

Welcome, everyone. My name is Chad Soon. Well, it's not every day that Vernon gets to host a world premiere of a world-class film. But that doesn't mean there aren't highly cultured people in Vernon. Look at us all—we are one worldly crowd!

Thank you for coming and supporting the Vernon Museum. And thanks to the filmmakers, to directors Kenda Gee and Tom Radford and to composer Darren Fung, who flew in today from Edmonton and LA, after having to rebook due to the threat of a strike at Air Canada. They wouldn't miss this...for the world.

Kenda Gee is a writer, historian and filmmaker who has been one of Canada's leading figures in the campaign for redress for the Chinese-Canadian community.

Tom Radford is one of our country's most distinguished filmmakers. He just added two more Gemini Awards for his documentary *Code Breakers*, and tomorrow he will be receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Alberta.

Darren Fung composed the music you will hear in this movie, performed, under his direction, by the China National Symphony Orchestra. Among his many credits, he recreated Canada's Hockey Anthem for TSN and scored Bell Media's epic commercials for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

The only thing these filmmakers stand to gain from this charity event is the experience of seeing this movie with us...on a big screen for the first time anywhere...in the world.

Gerry Sellars has provided the perfect venue: the Towne Cinema. And this is the debut presentation on his new \$100,000 upgraded system.

Thanks to event planner Gabrielle Donald, event producer Jim Elderton and his partner Cathie, June Mitchell and Dale Kwong for the historical displays, and to the phenomenal staffs at the Vernon Museum, the Vernon Morning Star, and the Towne Cinema for their assistance.

Now, how fitting it is that a young Vernomite named Larry Kwong used to come to this very theatre to catch flicks. Larry is one of the characters in *Lost Years*. His story is at the heart of this sprawling epic. Here, now, is a short tribute to introduce our guest of honour.

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I believe Larry Kwong would like to say a few words.

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It is my great pleasure to publicly announce Mr. Larry Kwong's induction into the Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame. Six other athletes, one builder and one team will accompany Mr. Kwong into the Hall in a ceremony at the Schubert Centre on November 23.

And, now, for our feature presentation: here is *Lost Years*.