

David Borenstein, Denmark, 2016 11

73 min. | DK/Documentary



Yana is a 24-year-old rural migrant who recently arrived in Chongqing to pursue her "Chinese Dream." Drawn by the glamour and easy riches of China's historic real estate boom, she opens a foreigner rental agency designed to help Chinese real estate developers market their new developments. But this business takes a dubious turn as her foreigners are increasingly used in a surreal effort to turn remote rural ghost towns into "globalized booming cities" on the days that outside investors and political leaders visit. When the inevitable happens and the real estate bubble starts to pop, Yana is forced to sell her company and reassess everything she ever believed in. Shot over several years, the film is at once a personal story and an on-the-ground chronicle of one of the most critical economic issues of our time.

Basic information

Credits

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Materials

Original title	Dream Empire
Danish title	Den kinesiske drøm
Keywords	China, Young people, Young women, Entrepreneurs, Residences, Neighborhoods, 2010-2019
Director	David Borenstein
Producer	Jesper Jack
Director of Photography	Lars Skree
Editor	Anders Villadsen , Christian Einshøj
Composer	Jason Prover
Production country	Denmark
Domestic distribution	Det Danske Filminstitut
Danish theatrical release	16.03.2017
Cinemas	Cinematket CPH:PIX 2017
Comment	First feature documentary by American director and anthropologist David Borenstein, who started making Dream Empire while in China doing a PhD on the country's housing boom. The film was selected for IDFA's First Appearance competition.
DFI subsidy	Konsulentstøtte
Danish rating	Allowed for children over the age of 11

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