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LILY MARIYE'S *MODEL MINORITY*
SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR THE FESTIVAL GRAND JURY AWARD
AT THE LOS ANGELES ASIAN PACIFIC FILM FESTIVAL

Model Minority to Premiere at the LAAPFF on May 11, 2012

Actor and now award-winning screenwriter and director, Lily Mariye, who's her first feature film *Model Minority* will premiere at the LA Asian Pacific Film Festival has been selected as a finalist for the Festival Grand Jury Award in Narrative Feature Filmmaking. An annual component of The Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival the Award is to be presented during the Festival's Closing Night program on Thursday, May 17, 2012, and serves to promote the continued achievements of our community of Asian Pacific American cinema artists.

Model Minority was written, directed and co-produced by Lily Mariye (best known for her role on ER as Nurse Jarvik, and her award-winning short film "*The Shangri-la Café*"). The film stars Jessica Tuck (*True Blood*), Laura Innes (*The Event, Awake*), and Helen Slater (*The Lying Game, City Slickers*). *Model Minority* is the story of Kayla Tanaka (Nichole O'Connor), an underprivileged Japanese-American 16-year old, who endangers her promising future as an aspiring artist when she becomes involved with a drug dealer. The film includes Takayo Fischer (*Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*), Chris Tashima (Academy Award winner/Live Action Short film in 2001), and music by three-time Grammy nominee, saxophonist Boney James. (www.modelminoritymovie.com)

Model Minority will premiere on Friday, May 11, 2012, 7:00pm, and screen again Tuesday, May 15 at 9:15pm at the CGV Cinemas, 621 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90005. For information on LAAPFF and tickets go to <http://asianfilmfestla.org/2012/fest-info>.

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