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## CHINA COMES OF AGE THIS SUMMER ON ZEITGEIST DVD

New York, May 23, 2008 — From the award-winning director of the acclaimed PBS series *China: A Century of Revolution* (also available from Zeitgeist in a three-disc set), Zeitgeist bows ***Young & Restless in China***. Premiering on PBS' *Frontline* on June 17 (in a shorter version), this captivating new documentary delves into the personal and professional tribulations of nine ambitious twenty- and thirty-somethings on the eve of China's "global coming-out party"—the 2008 Summer Olympics.

From 2004 to 2007, director Sue Williams filmed the lives of nine young men and women as they have strived to keep up with the phenomenal pace of change in their country and confronted the clash of traditional Chinese ideals with an increasingly pervasive consumerism. They see in their future new job opportunities that offer liberation from rural poverty, as well as Western-inspired hopes for female empowerment, artistic expression and an ethically responsible government—but their country has not always caught up with them. A number of the men start new businesses only to balk at China's entrenched corruption, while women find themselves able to excel professionally but struggle to escape demands from their family and culture to prioritize family. With touching intimacy, these characters bare their hopes and missteps, and give voice to a generation caught between eras. ***Young & Restless in China streets on July 29, 2008.***

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"A stunning, sweeping look at a country amid a frenzied if thoroughly compromised process of self-reinvention!" —*Los Angeles Times*

"★★★★! Engaging.... At its best, *Young & Restless in China* plays like a prosaic complement to the films of Jia Zhangke [*The World, Still Life*]." —*Time Out New York*

"For all the stress about the coming Olympics and human-rights violations, *Young & Restless* makes it clear that for the Chinese themselves, their problems are much more personal...." —*The Onion A.V. Club*

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**DVD SPECIAL FEATURES:** New anamorphic transfer of the theatrical version of the film, created from Hi-Def materials and enhanced for widescreen TVs • Original promotional reel, featuring footage not included in the final film • Optional English subtitles for the deaf and hearing impaired • Director's statement

### YOUNG & RESTLESS IN CHINA

2008 • 106 minutes • U.S. • Color • Stereo • In English, and some Mandarin with English subtitles • 1.78:1 original aspect ratio

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Celebrating its 20th Anniversary as one of America's preeminent independent distributors, New York-based Zeitgeist Films has built an impressively diverse catalogue of foreign, documentary and arthouse titles by such renowned directors as Todd Haynes, Jan Svankmajer, Peter Greenaway, Abbas Kiarostami, Guy Maddin, Kirby Dick, Atom Egoyan, Agnès Varda, François Ozon, Derek Jarman, Yvonne Rainer, Olivier Assayas, Philippe Garrel and the Quay Brothers. Recent releases include Oscar winner *Nowhere in Africa*; blockbuster doc *The Corporation*; dance doc hit *Ballets Russes*; Himalayan charmer *Travellers & Magicians*; Oscar nominee *Sophie Scholl—The Final Days*; Oscar nominee *My Country, My Country*; Sundance winner *Into Great Silence*; Caméra d'Or winner *Jellyfish*; and 2008 Golden Gate Award winner *Up the Yangtze*. Launched in 2001, Zeitgeist Video has released dozens of highly praised DVDs, including Varda's National Society of Film Critics honoree *The Gleaners and I* and two-disc box set *Greenaway: The Early Films*. Recently released: Garrel's masterful May '68 drama *Regular Lovers*; the remastered Two-Disc Collector's Edition of Quay Brothers shorts, entitled *Phantom Museums*; and Jennifer Baichwal's Independent Spirit nominee *Manufactured Landscapes*.