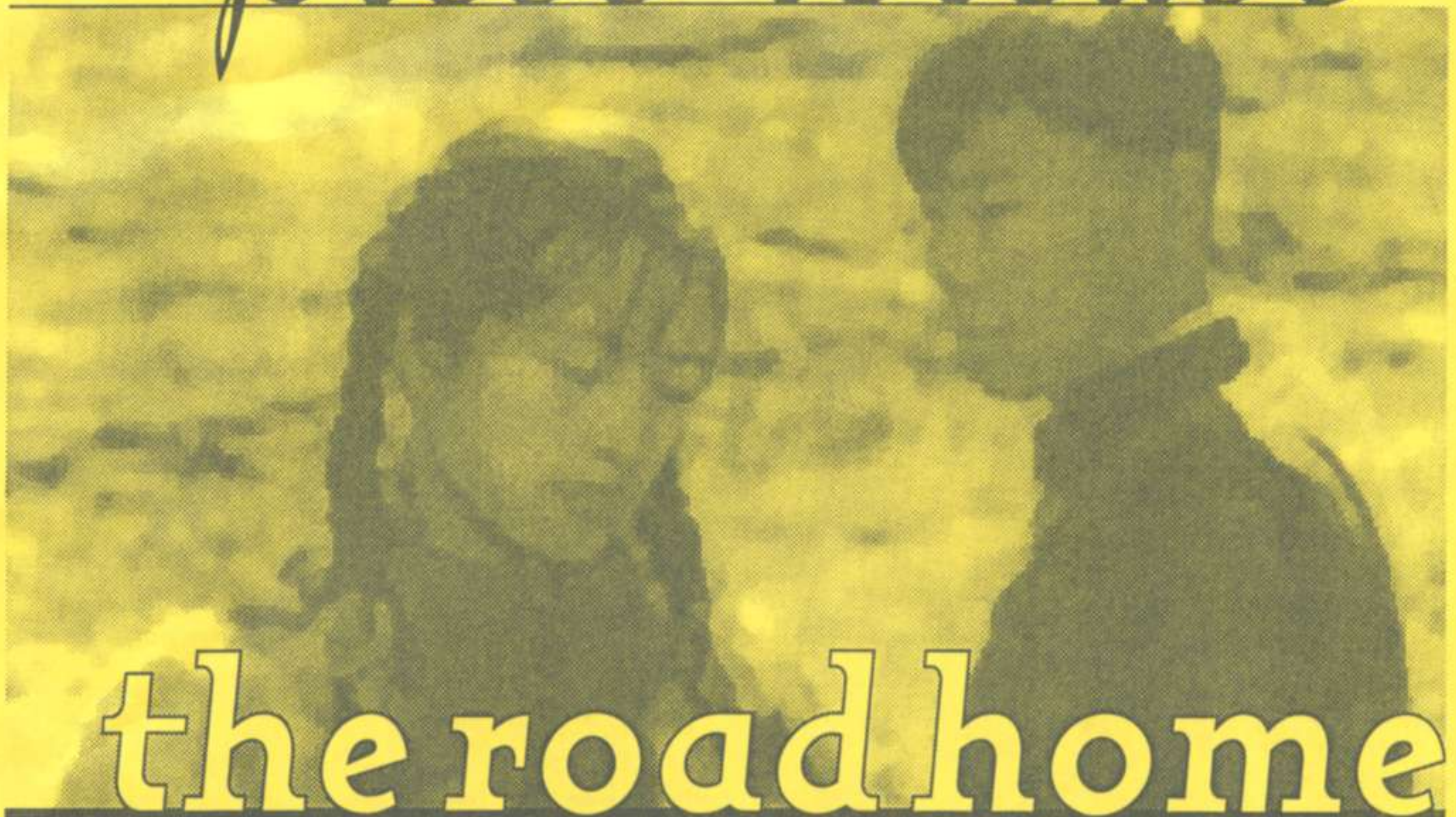


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Zhang Yimou's richly textured portrait of undying love, *THE ROAD HOME* starring Zhang Ziyi, Sun Honglei, and Zhao Yuelin, opens in June 8 at the Clay Theatre in San Francisco, Albany Twin in Albany, Sequoia Twin in Mill Valley, Aquarius Twin in Palo Alto, and Camera Three Cinemas in San Jose. The film runs 89 minutes, is in Mandarin with English subtitles, and is currently unrated.

Based on Bao Shi's popular novel *Remembrance*, *THE ROAD HOME* is the moving tale of a son's look back at his parent's courtship during the late 50s. In modern China, metropolitan businessman Luo Yusheng (Sun Honglei) returns to his native village after the sudden death of his father. Yusheng's aged mother (Zhao Yuelin) demands that they follow the very time-consuming, but traditional burial customs, instead of the more convenient modern methods. When thinking about his mother's commands, Yusheng reflects on the famous story of his parents' love affair: forty years ago, his father, Luo Changyu (Zheng Hao), came to the village as the new teacher and soon fell in love with 18 year-old local beauty Zhao Di (Zhang Ziyi/*CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON*). But their budding relationship is soon put to the test when Changyu is ordered back to the city for political "mistakes."

Born in China in 1955, Zhang Yimou made his directorial debut in 1988 with the sexy melodrama *RED SORGHUM*, starring Gong Li in her first role. Over the years he has gone on to direct Li in the acclaimed hits *JU DOI* (1990), *RAISE THE RED LANTERN* (1991) and *TO LIVE* (1994). His last film *NOT ONE LESS*, featuring a cast of non-professional actors, was released in America in 2000.

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