

THE ARTHUR DONG CATALOGUE



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Stories from CHINESE AMERICA

Collection, Vol. 2

Hollywood Chinese
Forbidden City, U.S.A.

Sewing Woman

Living Music for Golden Mountains

Lotus



Deep Focus
PRODUCTIONS INC.

BONUS: *The Curse of Quon Gwon*

Produced in 1916, this is the earliest known feature film made by Chinese Americans. Restored and with a new original piano score.

Also included:

Gallery of production stills from the film, and a bonus featurette about the original filmmakers and actors.



Stories from Chinese America

THE ARTHUR DONG COLLECTION, VOL. 2

With over 100 international film excellence awards to his name, the full scope of Arthur Dong's storytelling mastery is brought to light in this long-awaited collection of films that explore the Chinese American experience. This consummate anthology of films spanning over 25 years showcases Dong's historically acute focus on Chinese Americans at crossroads with Hollywood, pop culture, tradition, and immigration.

4-DVD Box Set includes:

HOLLYWOOD CHINESE: a landmark examination of the Chinese in American feature films, with over 3.5 hours of bonus material on two discs.

FORBIDDEN CITY, U.S.A.: a ground-breaking account of the Chinese American nightclub scene during World War II.

A TOISAN TRILOGY presents three early short films directed by Dong:

SEWING WOMAN: an Oscar®-nominated documentary based on the filmmaker's mother.

LOTUS: a fictionalized film exploring the conflicts over footbinding.

LIVING MUSIC FOR GOLDEN MOUNTAINS: Dong's 1981 documentary directorial debut profiling his Chinese music teacher.

(see next page for fuller descriptions of each film)

4 Discs
6 Films
8 Hours

- This collection is a "Limited Edition" -- available only while supplies last.
- *Forbidden City, U.S.A.* DVDs for home use are available only in this collection -- they are not sold individually.
- See next page for availability of individual titles.



2-DISC COLLECTOR'S EDITION with over 3 1/2 hours of bonus material

Hollywood Chinese brings together a captivating portrait of film artists and iconic images for a high-spirited look at the ways the Chinese have been imagined in the movies, from silent classics to contemporary blockbusters. Starring a virtual who's who of top Chinese and Chinese American talent, including Ang Lee, Nancy Kwan, Amy Tan, James Hong, B.D. Wong, Joan Chen, Wayne Wang, and David Henry Hwang; with special appearances by veteran character actor Christopher Lee (Fu Manchu) and the legendary double-Oscar® winner, Luise Rainer (*The Good Earth*, 1937). 89 minutes, plus over 3.5 hours of bonus footage.

Educational-Institutional editions include a 31-page illustrated study guide.

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SPECIAL DVD FEATURES:

- Vintage trailers, including *Charlie Chan Carries On* (1931)
- *Flower Drum Song* world premiere news footage, 1961
- D.W. Griffith's 1910 *That Chink at Golden Gulch*
- Gallery of pre-1950s movie memorabilia
- Interview outtakes with the stars of *Hollywood Chinese*
- Soundies: 1940s music videos, including *Chinatown*, *My Chinatown* ...**plus much, much more!**



FORBIDDEN CITY, U.S.A. - Collector's Edition DVD

FORBIDDEN CITY, U.S.A. is a delightful documentary about the little-known stories of Chinese American nightclub performers in World War II San Francisco. Compared to the Cotton Club of Harlem, which featured America's finest black entertainers, the famed Forbidden City nightclub in San Francisco gained an international reputation with its unique showcase of Chinese American entertainers. The film combines remarkable archival film and photographs with interviews to show a generation of Asian American pioneers who fought cultural barriers and racism to pursue their love for American song and dance. 56 minutes, plus over 20 minutes of bonus footage.

Educational-Institutional editions include a 23-page illustrated study guide..

SPECIAL DVD FEATURES:

- Rare vintage performance footage
- Original 1950s promotional film
- Bonus featurettes
- Additional interviews
- Galleries of performers
- 8-page color booklet
- Historical essay
- Scrapbook of "Chop Suey Circuit" memorabiliaand more!

NOTE: "Home and Personal" use DVDs of *Forbidden City, U.S.A.* are only available in the *Stories from Chinese America* box-set. Individual copies are available for "Educational-Institutional" sales only.



A TOISAN TRILOGY: Three Award-Winning Films

The first major wave of Chinese came to America primarily from southern China, with a heavy concentration from the Toisan (Taishan) region of Guangdong Province. For the first time together, *A Toisan Trilogy* presents three award-winning short films directed by Arthur Dong that draw upon this early period of Chinese migration to America. The anthology includes:

SEWING WOMAN: an Oscar®-nominated documentary that reveals one woman's journey, from an arranged marriage in Toisan to working class comforts in modern America. BONUS: Chinese-subtitled version included. 14 minutes. **Educational-Institutional editions include a study guide.**

LIVING MUSIC FOR GOLDEN MOUNTAINS: the story of the filmmaker's Chinese music teacher, an immigrant from Toisan living in San Francisco's Chinatown. BONUS: director's cut edited especially for this anthology. 18 & 27 minutes.

LOTUS: a fictionalized film set in the Toisan village of Kay Lok. Lotus is a woman in 1914 China with bound feet who must make a life-changing choice while her husband is in America. BONUS: galleries of vintage bound feet shoes and historic photos of women with bound feet. 27 minutes.



ARTHUR DONG Stories from the WAR on HOMO SEXUALITY Collection, Vol. 1

COMING OUT UNDER FIRE
FAMILY FUNDAMENTALS
LICENSED TO KILL



"The films [Arthur Dong] makes about real-life battles are arguably more compelling than any effects-laden spectacles you're likely to see all summer."

—Los Angeles Times

Stories from the War on Homosexuality

THE ARTHUR DONG COLLECTION, VOL. 1

"From one of America's best documentary filmmakers, Arthur Dong's collection is a must-have for anyone interested in contemporary storytelling. Like master filmmaker Frederick Wiseman, Dong explores culture and institutions -- the military (*Coming Out Under Fire*), hate violence (*Licensed to Kill*), and religion (*Family Fundamentals*) -- to dramatically reveal the social consequences of individual actions in America's 20th century Culture Wars over gay and lesbian issues. With rare insight and intelligence, Dong's versatility deftly combines the personal and the political to weave passionate forays into the hearts and minds of his subjects. Dong's ultimate subjects, though, are his audiences -- now numbering in the millions -- and his real search is for common ground across difference; an inspiration for any one of us." -- Cara Mertes, Executive Director, P.O.V.

3-DVD Box Set includes: *Coming Out Under Fire*
Family Fundamentals
Licensed to Kill

SPECIAL DVD FEATURES:

- Over 4 hours of bonus material
- Illustrated viewers guides for each film
- Essays for each film by award winning journalist, Chris Bull
- 10 deleted and extended scenes
- 11 previously unreleased interviews, plus interviews with the filmmaker
- Historical documents and timelines

Each film also available separately. See Below.

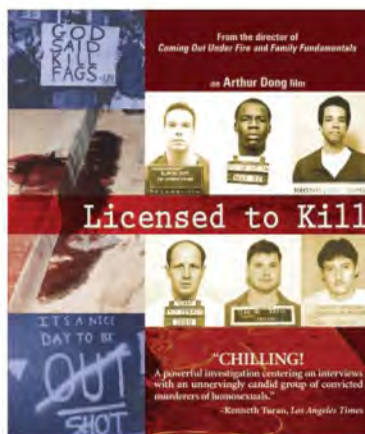


Coming Out Under Fire shoots to the heart of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays and lesbians in the military. This internationally acclaimed film tells personal stories about the World War II origins of a military policy that labeled homosexuals as mentally ill and sought their discharge as "undesirables."

Educational-Institutional editions include a copy of the book, *Coming Out Under Fire* -- while supplies last.

Peabody & Sundance Film Awards

71 minutes, plus booklet & DVD bonuses.

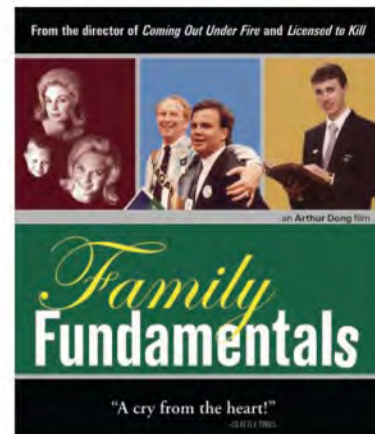


Licensed to Kill goes behind the media headlines of high-profile anti-gay murders to investigate their causes. Attacked by gay bashers in 1977, filmmaker Arthur Dong probes the hearts and minds of murderers convicted of killing gay men -- he faces them in one-on-one cell block interviews and asks them directly: "Why did you do it?"

Educational-Institutional editions include a 35-page study guide.

Best Director, Sundance Film Festival

77 minutes, plus booklet & DVD bonuses.



What happens when conservative Christians have children who "become homosexual?" *Family Fundamentals* takes viewers into the private -- and sometimes very public lives -- of families where parents actively oppose homosexuality, despite having gay kids themselves. The film reveals a personal side of the Culture Wars being fought in families and in the public arena.

Educational-Institutional editions include a 45-page study guide.

75 minutes, plus booklet & DVD bonuses.