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**SEAN WANG'S AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY SHORT 'NǎI NAI AND WÀI PÓ'
ACQUIRED BY DISNEY BRANDED TELEVISION**

**Following SXSW and AFI Fest Grand Jury Wins and a Spot on the IDA Short List,
'NǎI NAI AND WÀI PÓ' Will Screen at Doc NYC on Nov. 11**

**Disney To Relaunch Historic 'People & Places' Short-Film Series Initiated in the 1950s With This
Oscar®-Qualified Short Documentary**

Disney Branded Television announced today that it has acquired first-generation Taiwanese American filmmaker Sean Wang's "Nǎi Nai and Wài Pó." The film, slated to stream in 2024 on Disney+, is a celebration of Sean Wang's grandmothers (his Nǎi Nai and Wài Pó). This multigenerational story follows this grandma super team that dances, stretches and farts their sorrows away. This will be in the first installment of the "People & Places" relaunch, Walt Disney's award-winning documentary short film series from the 1950s and 1960s. The collection of short documentary films will feature a mix of up-and-coming and established filmmakers telling the real-life stories of extraordinary people and places from around the globe that embody the Disney ethos.

"'Nǎi Nai and Wài Pó' embodies the essence of Walt Disney's storytelling legacy with its deep emotional impact and focus on family," said Marjon Javadi, vice president of Original Documentaries, Disney Branded Television. "As we celebrate 100 years of The Walt Disney Company, Sean Wang reminds us, through his grandmothers' beautiful relationship, that we can find magic in the every day at any age."

After making its world premiere at SXSW — taking home the Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award — the film went on to make the IDA shortlist and win Grand Jury Awards at AFI Fest and SIFF 2023, along with the Audience Award at The Wrap 2023 Shortlist Film Festival and Special Jury Recognition at LAAPFF 2023. Other selections include Rooftop Films Summer Series, Palm Springs ShortsFest, CAAM Fest 2023 and Aesthetica Film Festival 2023.

With dialogue in Mandarin and English, the film is directed by Sean Wang, who is also a producer, along with Sam Davis (Academy Award®-winning short "Period. End of Sentence.") and Emmy®-nominated Malcolm Pullinger. Wang is currently in post-production on his feature film "DiDi," which is being produced by Disney alumni Carlos López Estrada and was selected for the 2023 Sundance Screenwriters Lab and Directors Lab. Additionally, Wang was selected to be part of the Project Advancement and Completion Fund, a collaboration between the Sundance Institute and The Walt Disney Company. This initiative provides resources and support to nine directors to advance their projects.

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