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24 City

Er Shi si cheng ji

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Dragons and Tigers

(China, 2008, 107 mins)

Directed By: Zhanke Jia

Selected Filmography: ▶

EXEC PRODS: Chow Keung, Ren Zhonglun, Tang Yong

PRODS: Jia Zhangke, Shozo Ichiyama, Wang Hong

SCR: Zhai Yongming, Jia Zhangke

CAM: Yu Likwai, Wang Yu

EDS: Lin Xudong, Kong Jinlei

MUS: Yoshihiro Hanno, Lim Giong

Cast: Lu Liping, Joan Chen, Chen Jianbin, Zhao Tao

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Jia Zhangke's newest masterwork asks what gets us closer to truth: documentary or fiction? *24 City* tells a number of stories about the deep-rooted social revolution going on in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, in a luxury apartment complex called 24 City being built on the site of Factory 420, a former airplane engine plant. Jia's cameras capture the last days of the factory by zeroing in on the people who used to work there and the people who will move into the new apartments. In a series of five strikingly photographed interviews with retired workers from the factory's early days 60 years ago to its present, what unfolds is a series of personally inflected vignettes of China as it moves past the Korean War through the political campaigns of Communist Party rule right up to the full-throated capitalist present.

The film's bold stroke is to combine these straight interviews with four "staged" interviews of actors playing characters connected with the factory. The stars are Lu Liping, Chen Jianbin, Zhao Tao, and most memorably, Joan Chen. They provide a mix of real and fictional stories that complicate and inflect the "pure" documentary material they are interspersed with. Jia's experiment makes palpable both irretrievable loss and irresistible progress, two inextricably bound incommensurables, essences of China's ongoing post-Revolutionary revolution.

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