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### a film by LEE CHANG-DONG

## **4K RESTORATION**

"Lee Chang-dong's wrenching, tonally nuanced first film packs a quiet wallop." –John Fidler, Senses of Cinema

> South Korea | 1997 | Korean with English Subtitles Crime / Drama | 114 minutes

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#### SYNOPSIS

Released from his mandatory military service, Makdong (Han Suk-gyu) returns to a hometown he no longer recognizes. After rescuing a beautiful young woman from harassment on a train, his life takes an unexpected turn when she unwittingly lures him into the criminal underworld. Finding himself in a dangerous love triangle with the local crime boss, Makdong must face the dire consequences of his choices.

Winner of the Best Film and Best New Director awards from the Korean Film Critics Association, Lee Chang-dong's GREEN FISH is a "wrenching, tonally nuanced first film" (*Senses of Cinema*) that combines "strong narrative drive, powerful visuals and a mind-blowing central performance" (*Eastern Kicks*). Presented in a new 4K restoration.



#### LEE CHANG-DONG BIOGRAPHY

Lee Chang-dong began a career in theater in his twenties and then moved on to work as a novelist. He made his debut as a film director with GREEN FISH, a "one-of-a-kind" Korean film noir. If GREEN FISH was an exploration of genre conventions and the real world, he continued his exploration of life and the cinema with PEPPERMINT CANDY, in which he experimented with a narrative using flashbacks, and OASIS, in which he questioned the nature of true communication between people. It was with these latter two films that he received critical acclaim as well as popular success not to mention international acclaim and accolades. OASIS earned Lee Chang-dong and lead actress Moon So-ri awards for Best Director and Best New Actress at the Venice Film Festival. In 2003, he was appointed as Minister of Culture and Tourism. When he was relieved from this official position, he directed his fourth film, SECRET SUNSHINE. The superb performance by Jean Do-yeon as the tormented Shin-ae in SECRET SUNSHINE earned her the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival in 2007. His fifth film, POETRY won the best screenplay award from the 63rd Cannes Film Festival and won the prestigious awards at various national and international film festivals. In 2018, Lee Chang-dong released his acclaimed sixth feature, BURNING, which premiered in competition at Cannes where it won the FIPRESCI Prize.



# CAST

Makdong Mi-ae Bae Tae-kon

### **CREW**

Directed by Screenplay by

Produced by Executive Producer Cinematographer Lighting Supervisor Edited by Music by Han Suk-gyu Shim Hye-jin Moon Sung-geun

Lee Chang-dong Lee Chang-dong Oh Seung-wook Yeo Gyun-dong Myung Kay-nam You Young-girl Kim Dong-ho Kim Hyun Lee Dong-jun



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