

Inside A Chinese Life

10 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Dream Of An Old Musician, The

If you're a music fan in China, you don't always have access to Western classic music. But one elderly man is obsessed with hearing it. We explore the lifelong dream of this charismatic 90 year old Chinese conductor.

2. Dreams Of Youth And Entrepreneur

Three young university graduates have developed a prototype of a product which wins an international prize. Investment from outside helps to make them wealthy, but also threatens to tear their friendship apart.

3. LaoDingXiaoDing

Lao Ding owns a successful farm. His son Xiao Ding is a university graduate, but has given up his work in the city and returned to work on the family farm. Xiao Ding is strongly against the conventional use of fertilisers and chemical pesticide. His ambition is to become a fully organic farmer - he is convinced that this is the future, not just for him but also for his own baby son. But Father Lao isn't convinced...

4. My Happiness Of Life

When you've reached old age in China, what do you look for? After all the ups and downs in your life, what is next? We take a sentimental look at ageing in China, and talk to the people enjoying the twilight of their lives.

5. Roses In A Mountain Village

Migrant worker Wu Yuansheng returned to his birth village in a remote mountain village, in order to build a business in rose planting. It's an international symbol of love and affection, but hardly anyone in the village even knows what a rose is! Wu Yuansheng's challenge is to show them this is something to get behind, and try to make some money at the same time!

6. Sing Whenever I Want

This is the story of Zhu Zhiwen, a farmer in a remote village of north China, who was born with a golden voice. Discovered at a local talent competition, Zhu has become a superstar, and was recently invited to the national Chinese New Year show. Now rich and famous, he is surrounded by fans, commercial invitations, and people who want money from him. He has fulfilled his dream to sing, but life turns out to be much more complicated.

7. Threading The Mountain

Construction in China is often done at a breathtaking pace. And often, it has to be done at impossible places like in this film - a tunnel of more than 7km at over 4000 meters above the sea level in Tibet. What does such a mega project mean to the individuals concerned?

8. Truck And The Paintbrush, The

Truck driver Kong Longzhen has a secret hobby when he steps down from his truck. He knows he was born to be a painter. More than that, he represents one of the 13 billion Chinese who have to live their lives between dreams and hard reality. We follow his journey to become a professional painter, and his struggle along the way.

9. Why Not Dance

There's a popular craze in China for dancing in public squares. Often enjoyed by people from lower social classes, they're a group sometimes ignored by society. 48 year old Yang Le is one of them. She lives in a TianJin, and his struggles with family burdens, work, and financial worries leave her little room for artistic expression. Her only stolen moment for dreams is dancing. The story is an ode to the strength of a Chinese woman.

10. Dinosaur Madness

Zhao Chuang a scientific illustrator, working for top scientific journals and scientists in the field of Dinosaurs. A young man, born and living in a modern China full of commerce and materialistic temptation, Zhao's concentration is fully dedicated to his pursuit for the mystery of ancient biology and dinosaur and the perfection of his drawings of these creatures. This makes him the best in the world. What if more of us could have such 'madness'?