with the refined visual storytelling, have become recognizable style of her work.

Filmography

【2016】

Match (Short)

【2014】

The Restoration (Short)

【2012】

Reconnect to the World (Short)

The Visitor (Short)

The Blessing (Short)

【2011】

Mystery Meet (Short)

Violence in the Closet (PSA Short)

Kissing Snails (Short)

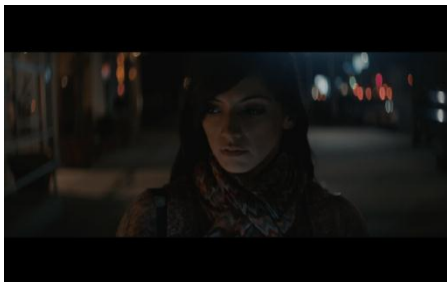
【2010】

Fragmented (Short)

Special Delivery II (Short)

Special Delivery (Short)

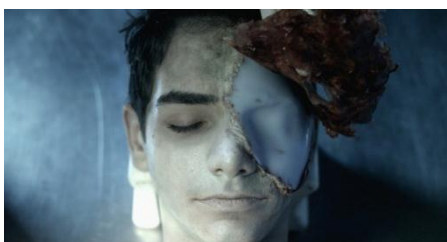
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《Match》 2016 | Drama | 5min

It tells a story about the apathy and the emptiness of the virtual relationships through smart phone dating apps.

- 2016 Port Douglas Film Festival
- 2016 Los Angeles Brazilian Film Festival



《The Restoration》 2014 | Drama | 15min

A young man's regrets over his past loss surface while working on a case similar to his dead brother. The healing process begins.

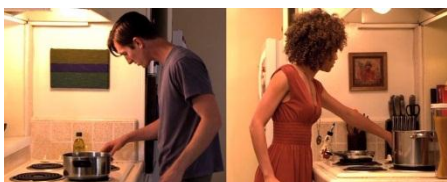
- 2015 Hollywood Reel Independent Film Festival
- 2015 Festival de Cannes –Short Film Corner
- 2015 Rochester International Short Film Festival & 【Merit of Cinematography】
- 2015 Seattle Transmedia & Independent Film Festival
- 2015 Long Island International Film Expo & 【Best Original Score】
- 2015 Miami Independent Film Festival
- 2015 The Mostra Amazonas de Cinema
- 2015 International Film Festival of Cinematic Arts Los Angeles
- 2016 UCLA Extension Film Festival



《The Blessing》 2011 | Drama | 8min

Driving her brother to the middle of nowhere, the sister from the mafia family asks for her brother's blessing to start a life without violence.

- 2015 Miami Independent Film Festival
- 2015 Say It In Eight Film Festival
- 2015 Sirius Film Festival



《Kissing Snails》 2011 | Drama | 6min

A sensory story about two lonely people find each other through food and music.

- 2015 Miami Independent Film Festival
- 2015 Sirius Film Festival



《Fragmented》 2010 | Drama | 4min

A heart-broken girl finds her way back to the reality through re-experiencing the outer world full of senses

- 2015 Miami Independent Film Festival

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