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FREE SCREENING IN SAN JOSE OF AWARD-WINNING FILM 4/15 HIGHLIGHTING THE CHINESE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN THE DEEP SOUTH DURING SEGREGATION AND THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT

(San Jose, CA – March 6, 2018) Chinese Historical & Cultural Project welcomes LA-based husband-wife filmmakers and music artists Larissa Lam and Baldwin Chiu, aka Only Won, as they bring their award-winning documentary *Finding Cleveland* on **Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 1:00pm** to **History Park, San Jose, Firehouse, 2nd Floor** located at **635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112**. The film has been greeted with many sold out audiences across the U.S on their Finding Cleveland Experience national tour. The screening will include Q&A and a musical performance by Larissa Lam and Only Won.

Baldwin Chiu, a Bay Area native, and his wife, Larissa Lam, have been entertaining and educating audiences across the country with their emotional documentary *Finding Cleveland*, which highlights the overlooked contributions of Chinese immigrants. What starts out as a quest to discover Chiu's family history leads to a disturbing story of racism facing Chinese immigrants in the segregated, pre-civil rights South amidst the Chinese Exclusion Act. The film documents the resolve of the early Chinese pioneers to overcome the challenges of the time. *Finding Cleveland* has won Best Documentary awards at the Oxford Film Festival, the Asians on Film Festival and the Sacramento International Film Festival.

Even though the film focuses on the story of the Chinese in the early to mid-1900s, many of the issues facing immigrants and the Chinese still exist today. *Finding Cleveland* is an eye-opening film that sparks needed conversation about what we can learn from the past to bring more diversity and inclusion into today's society.

Baldwin Chiu is also a recognized rap artist who performs as Only Won. Larissa Lam is also an award-winning singer/songwriter. She composed the musical score for the film and performs regularly in noted venues across the country.

Event information:

"Finding Cleveland" Experience

Sunday, April 15, 2018

1:00-2:30 pm

History Park, San Jose

635 Phelan Avenue, Firehouse, 2nd Floor

Free admission. All ages.

Sponsored by the Chinese Historical & Cultural Project

Photo link: <http://pressphoto.findingcleveland.com>

Photo caption: Pictured L-R Edwin Chiu, Charles Chiu, Caliya Chiu, Baldwin Chiu. The Chiu family visit the gravesite of Charles' father K.C. Lou in Cleveland, MS in the documentary film, *Finding Cleveland*.

Find out more about *Finding Cleveland* at findingcleveland.com

Press links: <http://www.findingcleveland.com/media/>

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