



Racial stereotyping becomes an Asian actor's literal Demon in the psychological thriller 'Strangers In A Room' premiering June 1 at the Art of Brooklyn Film Festival

STRANGERS IN A ROOM - United States Premiere
 The 14th Annual Art of Brooklyn Film Festival
 Saturday, June 1 - 8PM at Pratt Film/Video 500 Myrtle Ave. Bklyn NY 11205

Trailer and Tickets:

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In the new thriller STRANGERS IN A ROOM, Jae Kim, a second-generation Korean actor, encounters a demonic vision on the day of a big commercial audition. After a microaggression 'in the room,' Jae is plunged into a state of shock and depression. He isolates himself in his apartment, questioning his dream of being an actor while longing for his ex-girlfriend-turned-influencer, Alisha. Unbeknownst to him, a mysterious mask-adorned Demon looms in the shadows, its intentions shrouded in mystery. Eventually, Jae confronts the enigmatic Demon, leading to a transformative encounter that forever alters his life.

Toronto-based director Andre Rehal said, "The inspiration behind STRANGERS IN A ROOM stems from my experiences working as a session director in commercial casting and conversations with artists about coping with failure. The decision to have a Korean protagonist was rooted in the concept of "Han," a feeling of unresolved resentment and acute pain. The Dokkaebi — Korean goblins or spirits with extraordinary powers who play tricks on, or help humans — derive from folklore and provide a tangible element within the story, subtly tied to the lead character's cultural identity. I have a deep admiration for the culture and its influence on me as a filmmaker, encompassing South Korean and pan-Asian cinema."

There will be a Q&A with the filmmakers after the screening.

Cast:

Jonathan Kim - Jae Kim	Shreya Patel - Alisha
The Neighbor/ The Demon - Foad HP	Geoff - Andy McQueen
Sun-Young Kim - Uni Park	Ryan - Leonard Chan
Nigel - Chris Sandiford	Christian - Sharjil Rasool

About The Art of Brooklyn Film Festival

The 14th Annual Art of Brooklyn Film Festival features 60 new independent films from around the way and around the world, plus special events, and an awards ceremony that's free to attend. The 2024 AoBFF takes place May 30 - June 9 at venues across Kings County including Cobble Hill Cinemas, Stuart Cinema & Cafe, the AbelCine screening room at Industry City, and the Pratt Film/Video Department.

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