

## Taiwan Cinema under the Star

Venue: ʒxʷłənəq Xwtl'e7énk Square (Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza)

Time: July 1 | Fri | 8:10PM Mermaid Whispering

July 2 | Sat | 7:50PM Father

On July 1 and July 2, two award-winning Taiwanese films, the documentary "Father" and the feature film "Mermaid Whispering", will be screened under the star at Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza.

"Mermaid Whispering" was released in 2017 and won Taiwan and overseas awards. Through the perspective of the three main characters of sea, man and fish, this film leads the audience to understand the marine ecological catastrophe that most people have not seen or paid attention to, and the ocean is facing. It is a more serious issue than the mountains, forests and land; through the plot, it also conveys the attachment and contradictions of the Indigenous people to the ocean, and redefines the value of the ocean that belongs to them in the depths of their hearts.

The documentary "Father" was released in 2018 and has been affirmed and supported by Taiwan and even around the world. Shooting for ten years, it truly presents the vicissitudes and helplessness of traditional opera. The nearly 90-year-old National Treasure Master Chen is the protagonist of the "Father" documentary, and the only one who has been awarded the Ministry of Culture's "Preservation of Important Traditional Art Puppet Shows" and "Preservation of Classical Puppetry Clothing, Helmets, Hats and Props Production Technology". A traditional puppet performer with two nationally recognized titles.

Father

<https://youtu.be/wuVKejk7s20>

Mermaid Whispering

<https://youtu.be/XMFnQSqdm8>



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