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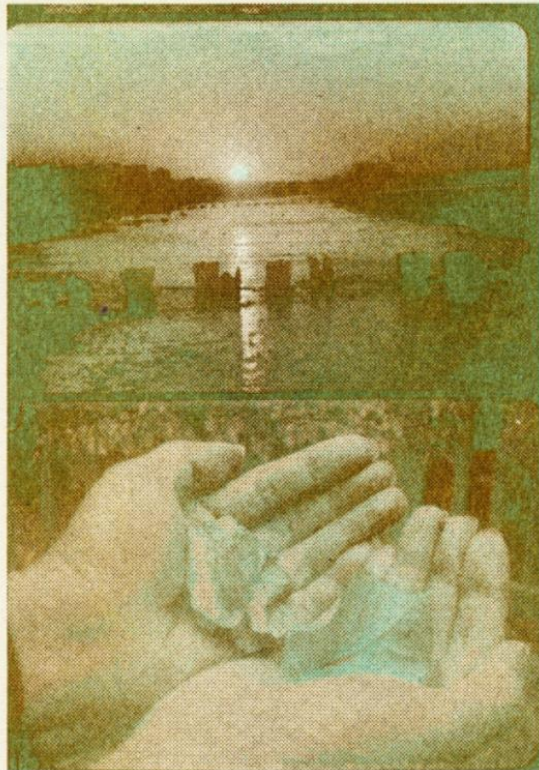


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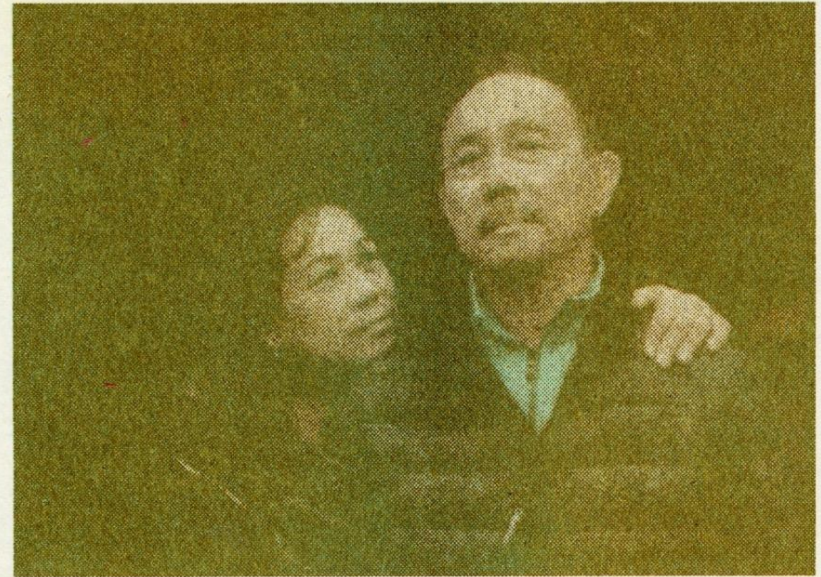
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2023, 7 Minutes, 16mm to digital, by Vi Tuong Bui



Thời Thơ Ấu explores my understanding of my *bố mẹ* as people outside of their roles as my parents through looking at how they dream for their late parents and homeland as former refugees of the US War in Vietnam / Vietnam War. What concessions will I need to make to begin to see my parents as expansive individuals? What will I gain from embracing them in their fullness?

I collected their dreams, stories, and memories using 16mm and Vietnamese and in my childhood home in Annandale, Virginia and Queens, New York. Vietnamese is the mother tongue of my parents, but English is the language I know myself by. We spoke in Vietnamese for the making of this film, and I slowly translated their words to English.

for bố mẹ

Credits

Starring Lan Bui and Tuan Bui

Directed, produced, edited, and translated by Vi Tuong Bui

Cinematography by Vi Tuong Bui, Sunyoung Kim, Khaile Forbes

Sound by Sunyoung Kim, Reb Ngu

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Biography of Director

Vi Tuong Bui (she/her) is a queer photographer and filmmaker based in Brooklyn, New York. She is the daughter of former boat refugees from the American War in Vietnam / Vietnam War. Vi's practice is in 16mm, and her work often explores memory; intergenerational trauma / healing; and Vietnamese and Asian American identity. She was a 2022-2023 Production Workshop Fellow at Third World Newsreel. During the summer of 2023 Vi was an artist resident at Casa Do Xisto (Barcelos, Portugal). Her films have screened at Visual Studies Workshop, Anthology Film Archives, New Orleans Film Festival, Beijing International Short Film Festival, The Museum of Modern Art among others. Vi teaches 16mm color film making at Mono No Aware.

Short biography: **Vi Tuong Bui** (she/her) is a Vietnamese American, queer photographer and filmmaker based in Brooklyn, New York.



A sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water's surface. Several birds are seen flying in the sky above the water. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges, yellows, and reds.

Screenings

Plex Arts Festival - Burlington, VT, May 25, 2024

Moviate Underground Film Festival - Harrisburg, PA, May 19, 2024

CAAMFest - San Francisco, CA, May 18 2024

Third Horizon Film Festival - Miami, FL, May 10 2024

VC Film Fest (Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival) - LA, CA, May 10 2024

Milwaukee Underground Film Festival - Milwaukee, WI, April 26 2024

Film Diary NYC - Brooklyn, NY, January 2024

Beijing International Short Film Festival - Beijing, China, December 2023

New Orleans Film Festival, November 2023

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