

MY FANTASTIC FRIEND

# *My Fantastic Friend*

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## Film Details

Year: 2015  
Language: English  
(English, Chinese, Japanese subtitles available)  
Run Time: 11mins  
Genre: Fantasy, Drama  
Color: Color  
Logline: A young boy with autism has to learn not to rely on his guardian angel as much so that he can become more independent.



## Synopsis

Bruce is a young boy with autism who has been assisted by a guardian angel named Estelle. She is overprotective and interferes too much in his life. Feeling that he is being abandoned by her because she holds back, Bruce refuses to accept her apology. Finally Bruce performs a bit better with a crowd and sees Estelle at a distance.



## Target Audience

Special care organizations, elementary school teachers, moms



## Director Statement

“ The best love is to search for happiness oneself and two in love can live their separate lives happily. For our project, we want to show a friendship that ultimately needs to dissolve for the growth of the individual characters.”



## Crew Bio



### **Suzie Liang (Producer / Executive Producer)**

Currently an MFA student at Columbia College Chicago, concentrating in creative producing. She has dual degrees in Advertising and Communication and two-years of work experience in the media industry marketing for Fresh Design Studio. Drawing upon her Chinese heritage, she is heavily involved in the Chicago Arts Community. As a producer at Windmill Chinese Drama Club, as well as an event director in galas and festivals, she targets Asian audiences in prestigious events with thousands of attendees hosted by local named associations like Chinatown Chamber and Horseshoe Casino.

### **Francisco Rodriguez (Writer / Director)**

A native Chicagoan who has also lived in Mexico and California. He studied History as an undergraduate and Secondary Education as a graduate student, both at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a former Chicago Public School teacher, having instructed high school level courses such as World Studies, US History, Contemporary American History, and IB European History. He hopes to make engaging films with themes of culture, memory, and language that give viewers plenty to think about long after the projection ends.





**Boran Zhang (Cinematographer)**

Cinematography from Columbia College Chicago.

**Jared Perkins (Editor)**

Enjoyed the amount of manipulation and control afforded to the post-production process. Has experience with compositing and motion graphics in After Effects along with color correction in DaVinci. The most important element of any project is the story and telling that story in the most effective and entertaining way possible. He always adapts his approach to a project based upon a combination of the director's vision, the content and the story itself.



**Keyu Liu (Composer)**

Majored in composition techniques and composition theory at the Music School of Minzu University of China and currently a graduate student at Columbia College Chicago with majoring in music composition for the screen. In 2012, she joined a famous Band in China called Joking Tasty and performed in the "Bird Nest", the 29<sup>th</sup> Beijing Olympic Games main Stadium. In 2015, she joined Windmill Drama Club as a composer and wrote the original music several plays.

**Charles J. Williams (VFX Artist)**

A editor, motion graphics and VFX artist and Cinematographer from Chicago IL. Graduating from Columbia College Chicago, he has been doing post production for over 6 years working on a variety of productions, film and television alike. His love and knowledge of the post world has transformed to a new career path of cinematographer with being DP'ing 5 short films this year, and is slated to shoot more next year.







## Cast Bio



### **Sean Zhang (Bruce)**

Born in 2006 in Shanghai, China and spend his early years growing up there. Sean began taking acting lessons at the School of Performing Arts in Naperville, IL when he was in elementary school. In his spare time, Sean plays piano, karate and hockey. He got a 3rd place in 2015 USA National Karate Championships. He is a travel hockey team in NIHL.

### **Moira Hughes (Angel Estelle)**

Played the role of Daphne in the feature film, The Secret Santa, on TLC. She has appeared in several short films including Intervention (Chicago Shorts Film Festival Audience Choice Winner). Besides theater experience, Moira has held principal roles in several commercials, for Embassy Suites, Toys'R'Us, Cox Communications, Fathead.com, Narcolepsy Awareness, Pulse Canada; the music video, and in a webisode for The Onion.



### **Killian Hughes (Cody the Bully)**

Held principal roles in the multiple short films. He recently completed an extended run of Our New Girl, a Midwest premiere at Profiles Theatre. Some of other theater credits include Gypsy at Chicago Shakespeare Theater; A Christmas Carol at Drury Lane Oakbrook; Whistle Down the Wind at Jedlicka Performing Arts Center; The Secret Garden at Edge of the Wood theatre; Nine at BAM Theatre's College Intensive; Something Wicked, Shakespeare's Macbeth Re-envisioned at Transcendent

Ensemble Theatre Company.

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## Production Stills



# Director's giving instruction



# Sound's ready



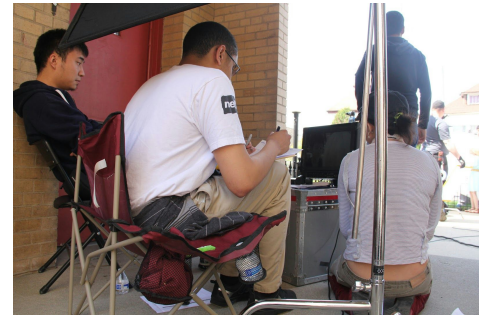
# Lighting setup



# Hair & Makeup



# Casts are ready



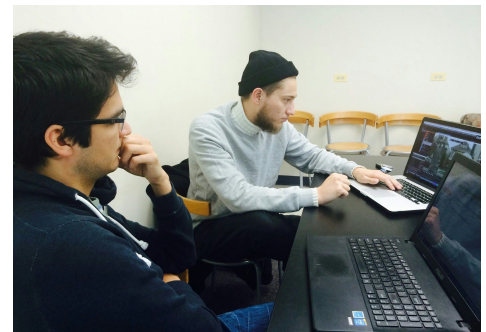
# Watching monitor



# Slate in



# How do we look on screen?



# Post production meeting



## Credits

Producer-----Suzie Liang  
Director-----Francisco Rodriguez

### Casts

Bruce -----Sean Zhang  
Angel Estelle -----Moiria Hughes  
Cody the Bully-----Killian Hughes  
Uncle George-----Paul Moy  
Mrs. Matthew -----Cassandra Nelson  
Deeper Voice-----Katherine Elmore  
Parent #1 -----Lourdes Quinones  
Parent #2 -----Alvin Richard  
Parent #3 -----Matt Hughes  
Classmate #1 -----Lance Laquil  
Classmate #2 -----Chanel Hayes  
Classmate #3 -----Malk Waddy  
Kids -----Kaltlyn Moy  
-----Joshua Moy  
-----Kalen Ponce  
-----Nicole Lee Bonilla  
-----Sylvia Moy  
-----Zhuoying Liang  
-----Jiayan Wu  
-----Chen Li  
-----You Li  
-----Rachael Gu  
-----Kacy Laquil  
-----Kyle Laquil

### Camera Dept

Cinematographer-----Boran Zhang  
Camera Operator-----Mauricio Venture  
First AC -----Ben Stevenson  
First AC -----Tyler Vinezeano  
Second AC -----Yicheng Xue  
D.I.T -----Dustin Moravick  
Still Photographer -----Dustin Moravick  
Still Photographer -----Charles Williams

### Art Dept

Production Designer -----Kyra Koonce  
Art Director -----Ren Mulligan  
Graphic Designer -----Hecheng Xu  
Graphic Designer -----Ren Mulligan  
Graphic Designer -----Jiayue Yu  
Set Designer -----Irene Krygowski  
Hair & Make-up -----Rachel Stiles  
Wardrobe -----Kyra Koonce

### Sound Dept

Sound Mixer-----Yuanjing Xu  
Boom Operator -----Chengqin Tang  
Boom Operator -----Joshua Alred

### Production Dept

First AD -----David Janaklev  
Line Producer -----Gerado Duran  
Second AD -----Bernie O'Brien  
Script Supervisor -----Adam Herbert  
Script Supervisor -----Bernie O'Brien  
Production Coordinator -----Shenita Murphy  
Production Assistant -----Joshua Alfred  
Production Assistant -----Samuel Selby  
Production Assistant -----Zach Cajigas

### Post Dept

Editor -----Jared Perkins  
VFX Artist -----Charles Williams  
Animation Artist -----Yuen Li  
Sound Designer -----Chris Colabella  
Music Composer -----Keyu Liu

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The Martinez Family	The Hughes Family
The Zhang Family	



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