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'Adrift' is a meditative import from Vietnam

By [John Petkovic, The Plain Dealer](#)
March 22, 2010, 12:00AM

There's something meditative yet suffocating about Bui Thac Chuyen's story of unfulfilled desire during one rainy summer in Hanoi.

There are the newlyweds -- who seem like an unhappy couple, but you never get the feeling that they think about it or even expect to be happy. Then there's the writer, a woman tormented that the bride, the object of her desire, is married to the man. And not just because he's a do-nothing.

At times, "Adrift" seems to be a film about sexual and emotional repression. But as it unfolds, there's something else at work, revealed bit by bit -- which is what makes "Adrift" unique.

This isn't about repression; it's about locating desire buried so deep inside that you didn't know it was even there. Then comes the problem: navigating with it in a place where desires are unfulfilled.



CIFF

REVIEW

Adrift

What: A meditation on unfulfilled desire in Hanoi. (2009/Vietnam) 110 minutes. In Vietnamese with English subtitles.

When: 11:45 a.m. Monday and 9:25 p.m. Tuesday in the Cleveland International Film Festival.

Grade: B

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