

## Film News: Chicago's Asian Pop-Up Cinema Opening Night, Sep. 15, 2021

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CHICAGO – Season 13 of Chicago's Asian Pop Up Cinema (APUC) is about to launch on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, at the AMC River East in Chicago. The Opening Night film is “Ascension” – directed by Jessica Kingdon – an artistically cinematic documentary on the new Chinese Dream. For ticket information, [click here](#) [18].

“Ascension” is an impressionistic portrait of China's industrial supply chain that reveals the country's growing class divide through staggering observations of labor, consumerism and wealth. The documentary portrays capitalism in China across the levels of its operation, from the crudest mine to the most rarefied forms of leisure. In traveling up the rungs of China's social ladder, we see how each level supports and makes possible the next while recognizing the contemporary “Chinese Dream” remains an elusive fantasy for most.



'Ascension' (US/China) opens APUC on September 15th, 2021

*Photo credit: AsianPopUpCinema.org*

APUC will run through October 15th, and will have a hybrid of in-theater screenings (AMC River East and the Davis Theater, Chicago), Chi-town Drive In and virtual/online offerings. For Season 13, they will offer films from Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, China, South Korea, United States and Canada.

The season will highlight women in film, stories with humanitarian themes and action thrillers, including four restored martial arts classics. There will also be special screenings at the Korean Culture Center of Chicago (Wheeling, Ill., a free screening), the Illinois Institute of Technology Tower Auditorium (Chicago) and the Chinese American Museum (Chicago). APUC is curated by the Founder and Executive

Director of the series, Sophia Wong Boccio.

**In a preview to the post-film interview on APUC Opening Night with director Jessica Kingdon, conducted by Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com, the director talks about the themes of her documentary ...**

*Season 13 of the Asian Pop-Up Cinema opens September 15th, 2021, with “Ascension,” directed by Jessica Kingdon. APUC runs through October 15th. For more information, click [AsianPopUpCinema.org](http://AsianPopUpCinema.org) [19].*



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