

ANTS PRESS KIT

Film Title: Ants
Duration: 21:03
Originated on: Alexa
Master format: Digital file
Sound: 5.1
Colour: Colour
Codec:
Resolution:
Aspect Ratio: 16:9
Frames/second: 24

Year of film: 2025
Country: CHINA
City: Chongqing
Spoken languages: Mandarin
Subtitle languages: English
Genre(s): Drama, Art house

Synopsis

Nana, living under her oppressive father's control, sympathizes with her mother, Li Jun, enduring the tyranny together. One day, she meets Lin, a captivating singer at a bar, whose voice and red dress remind her of a younger Li Jun. As Nana learns about Lin's tragic past, she begins to admire her strength. Encouraged by Lin, Nana starts standing up to her father, but Li Jun defends him. Despite her disappointment, Nana continues to protect both Li Jun and Lin. Eventually, a surprise encounter between Li Jun and Lin reveals an unexpected side of her mother, challenging Nana's understanding.

Logline

Under her father's oppression, high schooler Nana finds strength through Lin, a bar singer, inspiring her to courageously resist and speak out in her family and life.

Director Statement

The influence of a patriarchal society runs deep, and for women, the journey of self-exploration marks the beginning of independent thought. This awakening of self-awareness allows us to understand the world more clearly and form genuine connections with society. It is only through this process that we can break free from the chains and limitations imposed by such a system. Nana's growth is shaped by the contrasting yet parallel experiences of two women. Through witnessing their choices and the paths their lives take, she discovers her own strength and dignity. This film is about a girl's growth, the empowerment of women, and the awakening of self-awareness.

Director Biography

Yu Ai is a London-based writer-director and multidisciplinary performance maker working across film, theatre, and dance. Her practice explores self-awareness, female identity, and cross-cultural dialogue, creating immersive and visually driven experiences that merge movement, ritual, and narrative. She studied filmmaking and directing at the School of Visual Arts in New York and the London Film School. Her interdisciplinary approach integrates choreography, physical theatre, and visual composition, into translating conceptual ideas across stage, screen, and exhibition contexts.

Yu Ai's work reflects a deep understanding of the power of visual and narrative harmony, combining technical expertise with a clear artistic voice.

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Credit

HoDs

Director	Yu Ai
Producer	Qi Yang Chunpeng Li Yimeng Xia
Director of Photography	Huiyi Huang
Production Design	Xiang Zhang
Sound Design	Yuankang Zhang
Composer	Jack Smith
Sound recordist	Longhua Yang
Editor	Laszlo Dunai HSE

Casting/Starring

Nana	Yingyi Li
Lin	Peixin Li
Lijun	Chunmei Wang
Nana's father	Cong Lu
Boss Ma	Chunpeng Li

Director Department

Assistant Director Mengqian Shen
Casting Director Congfang Xiao
Ouning Chen
Continuity Qingjun Hong

Production Department

Co-Producer Chunpeng Li
Co-producer Lizhi Sui
Production manager Sihan Wu
Producer Assistant Rongsen Li
Mengqun He

Camera Department

1AC Chuan Zhang
2AC Hongsheng Ren
AC Yang Yang
Tianyi Fu
DIT Jing Yang
Gaffer Yong Huang
Key Grip Di Chen
Li Zhong

Art Department

Assistant Artist Ruhong Wang
Production Assistant Jianyang Tu
Makeup artist Cong Wang
Wardrobe Assistant Tian Tang

Post-Production

Supervising Colorist Huiyi Huang
Title Designer Xiaohan Ma

Poster Designer

Lighting support Shenzhen Aputure Innovation Technology Co., Ltd.



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