

9th Hong Kong International Youth Film Festival Announces Jury Lineup

SAR, HONG KONG, July 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The organizing committee of the 9th HongKong International Youth Film Festival has announced that the festival will open in Macao on August 15, 2026. The festival has also released its expanded jury lineup, including [Lu Yao](#), Ma Shaohan, Cai Yuqin, Pan Qingyun, and Chen Qinmei.

This year's jury panel reflects a broader transformation within the film sector: the traditional boundaries between content creation, project management, audience engagement, and distribution strategies are becoming increasingly integrated. As independent films, online long-form productions, and short-form content platforms continue to expand, producers are playing an increasingly central role in connecting artistic concepts with industrialized execution.

Producers with experience across multiple formats have become increasingly visible in the evolving film industry. Lu Yao, one of the newly appointed jury members, is an example of this trend, having worked on theatrical films, independent productions, and micro drama projects. She has focused on developing standardized production systems designed to address common challenges in independent and high-concept film projects, including resource allocation, workflow management, and team collaboration efficiency.

One of her recent projects, the science-fiction suspense feature *Drunken Woman*, is an example of the evolving standards of industrialized production in independent cinema. The film, which underwent five years of development and production, features a complex narrative structure and distinctive genre elements. It was selected for the main competition section of the Macao International Film Festival and was subsequently released across major Chinese streaming platforms.



Lu Yao

The appointment of producers and other industry professionals to film festival juries reflects the increasing diversity of expertise involved in contemporary filmmaking. As content formats become increasingly diversified and global distribution channels continue to expand, professionals capable of integrating creative development, standardized production systems, and market-oriented strategies are becoming increasingly valuable to the industry.

The expanded jury lineup of the 9th HongKong International Youth Film Festival highlights the ongoing industry evolution with a new generation of film professionals from different areas of the film industry and its continued attention to emerging developments in Chinese-language cinema.

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