

Journey of Change premieres



Alaric Tay introduces his film at the Queensland College of Art theatre Aug. 21 and chats with audience members afterwards.

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BRISBANE, QLD – Alaric Tay's short film *A Journey of Change* was screened at the Queensland College of Art theatre on Saturday night Aug. 21.

The documentary-style film explores the effects of WCG's major theological and doctrinal shifts since 1986 on the Singapore congregation, of which Alaric is a member.

More than 100 people attended the screening, including students and faculty of the Griffith University Film School where Alaric is currently studying, WCG members and friends, and former church members.

During his introduction at the premiere, one of his lecturers, Anne Smallwood, praised Alaric's integrity, initiative and leadership, as well as the quality of his film. She commented that he provided an example of the energy and commitment required to be successful in the field.

The premiere of the film was also being filmed by a documentary crew from Alaric's class. They accompanied him to services in Brisbane East in the afternoon and then documented the preparations which were being coordinated by a group of young adults from the Brisbane East congregation.

The 24-minute film was Alaric's fourth directorial effort since 2000. His previous films have been screened at a number of film festivals in Asia. He has also built a substantial acting resumé since launching his career at age 17, appearing in 11 television shows or series, including leading roles in two telemovies, a docudrama and a popular drama-comedy in Singapore called *Money*. He has also appeared in six films and in numerous stage shows. He is currently pursuing film and television studies at Griffith University.

Alaric said he had received a lot of positive response to the film and looked forward to sharing it more widely.

The Journey of Change website is at www.journeyofchange.cjb.net