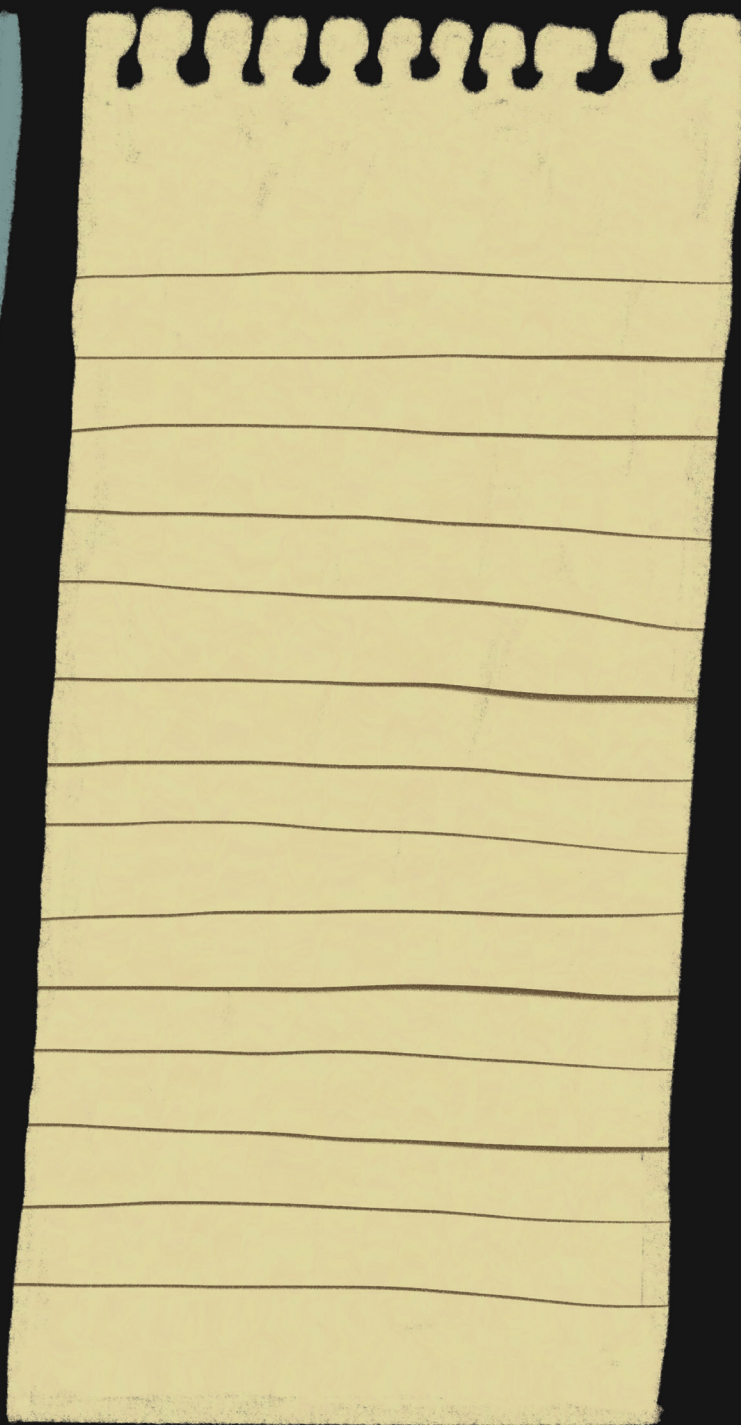
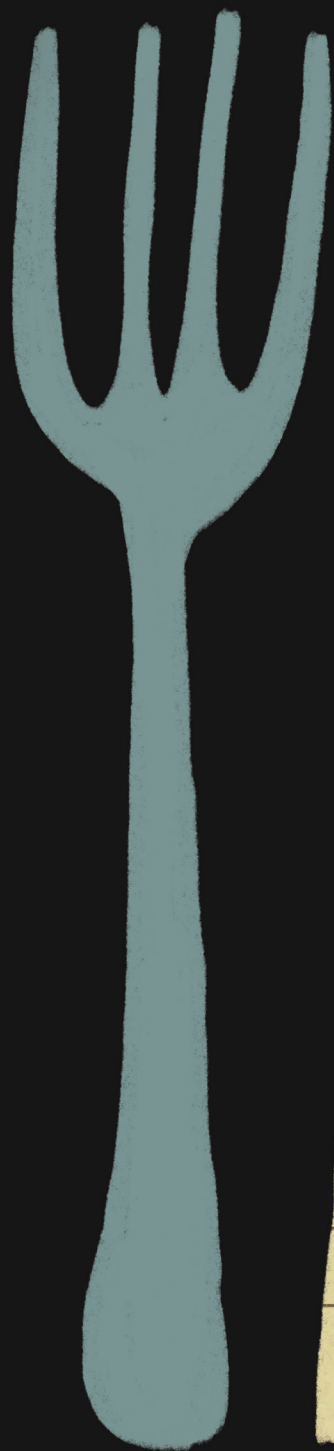


# *Kie Kie, Ollie*



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**Directed by** James Michael Chiang

**Written by** James Michael Chiang & Oliver Chiang

**Produced by** Aastha Khajuria

**Starring** Oliver Chiang

## FILM SYNOPSIS

Feeling split between his Chinese heritage and Canadian upbringing, Ollie attempts to learn Mandarin as a means of connecting with his family history. But, as an adult, he discovers that his path to understanding his biracial identity is unexpectedly complicated.

**(9 mins), Canada, 2023**



## CREDITS

**Directed by** James Michael Chiang

**Written by** James Michael Chiang & Oliver Chiang

**Produced by** Aastha Khajuria

**Starring** Oliver Chiang

**Director of Photography** Shady Hanna

**Production Designer** Flora Yin

**Casting Director** Andrew Deiters

**Editor** Calum Moore

**Colourist** Wade Odium

**Original Score** Ali Helnwein

**Sound Mix & Design** Omid Geadizadeh

**Associate Producer** Jeremiah Lapointe

**JAMES MICHAEL CHIANG** WRITER/DIRECTOR

James Michael Chiang is a Chinese-Canadian writer-director based in Toronto, Canada. As a filmmaker, his work shares a dogmatic preference for telling raw, genuine human stories that are visually true to spirit. “Xie Xie, Ollie” is his directorial narrative short debut.





## CAST LIST

**Ollie**  
Oliver Chiang

**Teacher**  
Selena Kang

**Keen Student 1**  
Deanah Notice

**Keen Student 2**  
Doug Friesen

**Students**  
Lu Zhang  
Vasilis Glezakos  
Shelagh Magee  
Jeremiah Lapointe  
Jackie Friesen  
Paul Chiang  
Moriah Chiang

**Roommates**  
Jake Shannon  
Esfandiar Baraheni

**Flower Shop Owner**  
Yee Ling Wong

**Grandma**  
Xiu Fen Song

**Uncle Kenny**  
Ronald Hae

**Uncle David**  
Adrian Tam

**Aunt Carol**  
Shelly Honey

**Ollie's Mom**  
Andrea Chiang

**Waiter**  
Jacky Cai

**Additional Extended Family Members**  
Ronald Hae  
Bryan Mo  
Yollanda Zhang  
Caitlyn Mo  
Ming Song

**Restaurant Background**  
Mikaela Cordero  
Joanna Lau  
Lisa Wang  
Paul Bolasco  
Jack Nguyen  
Andrew Dao  
Sura Asmaiel  
Jason Bhattacharya  
Lara Alghoul



## DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Growing up biracial, I never felt like I fully identified as Chinese, White or either concurrently, yet socially I felt required to. In conversing with many other biracial friends and people alike, I understand this feeling is pervasive as much as it is a common, unifying narrative thread; our identity is often challenged and denigrated even among our own communities let alone externally. “Xie, Xie Ollie” is loosely inspired by a collection of moments from my life, but overall explores the intersection of personal identity and public acceptance. The film provides an intimate look at racial identity from the perspective of family, friends and others, and I’m extremely excited to share it with everyone.

- James Michael Chiang



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