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Running Time

20 minutes

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Production Company:

NOW PRODUCTION

Edited by

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Computer Graphic

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TRISTAN CUMMINS

MIKE MULLENHOFF

PAWEL NUCKOWSKI

HUN-DONG YU

GYU WOOK HWANG

HYUNHO KO

Sound Design



LOGLINE

Korean-American Journalist Jinyoung Lee Won explores the 120 years of the inspiring Korean immigration history to Hawaii and their contributions to the Rainbow State.

SYNOPSIS

Journalist Jinyoung Lee Won explores the inspiring history of Koreans in Hawaii. 102 Koreans came to Hawaii on January 13, 1903, starting the Korean immigration to the Americas. This small and forlorn group made incredible sacrifices and started the influx of Korean culture and heritage on the Hawaiian Islands. Jinyoung interviews various people in a look back on the lives of these Korean immigrants. This is to shed light on one of the colors of the Hawaiian rainbow that is Korea. It also discusses the values toward each other in this unique time of ethnicism amidst a pandemic.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Living in Hawaii since 2005, I discovered some fascinating stories behind the beauty that the islands are known for. *Words of Wisdom from the Rainbow State* is about the story many of us, including myself, had no clue about.

The wisdom of the first Korean immigrants ancestors in Hawaii have helped me to understand how differences and love do not have to be disparate, but can and have worked together in the Rainbow State.

This is a recording of the past whilst seeking direction for the future, and we hope it would be an encouraging and inspiring message to the younger generations of today who are trying to navigate an uncertain present.





UPCOMING EPISODE

Jinyoung Lee Won interviews five direct descendants of the first generation of Korean immigrants in a look back on the lives of our ancestors, recording their wisdom so that it will not be forgotten. This is to shed light on, and more fully understand, one of the colors of the Hawaiian rainbow that is Korea.

Episode 01

We meet with third-generation Korean American writer Gary Pak in a botanical garden on the island of Oahu. His grandmother Ok Soon Lim was a so-called 'picture bride' who came to Hawaii from Korea in 1910. The writer provides profound insight into the words of love passed down by his grandmother, who raised a dozen children in a foreign land.

Episode 02

Harry Kim is a household name on the Big Island of Hawaii. The former mayor of Hilo was born as the youngest among eight children from a sugarcane plantation worker and a picture bride from Korea. The role of his parents was crucial in Harry's becoming a leading Hawaiian political figure.



UPCOMING EPISODE

Episode 03

The former Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Ronald Moon, discusses his grandfather's arrival in Hawaii from Korea a century ago. Like others in those first waves of Korean immigrants to America, they carried little more than their culture, their values and a strong work ethic. Moon said. 'I have no reservations in saying that if not for my parents' teachings and values, I certainly would not be here.'

Episode 04

In 2015, former Korean Ambassador to the United States, Yang Sung-Chul, and his wife Professor Daisy Yang pledged one million dollars to the Center for Korean Studies at the University of Hawaii. This couple, residing in Korea, had good reason to donate to this faraway institution in Hawaii.

Episode 05

Michael Lim, a violinist of the Hawaii Symphony, tries to learn more about his great-grandparents. From the viewpoint of their great-grandson, we gaze into the lives of this courageous couple and their legacy in the history of the Hawaiian Korean community.

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER

Jinyoung Lee Won

Words of Wisdom From the Rainbow State is Jinyoung Lee Won's debut work as a director. Majoring in Journalism at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea, she was captivated by the beauty of Hawaii on her first visit and decided to move to the islands for good in 2005.

Jinyoung has worked in radio and as a news anchor for a Korean television station in Honolulu. Also, she has written multiple books on Hawaii, and her essays on life in Hawaii have earned her accolades in the Dongsuh Literary Awards and the Overseas Koreans Literary Awards. Currently, she is an editor of *Hana Hou!* Korean edition and also a content creator for Hawaii Tourism Korea.

Jinyoung is the winner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Digital Contents Competition, which was a significant contributor to the production of *Words of Wisdom From the Rainbow State*.

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CO-PRODUCER & EDITOR

Doyeon Lim

Doyeon co-produced and edited Words of Wisdom from the Rainbow State. He majored in Film, TV, and Multimedia at Sungkyunkwan University. Doyeon's first film The Way to SF was invited to the 2013 Seoul Independent Film Festival, and he then participated in an independent documentary film Why I Left Both Koreas as a post-production director and editor. Doyeon also has worked as an assistant director in EBS television in South Korea for the documentary program Knowledge Channel E and History Channel E. Currently, he is head producer of Sole Pictures, the production company that he founded in 2014.

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SCREENINGS

Festival Screenings:

Official Invitation to *Hawaii International Film Festival / Pacific Short Program*

Finalist at *Stockholm City Film Festival*

Official Selection at *Tagore International Film Festival*

Community Screening

For schools and organizations, we can bring *Words of Wisdom from the Rainbow State* to you followed by a Q&A session with the director.

Screening for classrooms can be organized at no charge.

Screening is available after December 11, 2011.

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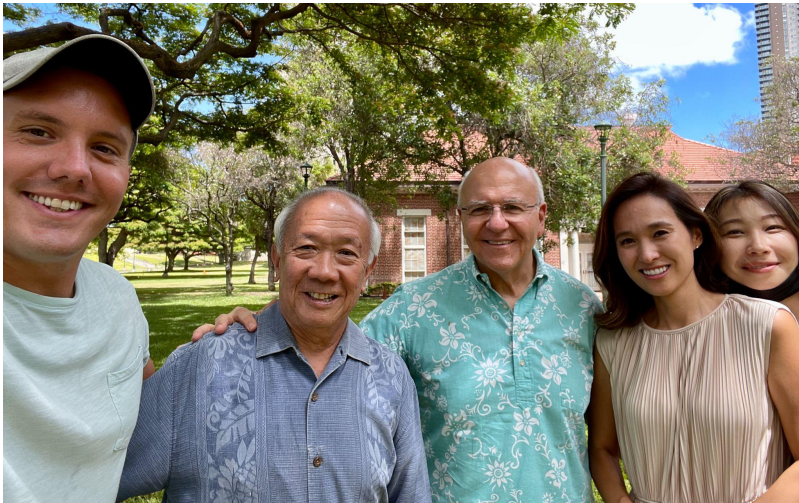
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