

## INTRODUCING CLARA LAW

### **Biography**

- Born 1957 in Macau
- Moved to Hong Kong in 1967
- Earned English Literature degree from University of Hong Kong
- Took job with Radio Television Hong Kong in 1978
  - Producing
  - Screenwriting
  - Directing
- Moved to England 1982-1985 to study directing and writing at National Film and Television School
- Emigrated to Australia in 1995



Image source: Asian Media Wiki

#### Law and Film Movements

- "Second Wave" Hong Kong director (mid 1980s-1990s)
  - Exploration of contemporary social issues
  - Awareness of history and its connection to identity
  - Exploration of Hong Kong's identity as a place and a people
  - Aesthetic innovation (lush visuals, quick editing, urban setting)



Law on set of Like a Dream (2009). Image source: Persona Films

## Filmography



Image source:

**World Socialist Web Site** 

- Red Earth (2010)
- Like a Dream | Ru Meng (2009)
- Letters to Ali (2004)
- The Goddess of 1967 (2000)
- Floating Life (1996)
- The Great Emperor's Concubine | Xi chubawang (1994)
- "Wonton Soup" segment of Erotique (1994)
- <u>Temptation of a Monk</u> | You Seng (1993)
- Autumn Moon | Qiu yue (1992)
- Fruit Punch | Yes! yi zu (1991)
- Farewell China | Ai zai bie xiang de ji jie (1990)
- The Reincarnation of Golden Lotus | Pan Jin Lian zhi qian shi jin sheng (1989)
- The Other ½ & the Other ½ | Wo ai tai kong ren (1988)
- They Say the Moon Is Fuller Here (1985)

# Thematic Concerns

- Question of cultural identity
- Migration and diaspora
- Cross cultural encounters
- Relationship between self and other
- Status of refugees



Still from Autumn Moon (1992).
Image source: Queensland National Gallery