

## Ye Jie Launches 'Phantom on Ice,' a Film Merging Ice Hockey with Inspiring Drama

Ye Jie's 'Phantom on Ice' blends ice hockey and inspiring drama, showcasing societal challenges and the power of personal transformation

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, November 11, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ye Jie, an ardent lover of hockey and a visionary filmmaker, introduces "Phantom on Ice," a film that delves deep into the themes of resilience and rebirth through the lens of an underdog women's hockey team. With a background deeply rooted in ice sports, Ye Jie's unique perspective brings an authentic representation of the sport's influence on character and community building.

Ye Jie's journey into filmmaking was sparked by his childhood experiences on the icy lakes of his hometown, where he learned the values of teamwork and perseverance through hockey. Transitioning this passion onto the screen, however, presented challenges. In China, where hockey lacks the popularity of other sports, and sports-themed films generally struggle to resonate emotionally with wider audiences,



Ye Jie, A Film Producer of "Phantom on Ice"

Ye Jie saw an opportunity rather than a barrier. He decided to channel his passion for hockey into a film that would transcend the typical sports narrative.

"Phantom on Ice" does not conform to the traditional sports film formula. It tells the story of a group of girls who, initially struggling academically and socially, find a new lease on life and a sense of belonging through hockey. This inversion of the usual character setup makes the story more relatable and engaging, providing a fresh take on how sports can influence lives beyond the field.

Moreover, Ye Jie's approach to filmmaking is characterized by a meticulous attention to detail. From casting actors who possess both acting prowess and genuine sports aptitude, to personally overseeing their athletic training, Ye Jie ensures that every hockey scene depicted is both realistic

and impactful. His commitment to authenticity extends to all aspects of production, from scriptwriting to the final editing, capturing the raw emotions of sports and the subtle dynamics within the team.

Behind the scenes, Ye Jie is a true collaborator, involving himself in all facets of production while fostering an environment of mutual respect and innovation. His leadership style encourages open dialogue and creative freedom among his team, which includes director Nan Guang and lead actress Yan Luyang, who have both praised Ye Jie for his empowering and inspirational approach.

The creation of "Phantom on Ice" was not without its hurdles. A significant scene was almost postponed due to unexpected weather changes affecting the lighting. However, Ye Jie's quick thinking and adaptive direction turned this challenge into a unique artistic opportunity, enhancing the film's visual and emotional appeal.

The film not only represents a significant stride in Ye Jie's career but also marks his ongoing commitment to bringing Chinese sports films to an international audience. Believing firmly in the power of sports to tell broader cultural and personal stories, Ye Jie is already planning future projects that will explore various sports disciplines, each aimed at showcasing the transformative power of sports.

As "Phantom on Ice" readies for its premiere, <u>Ye Jie reflects on his filmmaking journey as an ongoing challenge</u>, akin to the sports he depicts: fraught with obstacles but rewarding to those who persist. His story is a testament to the idea that with passion and perseverance, even the most niche dreams can achieve global resonance.

In the words of Ye Jie, "The journey of filmmaking is like sports – an endless pursuit where falling down is part of the process, and the true victory is in rising every time we fall." With this philosophy, Ye Jie continues to forge ahead, promising to bring more inspiring sports stories to the screen.

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