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Producer Min Dai Teams with Carl Gilliard for Comedy TV Series that Muses on Love and Marriage Matters

New comedic TV series shows men 'they aren't alone'

LOS ANGELES, CA, September 16, 2015 /24-7PressRelease/ -- Filmmakers Carl Gilliard and Min Dai are pleased to announce a dynamic new half-hour comedy TV series based on Gilliard's blog - "Twice Married Brother" - that covers ranging topics on love and marriage.

Gilliard, a seasoned actor who has appeared in Paramount's "Coach Carter" starring Samuel L. Jackson, Wes Craven's "Red Eye" and Christopher Nolan's Oscar winner, "Inception," created "Twice Married Brother" and will star in the series that is inspired by true events.

"I started my career as an actor in 1985," Gilliard said. "My passion for film and acting had always been an issue in my previous marriage. I had to choose between my career and my wife constantly. My first marriage ended in 2013, and I married my current wife, Latonya, who will co-produce the show."

Gilliard has amassed more than 75 credits in his extraordinary career including producing and directing the award-winning feature drama, "Section 8." He's appeared on television in CBS' "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," Lifetime's hit "Strong Medicine" developed by Whoopi Goldberg, Fox's Golden Globe winning, "24" and more than three dozen other series.

The "Twice Married Brother" TV project - which is to receive an updated title - is an opportunity for Gilliard to parlay true to life experiences into episodic television. "It started off as a musing online blog, and soon was adapted into a play," he said. "The show is founded to encourage men and to put my thoughts as a man out there to show them they aren't alone."

Dai, who is producing, worked with Gilliard previously on the 2014 short film - "Meeting Gary" - that she executive produced, directed and wrote, and Gilliard starred in.

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"Min is terrific," Gilliard said. "Having previously worked with her, I know that she will play an extension of my strength and bring many surprises."

Of "Twice Married Brother," Dai said, "It's a comedy series that takes on interesting perspectives on marriage and love. The show debates one marriage problem at a time in each episode. Such genre became hugely popular lately with the hit shows like "Lucky Louie" on HBO and "The Jim Gaffigan Show" on CBS. It will become an interesting lesson for many men and women who are willing to laugh with it."

Gilliard played the principal role of Gary in "Meeting Gary," which is a powerful drama that follows the story of a neglected and troubled young boy who dreams of becoming a professional dancer. The film was co-produced by the legendary film-TV veteran Bill Duke, who famously acted alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Commando" and "Predator," with Steven Seagal in "Exit Wounds" and with Mel Gibson in "Bird on a Wire" and "Payback."

"Meeting Gary" screened at nine distinguished film festivals and was nominated last year for Best Short Film awards at the San Francisco Black Film Festival and at the Texas Black Film Festival.

"What I like about Min being a producer is that she's a filmmaker first," Gilliard said. "That's the gift of really great producers in Hollywood. Min has the ability to give the others a level of comfort."

Her filmography to date perfectly exemplifies such ability and supports Gilliard's sentiments. Dai produced the short comedy, "Device," that was directed by Alice Millar won the Best Screenwriting Award at the Women's Independent Film Festival in 2013. "Device" was an official selection of the International Film Festival of Cinematic Arts and screened at the Cannes Short Film Corner in France.

In 2012, Dai produced, directed and wrote the short comedy, "Eat a Hot Dumpling Slowly," that was a finalist at the Asians on Film Festival. She produced Perla Cruz's "4 Latas" that was an official selection at the Latino Film Festival van Vlaanderen (Belgium), at the FEMCINE3 / Women's Film Festival Santiago (Chile) and at the Festival Internacional de Cine Derechos Humanos (Argentina).

In 2015, Dai produced the Momo Lee Aoi documentary, "Wake Up with Me," that's now in post-production and analyzes the effects of social media on a group of New Yorkers seeking meaningful human connections. She served as producer for Aoi's 2014 short comedy, "Icebox" starring Tony Denman ("Fargo") and Adam LaVorgna ("7th Heaven"), and "Mushrooms" in 2011.

Dai, originally from Beijing, moved to New York City in 2010 where she produced and directed her first documentary, "You and Me." The film analyzed how nursing homes obtain funding from the U.S. government and was used for fundraising in a Washington County election. The project was a unique, immersive experience where Dai and her crew lived among elders in a nursing home, and became acquainted with its residents.

Dai also produced Wilson Becton's short musical comedy, "One True Yarn," which was named an official selection at both the Brooklyn and Yonkers Film Festivals earlier this year.

Before bringing her career to the U.S., Dai started as a program producer at the China Central Television Station (CCTV), CCTV China Radio and the Film and TV Programs Exchange Center. There, she produced acclaimed series such as "Mission for Peace," "King of Silk" and "China Road."

Now in development, the "Twice Married Brother" project is eyeing a home on a faith-based TV network. "Mr. Gilliard himself is a dedicated Christian believer and has been devoting himself in community church works," said Dai. "I believe with our new comedy series his effortless sense of humor and down to earth story telling will create a hit for people who have been or are going through the same problems."

For more information, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/MinIMDb> (<http://tinyurl.com/MinIMDb>) and <http://tinyurl.com/GilliardIMDb> (<http://tinyurl.com/GilliardIMDb>) .

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