

**WORLD PREMIERE FOR "TRAVELS WITH MY BROTHER"**

**At the Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival**

**Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM at The National Film Board Cinema, 150 John Street**

**"My Name Is ..." shorts program, \$5 admission**

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(Toronto, ON) - TRAVELS WITH MY BROTHER explores the relationship between Vas - a high-functioning autistic man - and his older sister Christine as they travel about their hometown of Toronto.

Shot in vivid high-definition film, combining live action video and 2-D cut-out animation, this extraordinary 16-minute documentary draws the audience into intimate conversations between brother and sister about love, family, art, desire and destiny. At the heart of the story is a sister's attempt to crack the enigma that is her brother as she forges a way for their shared future.

Using stop-motion, computer animation, the documentary endows the audience with a unique lens to see and understand Vas' world.

This film was the winner of Reel Asian's "So You Think You Can Pitch?" competition in 2008. It was produced through generous grants by the Ontario Arts Council and the Toronto Arts Council.

TRAVELS WITH MY BROTHER was directed, scripted and produced by Toronto filmmakers Christine Alexiou (who is Vas' sister and stars in the film) and June Chua with animation by multi-media artist Evan Tapper and music by acclaimed veteran musician Bob Wiseman.

The film was shot in various locales around Toronto over a six-week period from October to November, 2008. With its vibrant colours and textures, the film gives the City of Toronto a central role in the documentary.

"It was a challenging shoot and we never knew what would come out of Vas' mouth," says Chua. "That made the revelations even that more exciting and insightful."

"In creating the computer 2-D, cut-out animation segments, we wanted to illustrate how Vas' mind works," says Alexiou. "He has a habit of ripping out and collecting images from reference books and the encyclopedia, so we went with that style in the film. The documentary's look, cadence and tone are all connected to Vas."

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival runs from Nov. 11-15<sup>th</sup>  
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