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A6535 THE ANNIVERSARY (USA, 2003) [SHORT FILM]

Credits: director/writer, Ham Tran.

Cast: Jayvee Mai The Hiep, Ngoc Lam, Chi Binh, Don Duong, Son Tung.

Summary: Short (28 min.) student film (MFA UCLA) set in Vietnam over a period of thirty years, interweaving three different timelines in the life of Hiep, a Buddhist monk. In 1963 as a young boy Hiep was taken from Saigon (and his mother and brother) to the North by his father (Duong) to escape religious persecution. In 1973, Hiep and his brother meet as strangers in a confrontation on the battlefield. Thirty years later, Hiep (Lam) is still haunted by memories of war and betrayal on the anniversary of his brother's death.

“Ham Tran brings the real look of Vietnam to The anniversary” Kodak film techniques web site viewed May 2006
(<http://www.kodak.com/US/en/motion/students/filmtech/tran.shtml;sessionid=WMW1KIQGDEOGZQHIO2SXWJA>)

“Ham Tran director” Vietnamese International Film Festival web site viewed May 2006 (<http://vietfilmfest.shaolinux.org/hamtran.html>)

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