



**Critical Acclaim For  
'HOOLIGAN SPARROW'**

By Nanfu Wang

"Admirably gutsy . . . 'Hooligan Sparrow,' which Ms. Wang also shot and skillfully edited, has the pulse of a mainstream thriller but without the pacifying polish and tidiness."

—**Manohla Dargis, *The New York Times***

"'Hooligan Sparrow' is a vital reminder of the importance of artistic and journalistic freedom . . . It's a remarkable piece."

—**Katie Walsh, *Indiewire***

"Packing a double whammy, Hooligan Sparrow has the jaunty appeal of a feminist adventure film, while leaving no doubt about the gravity of the human rights struggle in China, particularly for women."

—**Amy Taubin, *Film Comment***

"This guerrilla-style documentary is brave . . . Wang makes a virtue out of necessity: Her on-the-run scoping and jarring cuts infuse the film with a sense of desperate danger befitting its subject matter."

—**Duane Byrge, *The Hollywood Reporter***

"Rabble-rousing . . . From enthusiastically documenting the peaceful roadside protests to escaping police surveillance, the movie's fighting spirit is a standout."

—**Monica Castillo, *RogerEbert.com***

"[A] tremendous documentary . . . Wang's film allows the public activist to be privately human."

—**Diana Clarke, *The Village Voice***

"Without activists like Haiyan (and filmmakers willing to amplify their voices), vast injustices would too often go unaddressed. 'Hooligan Sparrow' is a fitting (and intriguingly named) testament to that fact."

- *Global Citizen*

"Wang uses her footage both to advocate and, in the case of the man on the scooter and other suspicious figures, to interrogate her own assumptions. The effect is occasionally bracing, and eminently valuable."

—**Christopher Gray, *Slate***

"A real life thriller."

—**Wendy Ide, *Screen International***

"It's extraordinary that such content is captured at all."

- *The Moveable Fest*

"A portrait that's every bit as daring as its subject, a film that shows the bravery of those fighting for human rights in China against seemingly impossible odds."

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*The Moveable Fest*

"An all-too-rare look at the often neglected subject of the personal price of activism for those who dedicate their life to a cause."

- *The Moveable Fest*

"'Hooligan Sparrow,' an urgent and infuriating profile of Haiyan and her efforts to bring attention to the rape of six young schoolgirls who were offered up by a principal to government officials as a bribe."

- *The Moveable Fest*

"Lending a voice to the voiceless, Nanfu Wang's daring feature film debut embodies modern day documentary activism."

- *No Film School*

"'Hooligan Sparrow' is a rare glimpse into the lives and work of the few brave human rights activists who risk their lives to protect the rights of women in China."

*No Film School*

"A daring exposé."

- *Hollywood Reporter*