



First Night Nerves

(Baat go levyan, yat toi hei)

Directed by Stanley Kwan
HONG KONG, CHINA 2018
100 minutes

Wednesday, April 3

4:35 PM | Code FIRS03

Friday, April 5

8:20 PM | Code FIRS05

Xiuling retired from the spotlight five years ago, but her highly-anticipated return to the stage opposite her long-time rival sets the gossip cycle abuzz. Her co-star, the up-and-coming actress and supermodel, Yuwen, received her first big break when she was chosen for a role over Xiuling, igniting the pair's unsettled score. While they must collaborate on stage, the two are constantly at odds with one another behind the scenes when it comes to their careers, social lives, and perceived circumstances. Xiuling—talented and refined, who married into a wealthy, connected family—quietly struggles with a complicated friendship and financial ruin left by her deceased husband. On the surface, Yuwen is today's it-girl, who oozes confidence and cachet. But she battles serious stage fright and memories of a rocky romantic life. In the fun, feisty, drama-laden FIRST NIGHT NERVES, Xiuling and Yuwen must drop the act and find common ground if the show must go on. (In Mandarin and Cantonese with subtitles) —A.B.

Producers~Katie Kwan, Zhang Qun, Wu Xinxin **Screenwriting**~Jimmy Ngai
Cinematography~Wang Boxue **Editing**~William Chang, Shirley Yip **Principal Cast**~Sammi Cheng, Gigi Leung, Bai Baihe, Angie Chiu
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Friday, April 5

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Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM | Code FLOA07

Winning a championship is everything in popular professional sports, as it often brings athletes fortune and fame. However, the sport at the heart of FLOAT isn't exactly pro, nor is it well-known. This intriguing documentary, with its stunning cinematography, chronicles the small but dedicated scene of competitive model aviation. While the modern world is obsessed with attention and speed, these devoted, unknown challengers like to take things slow. Patience is their true talent, coupled with unwavering passion. After all, they don't make a dime competing, but instead deplete their savings to buy supplies. Call it obsession, but there's something refreshing about their thankless allegiance to the sport. They spend countless hours designing and constructing their complex planes (F1Ds, to be more technical), which could easily pass for art. The detailing is as remarkable as their impressive ability to stay airborne for long periods of time. To see them all soaring at once is truly a sight to behold. At first glance, FLOAT may seem like a niche documentary for model plane enthusiasts. But everyone can learn from the graceful simplicity, loyal camaraderie, and undying devotion these competitors exhibit. —E.F.

Producers~Ben Saks, Laura Heberton **Cinematography**~Phil Kibbe **Editing**~Phil Kibbe
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