

## RAJA'S EARLY SUMMER

a film by Zi Gao



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### Technical Information

**Working Title:** Raja's Early Summer  
**Director:** Zi Gao  
**Screenplay:** Zi Gao  
**Nationality:** China  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Length:** 90 min  
**Shooting location:** China  
**Production Company:** 7 Cacti Films  
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### Director's Information

Zi Gao is a writer-director based in China and earned her MFA in Film Directing at California Institute of the Arts.

Her graduation short film *Eliza* premiered at the Festival international de films de femmes de Créteil and was presented in various international film festivals. An alumnus of Berlinale Talents Tokyo, she is currently developing her debut feature *Raja's Early Summer*, which has been awarded the Hubert Bals Fund for Script and Project Development (Bright Future).

### Festival de Cannes

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Since 2000, the Festival Residence has provided each year accommodation and support to twelve selected young directors in order to help them prepare their first or second feature film. A jury presided by a film director sits twice a year, selecting these young filmmakers on the basis of their short films, or

even first feature film, and the merits of their feature film project. During their 4-and-a-half-month stay in Paris, they work on the writing of their feature film project, have meetings with professionals and try, with the support of the Cannes Film Festival, to bring their project to co-production status.

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