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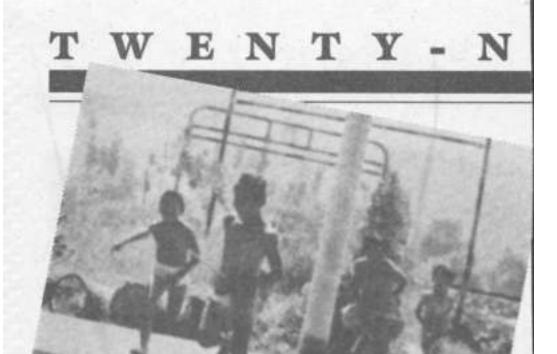
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A Summer at Grandpa's

(Tung-tung-de Chia-chi)

Taiwan 1984, 102 mins. In Hokkien, Taiwanese and Mandarin with English subtitles

Together with his friend and colleague Edward Yang, Hou Hsiao-hsien has emerged as the major figure in the "New Taiwan Cinema." A Summer at Grandpa's confirms everything suggested by his last film, The Boys From Fengkuei (SFIFF, 1985) (and by his remarkable performance in Edward Yang's Taipei Story): that he has an unfailing gift for discovering mystery and magic in the everyday and a particular feeling for Taiwan's indigenous people and culture. Young lung-tung and his even younger sister are packed off to their grandparents' home for the summer holiday; it is their first real encounter with the countryside-and with figures from Taiwan's past like their stern grandfather who has been running a country hospital since the days of the Japanese occupation. The film is a seductive but unsentimental collage of their summer experiences, ranging from a disastrous swim in a river to a brush with two young thugs. It is gentle, deeply humane and totally assured. -Tony Rayns, Edinburgh Festival

Directed by Hou Hsiao-hsien. Produced by Chang Huakun. Written by Chu Tien-wen. Photo: Chen Kunhou. Cast: Wang Chi-kuang, Ku Jun, Mei Fang, Lin Hsiou-ling. Production Co.: Marble Road. Print Source: Central Motion Picture Corp., Taipei.

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