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AUTUMN GEM Explores Inspiring Story of Modern China's First Feminist

**“With all my heart I beseech and beg my two hundred million female compatriots
to assume their responsibility as citizens. Arise! Arise! Chinese women, arise!”**

- Qiu Jin

Meet the “Chinese Joan of Arc” Qiu Jin (1875-1907), a radical women’s rights activist who defied tradition to become the leader of a revolutionary army. She attempted an armed uprising against the corrupt Qing Dynasty and became the first female martyr for China’s 1911 Revolution. Qiu Jin is celebrated as a national heroine today.

While Qiu Jin is a familiar figure in China, she is largely unknown outside of the country. *AUTUMN GEM* is the first documentary feature on Qiu Jin in the U.S. Using scholar interviews, archival materials, and dramatic recreation scenes based on her original writings, *AUTUMN GEM* brings the story of Qiu Jin to life.

The hour-long film was produced and directed by two San Francisco Bay Area Chinese American filmmakers, Rae Chang and Adam Tow. It stars former China National martial arts champion and Hollywood stunt actress Li Jing.

AUTUMN GEM has screened at over seventy venues worldwide, including Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, Princeton, Brown, University of Maryland, Pacific Asia Museum, and Tribeca Film Center in New York. It was featured at the Tenth International Women in Asia Conference at Australia National University in September 2010.

The Center for Chinese Studies and the Confucius Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa will host a free screening on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. Filmmakers Rae Chang and Adam Tow will attend the screening and participate in a Q-&-A session afterwards.

What: Free screening and filmmakers’ discussion of documentary *AUTUMN GEM*

Where: University of Hawaii at Manoa

Art Building Auditorium Room 132

2535 McCarthy Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822

When: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7:00pm

For more information: <http://autumn-gem.com>