

# Zhang Zhehan's Documentary August Wins Best Documentary at ARFF Film Festival in Amsterdam

*Actor and Director Highlights Chinese Culture at Amsterdam Event*

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, December 2, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ranyi Music, the managing company for [Zhang Zhehan](#), announced that the Chinese actor and director received the Best Documentary award for his debut film, [August](#), at the 2024 ARFF Film Festival in Amsterdam.

Zhang attended the event in a striking traditional brown-and-gold Chinese ensemble, seamlessly blending cultural heritage with modern sophistication. The festival also invited him to serve as a jury member for its 2024–2025 edition.

In his acceptance speech, Zhang expressed heartfelt gratitude to the festival organizers, his dedicated creative team, and his family. Reflecting on the essence of August, he credited his family's unwavering support for giving him the strength to rise again and face every "August."

Zhang later reflected on his journey creating August in an [Instagram post](#), offering deeper insights into his experience. Drawing inspiration from the doors and windows he observed during his travels from Shangri-La to Lhasa, he wrote:

"Life can really knock us down, and when we fall into those doors, we might find ourselves in darkness or light—or perhaps both." He continued:

"I never thought I'd be standing here as a director; it feels like fate has gently pushed me through this unexpected door."



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Concluding his reflections, Zhang spoke of the courage and perseverance needed to overcome life's challenges and expressed his hope to inspire others:

"Let's keep the energy going and light the way for others."

August draws from Zhang's personal experiences, intertwining self-reflection with encounters across diverse landscapes. Beginning in Shangri-La, Yunnan, and journeying through places like Nyingchi and Medog before reaching Lhasa, Xizang, the documentary delves into human connections, the passage of time, and the relationship between people and nature.

Its heartfelt storytelling has resonated widely, earning additional accolades such as Best Half-Length Film at Spain's MADFA Film Awards and Best Screenplay at France's Red Movie Awards.

As Zhang transitions between filmmaking and music, he is preparing to release a new single, *Lost in London*, later this year.

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*Zhang Zhehan*

Inspired by his experiences studying in Europe, the song vividly captures a day wandering through London's streets, from morning coffee aromas to graffiti-covered walls and iconic landmarks like London Bridge. Infused with inventive musical elements, the track highlights Zhang's storytelling prowess and artistic depth.

In a further artistic milestone, Zhang will hold his first outdoor concert, *Yeah*, on January 5, 2025, at a beach in Thailand. The event represents a shift in theme from the introspective *Chase to Yeah*, which Zhang described as "letting go of the past and embracing the vastness of the world ahead." With new choreography, bold fashion choices, and an immersive natural setting, Zhang aims to create a unique celebration of music and life, offering audiences an unforgettable experience.

Through film, music, and live performances, Zhang Zhehan continues to captivate audiences worldwide with his commitment to authentic storytelling and cultural expression.



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Zhang Zhehan in a traditional brown-and-gold Chinese ensemble

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