

A FILM BY MICHAEL PERLMAN

# 自由中国 FREE CHINA

THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE

“STIRRING...NARRATIVE POWER”

*The New York Times*



FROM THE AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR OF TIBET: BEYOND FEAR

NEW TANG DYNASTY TELEVISION AND WORLD2BE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS A FILM BY MICHAEL PERLMAN FEATURING JENNIFER ZENG DR. CHARLES LEE  
FORMER CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE HON. DAVID KILGOUR REP. CHRIS SMITH ETHAN GUTMANN EDITED BY JO BURGESS AND TAL ATZMON ORIGINAL MUSIC SCORE BY TONY CHEN  
ORIGINAL SONG PERFORMED BY Q'ORIANKA KILCHER SOUND DESIGN BY CARLOS MARTINEZ CO-EDITED BY ANDREW MOODY DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY TAL ATZMON AND RUMI GEIGER  
NARRATED BY MICHAEL PERLMAN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER KEAN WONG PRODUCED BY KEAN WONG AND MICHAEL PERLMAN WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY MICHAEL PERLMAN

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# Free China: The Courage to Believe

(Synopsis – Documentary film)

***“STIRRING ... NARRATIVE POWER”*** *New York Times, (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013)*

*Bound by a common conviction, the fates of a woman living in Beijing and a man living in New York become inextricably linked in a story of courage and freedom...*

The award winning “Free China: The Courage To Believe” tells the true story of a mother and former Communist Party member, Jennifer Zeng, who along with more than 70 million Chinese were practicing a belief that combined Buddhism and Daoism until the Chinese government outlawed it. The Internet police intercepted an email and Jennifer was imprisoned for her faith. As she endured physical and mental torture, she had to decide: does she stand her ground and languish in jail, or does she recant her belief so she can tell her story to the world and be reunited with her family? A world away, Dr. Charles Lee, a Chinese American businessman, wanted to do his part to stop the persecution by attempting to broadcast uncensored information on state-controlled television. He was arrested in China and sentenced to three years of re-education in a prison camp where he endured forced labor, making amongst other things, Homer Simpson slippers sold at stores throughout the US.

With more than 100 thousand protests occurring each year inside China, unrest among Chinese people is building with the breaking of each political scandal. As China’s prisoners of conscience are subjected to forced labor and even organ harvesting, this timely documentary exposes profound issues such as genocide and unfair trade practices with the West. The film also highlights how new Internet technologies are helping bring freedom to more than 1.3 billion people living in China and other repressive regimes throughout the world. “Free China” is a co-production between NTD Television and World2Be Productions.

## **Screened at over 700 private venues around the world, including...**

UK Parliament (July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013)	European Parliament, Brussels (Mar. 27, 2013)
Israeli Parliament (Apr. 24, 2103)	London School of Economics (Mar. 20, 2013)
Google Headquarters, CA (Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> 2013)	US Congress (Sep. 20, 2012)
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia (May 16, 2012)	

**Theatrical Release to Date (US):** Laemmle Music Hall, Beverly Hills, CA (May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013), Quad Cinema, New York, NY (June 7<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013) and 10 city run through Landmark Theatres in the US on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Denver, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington D.C and St. Louis.) Theatrical release PR: [www.MurphyPR.com](http://www.MurphyPR.com)

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## Interviewees in the film (see full bios below):

**Jennifer Zeng**, Former Communist Party Member, Best Selling Author

**Dr. Charles Lee**, American Chinese Businessman, Labor Camp Survivor

**Hon. David Kilgour**, Former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific)

**Rep. Chris Smith**, US Congressman, Chair of Congressional-Executive Commission on China

**Ethan Gutmann**, Author of "Losing the New China" and Contributor for The Asian Wall Street Journal

## Main Credits (Full Credit List at end of Media Kit)

**Directed/Written/Produced by:** Michael Perlman (World2Be Productions)

**Producer/Executive Producer:** Kean Wong (NTD Television)

**Original Music:** Tony Chen **Video Editor(s):** Jo Burgess & Tal Atzmon & Andrew Moody

**Original Song Performed by:** Q'orianka Kilcher (included in the theatrical release [FreeChinaSong.com](http://FreeChinaSong.com))

**Photography/Cinematography:** Tal Atzmon & Rumi Geiger **Sound Mix:** Carlos "Storm" Martinez

## Other Details:

**Run time:** 53:30 (TV distribution version) and 61:07 (DVD/Theatrical Release version)

**Original Format:** HD 1920:1080 **Screening Format:** HDCAM/.mov/Bluray/DCP

**Country of Production:** USA (New York) **Sound:** Dolby Digital 5.1 **Language:** English

**Completed:** May 2013 **TV release:** TBA **Language:** English **Subtitles:** English & Chinese (+26 languages)

**Online Digital Release:** Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (English/Chinese only)

**Main Photos/Images & Captions for Press Use:** <http://tinyurl.com/mdkqafm>

**Additional Photos/Images & Captions for Press Use:** <http://tinyurl.com/bspgdc6>

**Footage/B-roll from Film for Press Use:** <http://tinyurl.com/mhf7b7h>

## Awards/Nominations

- **86<sup>th</sup> Academy Oscar Contender** for Best Documentary, Best Original Score and Song (2014)
- **Best Documentary & Best Music Award** at the Bangalore Short Film Festival, India (6.20.2014)
- **International Winner** – Feature Documentary at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual GSFF, NJ ( April, 2014)
- **Best Documentary** at the 2014 NOIDA International Film Festival, India (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
- **Best Song for Indie Film/Documentary/Short** at 2013 Hollywood Music in Media Awards
- Official Selection at **2013 CAM International Film Festival in Cairo, Egypt** (Oct 2013)
- **Best Program** at **Open Film Festival Travno, Zabreb, Croatia** (July 2013)
- Official Selection at **Millenium International Documentary Film Festival, Belgium** (June, 2013)
- **Best Feature Film** at **IX International Short Film Festival - FENACO** (Peru, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2012)
- **"Best of the Fest"** at **Freethought International Film Festival** (Denver, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012)
- **Winner** at **American Insight Free Speech Film Festival** (Philadelphia May 16<sup>th</sup> 2012)
- **Top Award** in category (international political and cultural documentaries) at **LA Awareness Film Festival** (May 6<sup>th</sup> and Nov 4<sup>th</sup> in Venice, CA, 2012)
- **Top Award** (docs. under 60 min.) at **45<sup>th</sup> WorldFest Houston Int. Film Festival** (April 21<sup>st</sup> 2012)
- Nominated: 'Best Sound Track Album' **2012 Hollywood Music in Media Awards**
- Official Selection at the **15<sup>th</sup> East Lansing Film Festival in 2012 & 2012 LA Indie Film Festival**
- Official Selection at the **17<sup>th</sup> Palm Beach International Film Festival in 2012**
- Official Selection at the **2012 Ottawa International & Ottawa Free Thinking Film Festival**







## What people are saying about the film...

*"STIRRING...NARRATIVE POWER"*

**David DeWITT, NY Times**, June 6, 2013

*"FREE CHINA puts two courageous and articulate faces to the crisis....with its aggressive narration, haunting music and disturbing photographic evidence of crimes against humanity, [FREE CHINA] wants you to walk away outraged at the injustice of it all, and most likely, you will."*

**Robin Migdol, Village Voice**, June 7, 2013

*"..brave, upsetting... deeply inspiring...the film is not only about highlighting China's humanitarian offenses—it's about rallying the West to push for the dissemination of free information to the Communist state."* **Jacob Combs, Thompson on Hollywood, indieWIRE**  
June 7, 2013

*"...will open some viewers' eyes to the horrifying reality behind many a "Made in China" label."*  
**Sheri Linden, LA Times**, May 29, 2013

*"...delivers a powerful, if at times heavy-handed, warning: The systematic and state-sanctioned persecution of peaceful citizens is alive and well in China."*  
**LA Weekly**, May 29, 2013

*"I hope this Film Changes Our World"*

**Margaret Chew Barringer**, American Insight & Free Speech Film Festival founder

*"Unbelievable Story...."*

**Scott Stanford**, NBC New York Emmy Award Winning Anchor

*"Intensely Compelling...."*

**Karen Curry**, Former CNN New York Bureau Chief

*"This Film will be a Game Changer"*

**US Congressman Chris Smith**, Chairman of Congressional-Executive Commission on China

*"Free China shows the way to a more democratic and peaceful regime ...where everybody wins instead of the Communist Party"* **Professor Peter Navarro**, Author and Director of "Death by China"





**Reviews/Press - <http://freechina.ntdtv.org/category/press/>**

**Free China's Jennifer Zeng TV interview with Scott Stanford on NBC New York (June 7th 2013)**  
<http://freechina.ntdtv.org/free-chinas-jennifer-zeng-on-nbc-new-york-june-7-2013/>

**Free China: NY Times review – A Repressed Sect's Ordeal, via Two Victims (June 6th 2013)**  
[http://movies.nytimes.com/2013/06/07/movies/free-china-directed-by-michael-perlman.html?\\_r=1&](http://movies.nytimes.com/2013/06/07/movies/free-china-directed-by-michael-perlman.html?_r=1&)

**IndieWire Review: "Free China": A Struggle for the Future of China's Soul (June 7th, 2013)**  
<http://blogs.indiewire.com/thompsononhollywood/free-china-a-struggle-for-the-future-of-chinas-soul>

**LA Times Movie Review: "Free China" Spotlights Falun Gong Followers Plight (May 31st 2013)**  
<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/may/31/entertainment/la-et-mn-free-china-review-20130531>

**Free China: LA Weekly review (29th May 2013)**  
<http://www.laweekly.com/movies/free-china-the-courage-to-believe-2086087/>

**'Free China' Movie Wins International Award (Free Speech Awards)**  
<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/united-states/free-china-movie-wins-international-award-238990.html>

**"Free China" Film Wins Free Speech Award in Philadelphia**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2zU\\_TuZJEE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2zU_TuZJEE)

**Big Hollywood: 'Free China' Producer on Why the Communist Country Fought to Stop this Film**  
<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Hollywood/2012/10/26/bh-interview-free-china>

**Ottawa sun: Film Exposes Life and Death in China**  
<http://www.ottawasun.com/2012/11/01/films-expose-life-and-death-in-china>

**Saigon Broadcasting TV Network – The Victorian To Uyen's Show (interview in English)**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBdpf-1a9WE&feature=share>

**Living 100% (30 minute interview with producer & director in English, Chinese subtitles)**  
<http://www.ntdtv.com/xtr/b5/2013/02/02/a841552.html>

**Israeli Leaders Blast Chinese Regime's Organ Harvesting, Persecution (Free China mentioned)**  
<http://www.thenewamerican.com/world-news/europe/item/15266-israeli-leaders-blast-chinese-regimes-organ-harvesting-persecution>

**BBC interviews David Kilgour (one of our 3 key expert witnesses) on Organ Harvesting in China**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p017k033>





## Michael Perlman: Writer/Director/Producer of Free China

Perlman is an award-winning filmmaker, performing artist, attorney and founder of two not-for-profit organizations.

He has traveled to over 60 countries and spoken to thousands of people at concert benefits, film screenings, schools and other venues on issues related to politics, human rights, activism, the law, media, conflict resolution, religion, spirituality and positive thinking.

Perlman works with human rights organizations in the US, Burma, China and the Sudan. He has been instrumental in providing critical materials to democracy advocates inside Burma that has helped foster freedom. Perlman has been selected by Amnesty International as an official **Artist for Amnesty**.

Perlman helped found and served on the board of **Cross Cultural Solutions (CCS)**, one of the largest volunteer organizations in the United States. With a staff of over 200 and a special consultative status with the United Nations, CCS places more than 4,000 Americans in 10 countries to assist schools, hospitals, orphanages and agricultural programs that directly help more than 100,000 individuals annually.

Perlman is also the founder and director of **Rock To Save Darfur**, which has produced concert benefits that have helped thousands of lives and free hundreds of slaves with partners such as **Save The Children** and **Doctors Without Borders**.

Perlman produced, wrote and directed the **New York Times Critics Choice** film “*Eyes of the World*,” which **Variety** praised as “*intense, passionate and intelligent*.” This behind-the-frame look into war journalism reveals the physical and emotional price paid by photojournalists as they document human rights atrocities and the human capacity to endure. Photographs from the film were used to prosecute war criminals in The Hague.

Perlman produced, wrote and directed the award winning **PBS International documentary** “*Tibet: Beyond Fear*.” It has been translated into 12 languages and broadcasted on television worldwide. The **New York Times** hailed the film as “*Emotional .... Riveting.... Compelling*.” With an opening by **Richard Gere**, the film includes the **Dalai Lama** and the International Advocacy Director of Amnesty International. This documentary highlights Ngwang, a Buddhist nun, and Bagdro, a Buddhist monk, who at the ages of 13 and 20 led freedom protests in Tibet.

Perlman’s recently released film is the award-winning “*Free China: The Courage To Believe*.” On the heels of more than 400 private screenings, including for the **US Congress, European Parliament, British Parliament, Amnesty International and Google Headquarters**, the film has been released theatrically in 12 major US markets. The film examines the widespread human rights violations in China through the stories of Jennifer Zeng, a mother and former Communist Party member, and Dr. Charles Lee, a Chinese American businessman, who along with hundreds of thousands of peaceful citizens are tortured and subject to slave labor, producing products exported to department stores throughout the United States.



It also highlights new Internet technologies that are bypassing government censorship and allowing free information into closed societies.

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In August, Perlman will release the award -winning "*The 99%: Occupy Everywhere*." Narrated by **Lou Reed**, featuring **Russell Simmons** and **Jeffrey Sachs**, the film explores the voices of a diverse group of Americans who share the belief that money in politics has corrupted American democracy, affected legislation and transferred income from 99% of the population to multinational corporations and the wealthiest Americans. Issues such as fair taxation, greater access to health and education, the environment, debt, job creation and gun safety are addressed and solutions are offered for a fairer and more sustainable future.

Perlman is also the founder and lead vocalist in the socially conscious band, **Rejectionist Front**. The single "Fifty Dollars" about freeing slaves in Africa, from the debut CD mixed by **Grammy Winner Andy Wallace** (Nirvana, Linkin Park, System Of The Down, Perfect Circle), played on radio nationwide. An upcoming CD "Evolve" will be released shortly. The band has had the honor of sharing the stage with many inspiring artists, including Talib Kweli, George Clinton & P-Funk, Joan Baez, Immortal Technique and the Nappy Roots. Rejectionist Front is proud to play in support of vital causes including **Rock The Vote, Save Darfur, Wounded Warrior, the USO, Rock Against Dystrophy and Occupy Wall Street**. Their single "Reclaim" is part of the Music For Occupy compilation along with many socially conscious artists including Crosby and Nash, Jackson Browne, Warren Haynes, Patti Smith, Third Eye Blind and Tom Morello. The music video "Flush," highlighting bank fraud that led to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, was featured on **MTV Iggy** as part of the Sounds of the Revolution.

#### **Filmographies:**

Eyes of the World - 2003

Tibet: Beyond Fear – 2008

Free China: The Courage to Believe - May 2013

The 99%: Occupy Everywhere – 2013 (to be released in August 2013)

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## Kean Wong

### Producer and Executive Producer of Free China

Kean is an award-winning filmmaker, activist, TV producer/host and founder of Parigon Partners, a strategy and marketing consulting firm specializing in new media and social entrepreneurship. With an eclectic mix of actuarial finance training and passion for personal development, Kean moved into the world of management consulting, where he worked for clients in a wide range of industries, including funds management, finance, real estate, fashion, software, biotechnology, health and wellness, as well as the TV infomercial industry.

Following his calling, he moved to New York where over the last 8 years he has been volunteering for New Tang Dynasty Television, a nonprofit TV network headquartered in New York City and pioneer of broadcasting uncensored programming into and out of China via satellite and the internet.

At NTD, Kean produced/hosted a variety of shows, including “The New Millionaire,” and was the lead male anchor for China News and Asia Brief from 2005-2011. Since 2010, he has been the main host of NTD’s International Chinese Culinary Competition in Times Square, dubbing himself a ‘Freedom Fighting Foodie.’ In 2006, Kean also hosted a show that won the New American Media award for the Best Investigative and In-Depth Program under the Broadcast section. The topic was on “Hi-tech Companies, the Chinese Government and the Internet.”

In 2001, he met Jennifer Zeng, one of the main subjects of the film and helped her apply for asylum in Australia. Years later, in New York, he met Michael Perlman and shared her incredible story with him, thus beginning the journey of “Free China...”

On the heels of more than 400 private screenings, including for the **US Congress, European Parliament, British Parliament, Amnesty International and Google Headquarters**, “Free China” has been released theatrically in 12 major US markets (in May and June 2013). The **New York Times** has praised the film as “*stirring*.” Karen Curry, former **CNN New York Bureau Chief**, has described the film as “*Intensely compelling*” and **indieWIRE** has hailed the film as “*deeply inspiring*.”

As part of promotional efforts, Kean also orchestrated the recent release of the Free China theme song music video [FreeChinaSong.com](http://FreeChinaSong.com) and the “A Year for Human Rights in China” open letter co-authored by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu and blind dissident Chen Guangcheng. The statement was on the front page of The Huffington Post on June 4, 2013, and the accompanying petition can be found on [www.TheCommunity.com](http://www.TheCommunity.com) and the film’s website.

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## Interviewees



### Jennifer Zeng

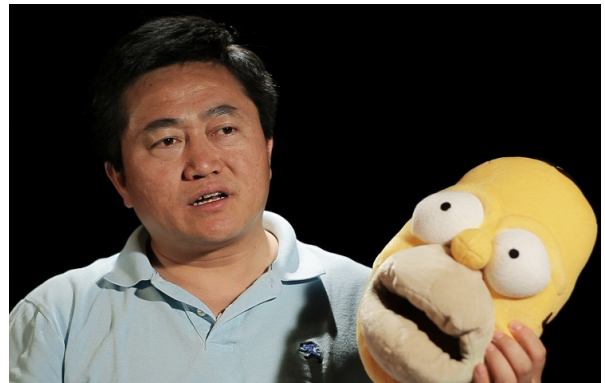
Jennifer Zeng is a mainland Chinese-born human rights activist, journalist and author, best known for her practice of Falun Gong, the subsequent government suppression of the movement, and the best-selling book she wrote about her experience regarding Falun Gong: “Witnessing History: One Chinese Woman’s Fight for Freedom and Falun Gong.”

A mother and former Communist Party member, Jennifer was imprisoned for her faith. As she endured physical and mental torture, she had to decide: does she stand her ground and languish in jail, or does she recant her belief so she can tell her story to the world? Her compelling and inspiring personal story is the subject of the award-winning film “Free China: The Courage to Believe.”

Ms. Zeng has a Bachelor of Science in geochemistry and she went on to receive a Master of Science in geochemistry from Peking University. She now resides in New York.

### Dr. Charles Lee

A medical doctor by training, Charles Lee currently serves as a spokesperson for the New York-based Global Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party. Born in China in 1965, he experienced the Cultural Revolution firsthand, then began medical studies at Sun Yatsen University of Medical Sciences, where he obtained a Bachelors in Medicine. Disillusioned with the CCP after the 1989 crackdown on the prodemocracy movement, he moved to the United States.



In America, Charles came across the Falun Gong spiritual discipline and began practicing wholeheartedly. In 1999, when the CCP began persecuting Falun Gong, Charles took particular note of the lies and slander being disseminated by the Party’s propaganda apparatus. He realized that to stop the persecution, it was essential to help Chinese people understand the truth about Falun Gong.

In 2002, Charles decided to do this by electronically tapping into the Party-controlled cable television system and broadcasting uncensored programming. He was arrested in October 2002, but managed to escape and return to the United States; however, having been unable to accomplish what he intended to do, he went back again in January 2003 and was captured again.

Despite the intense pressure to renounce his beliefs, Charles never cooperated with the prison guards. After his release from prison in January 2006, he returned to the United States. Since then, he has been traveling the world and actively working to expose the reality of the persecution and share what he personally witnessed and experienced, including severe torture and slave labor, making amongst other things, Homer Simpson slippers for export to the West. He has spoken at universities, been interviewed on television and recently featured in the award-winning film “Free China.” He currently lives in New Jersey with his wife and daughter.



### **Congressman Chris Smith**

Elected in 1980, Rep. Chris Smith (R-Robbinsville, NJ) is currently in his 17th term in the U.S. House of Representatives and serves residents in the Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey. Smith, 59, currently serves as a senior member on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and is chairman of its Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organization Subcommittee.

In 2011-2012 he chaired both the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. He also serves as the “Special Representative” on Human Trafficking for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and as an executive member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Veterans Committee (two terms) and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs’ Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa.

A lifelong New Jerseyan, Congressman Smith graduated from the College of New Jersey with a degree in business administration. Prior to being elected to Congress, he helped run a small business—his family's wholesale sporting goods corporation. He is also the former Executive Director of the New Jersey Right to Life Committee.

The congressman is married to his wife of 35 years, Marie, and they have four grown children.



## Hon. David Kilgour

David Kilgour is co-chair of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran, past chair of the Latin America and Caribbean policy working group of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian International Council, a director of the Washington-based Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD), a Fellow of the Queen's University Centre for the Study of Democracy, a director of the New York-based NGO Advancing Human Rights and a director of the Ottawa Mission Foundation.

First elected to the House of Commons in 1979, he was re-elected seven times, most recently in 2004, for the south-east region of Edmonton. During his time in Parliament, he was Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committees of the Whole House, Secretary of State for Latin America & Africa (1997-2002) and Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific (2002-2003). He did not stand in the 2006 election.

David remains active on issues of human dignity. A 2007 book, "Uneasy Neighbo(u)rs," co-authored with David Jones, a former American diplomat, discusses the relationship of Canada and the USA. In 2009, he published with David Matas "Bloody Harvest: The Killing of Falun Gong for their Organs." He and Matas were awarded the 2009 Human Rights Prize of the International Society for Human Rights in Switzerland for their work in raising awareness of state-sponsored organ pillaging in China. In 2010, he was been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work related to the investigation of organ harvesting crimes against Falun Gong practitioners in China.

David is married to his wife of 39 years, Laura, and they have four grown children.

For further information, see: [www.david-kilgour.com](http://www.david-kilgour.com).



## Ethan Gutmann

Foundation for Defense of Democracies, DC

Characterized as a "mammoth sociological, political whistleblower" by National Review, Ethan Gutmann is the author of "Losing the New China: A Story of American Commerce, Desire and Betrayal."

Following Encounter Books' first printing in 2004 and subsequent translation into Chinese by Taiwan-based Broad Press, Gutmann's book garnered several awards, including the "Spirit of Tiananmen," New York Sun's "Best Book of the Year," and the "Chan's Journalism Award" for outstanding writing. At the government and intelligence level, Gutmann's seminal research into Chinese Internet surveillance, the *laogai* system, and the intersection of Western business with Chinese security objectives has received sustained attention in Washington DC, London and Brussels.

Formerly a Senior Counselor at APCO China and a Visiting Fellow at Project for the New American Century, Ethan Gutmann has also written widely on Chinese military development, human rights, the US business scene in Beijing and the recent hacking phenomenon for The Asian Wall Street Journal, Investor's Business Daily, The Weekly Standard, National Review, World Affairs Journal, and other publications.

In the 1990s, Ethan Gutmann served as Chief Investigator for the AV network, directing "American Investigator," a documentary series. In the 1980s, Gutmann specialized in arms control and dynamic modeling as a foreign policy analyst at the Brookings Institution. Gutmann completed both a B.A. and a Master of International Affairs at Columbia University.

Assisted by research funding from the Earhart Foundation and the Peder Wallenberg family, Ethan Gutmann is currently completing a comprehensive history of the clash between Falun Gong and the Chinese state. In addition, with a travel grant awarded from the National Endowment for Democracy, Gutmann is currently researching the Chinese-Uyghur conflict, and the underlying ambiguity of the Chinese Communist Party's stance towards the Islamist global challenge.



## Tony Chen - Composer



Tony Chen is an award-winning music composer/producer and voice over artist, who was recently nominated for the Best Soundtrack Album at the 2012 Hollywood Music in Media Awards™. The album was for the Award-Winning Documentary “Free China,” co-produced by New Tang Dynasty Television and World2Be Productions.

Originally from Beijing, China, Tony graduated from the music department at the University of Huddersfield in the UK where he studied music composition, scoring for film/TV/Multimedia, vocal training, conducting and opera performance.

With a distinctive traditional Chinese flair, Tony’s music transcends cultures and time, crossing over ‘pop, classical Chinese and Western, and new age’ styles. Inspiring millions around the world, his compositions have been described as a fusion of Tan Dun (“Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon”) and Yanni’s music.

Tony also produces and hosts 2 popular radio shows ‘Morning Concert’ and ‘SOH Weekend Music FM’ of Sound of Hope Radio Station—the No. 1 Chinese radio program on Universal FM92.3 KSJO covering the entire San Francisco Bay Area and a half million Chinese people.

For more on Tony’s work, please visit: [www.TonyChenMusic.com](http://www.TonyChenMusic.com)

## **‘The Courage to Believe’ Free China theme song**

(Song incorporated into the theatrical version of the film to be released in May/June 2013)

**Music by** Tony Chen **Lyrics:** Kean Wong & Michael Perlman



### **Performed by Q'orianka Kilcher**

At the age of 14, Q'orianka Kilcher emerged into the front ranks of young actors with her portrayal of Pocahontas opposite Colin Farrell and Christian Bale in Terrence Malick's Oscar nominated film "The New World."

Her performance won her the National Board of Review's Best Breakthrough Performance of 2006 and the 2006 Alma Award for best Latin American Actress in a Feature Film, as well as numerous nominations and rave

reviews.

Some of her other credits include Princess Kaiulani, the award-winning FX TV show Sons of Anarchy, Shouting Secrets, Hallmark Hall of Fames "Firelight," the Syfy mini-series Neverland, The Killing, Longmire and The Power Of Few, starring Christopher Walken and Christian Slater, a film she not only starred in but also produced via her production company iQ Films. iQ Films' upcoming slate of projects currently include "The Life," a TV pilot shining light on the epidemic of child sex trafficking in the US, and the environmental SyFy feature "The Blueprint."

As a young producer willing to see opportunity where others see risk, Q'orianka proved to be not only a young voice for change with a desire to break down some of the barriers of conventional filmmaking, but also someone with a vision for a more inclusive, interactive and collaborative filmmaking process and production model. Her contributions as a producer to films' significant interactive and collaborative elements through participatory storytelling not only proved that there is opportunity where most see risk, but also was a major step in creating a new connection between Hollywood and a young passionate global audience—an audience with a desire to creatively express themselves and have their voices heard while exploring the new frontiers of today's interactive media and technology.



Q'orianka is not only an award-winning actress with high critical acclaim, but also an accomplished Singer/Songwriter and committed Human Rights and environmental activist. A fearless young force, she has courageously and tirelessly used her public voice and privilege of celebrity to speak out for the voiceless and many of today's most important and relevant causes and issues.

Her work in support of basic Human Rights, Social and Environmental Justice, corporate accountability and Indigenous peoples rights has not only garnered her many national and international nominations, awards and honors, including the Young Hollywood Green Award, the Gandhi Award and the prestigious Brower Youth Award, but has also won her the respect of many indigenous leaders and notable personalities like Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu, Bolivian President Evo Morales, and Indigenous leader Alberto Pizango among others.

Her work and persona were one of James Cameron's first inspirations in creating the character of "Naitiri" for the highly successful film "Avatar."

While Q'orianka frequently lends her celebrity, voice and energy as spokesperson and youth ambassador to many notable organizations such as Amnesty International, Green Peace, AIDSEP, IFG and Amazon Watch, just to name a few, her true passion is to help empower small grassroots community projects and indigenous youth initiatives from around the world and work directly with the many unsung everyday action heroes who she feels are the true front line soldiers of effective change.

Q'orianka is the founder of on-Q Initiative, Youth4Truth media and Action Hero Network with AHN being the first open source activist platform focused on empowering the many everyday action heroes within our communities and globally, while facilitating a more interactive, direct and collaborative approach to philanthropy itself.

Q'orianka frequently speaks at international conferences and panels including The United Nations - Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the International Forum on Globalization, Amnesty International's women's rights, World People's Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth, Rise-Up Woman's Health Initiative and at various universities, including George Washington University and the Harvard Leadership conference, speaking on a wide spectrum of subjects including Human Rights, environmental and social justice, sustainability, indigenous peoples rights, corporate accountability, Free Trade, youth leadership, Juvenile justice, women's rights and empowerment.

In her free time, Q'orianka enjoys dedicating herself to her passion for music and is hoping to play more live shows and record a CD of her original music.





## **ABOUT NTD (co-producers of “Free China”)**

New Tang Dynasty (NTD) Television was founded in 2001 by a group of Chinese Americans. Recognizing a dangerous predicament for China and the West that is caused by Beijing’s severe media censorship, these individuals had a bold vision to break through China’s state media control and bring truthful and uncensored information to the Chinese people.

In 2004, NTD opened the first independent, uncensored satellite window into China, broadcasting uncensored programming 24/7 in Chinese language directly into parts of China. A second platform followed soon afterwards, in the form of a peer-to-peer (P2P) streaming video service that breaks through the Great Firewall of China. Running on the iPPOTV software, China Internet Channel enables even the least tech-savvy users to access NTD contents. In fact, NTD and its partner, the Global Internet Freedom Consortium, jointly operate the world’s largest Internet anti-censorship platform. Millions of Chinese scale the Great Firewall daily through this platform to access the real, uncensored Internet.

NTD was the first Chinese TV station to cover the SARS epidemic in 2003, breaking the story fully three weeks before Chinese officials acknowledged the outbreak. When thousands of children fell ill because of melamine-tainted milk in 2008, China’s state-run media covered up the news; NTD sounded the alarm to the Chinese people. Many NTD programs give voice to Chinese citizens to address their grievances about social injustice, human rights abuses and the persecution of Christians, Tibetans, Falun Gong, and rights activists. After a power struggle within the Communist Party broke out in early 2012, the daily Internet traffic from Mainland China to NTD’s site has soared 500 percent.

NTD acts as a watchdog on the authoritarian regime, bringing out the stories that no other TV stations dare to report.

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