

China Then & Now

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In 1972, the year that Henry Kissinger began his negotiations to normalize relations with The Peoples Republic of China, Lucy Jarvis won permission from Zhou Enlai to take her cameras to Peking and film an exclusive documentary for The National Broadcasting Company (NBC)... The goal was to give American audiences a glimpse behind the "bamboo curtain" by profiling the ordinary Chinese family as they went about their daily routine. The result was an Emmy award winning television show titled "The Forbidden City" which has since become a classic.

Now, Mrs. Jarvis and her team are returning to Peking (Beijing) to continue the story of an ordinary Chinese family. Jarvis Theatre and Film Ltd, has located the same family profiled in the original television show and will document their lives as contrasted with 32 years ago. The show will concentrate on the dramatic connection between past and present and will zero in on the hopes and fears that have shaped this family through years of political reforms, economic turmoil and their survival as a family unit.



Huang Hua, former Foreign Minister and 1st PRC Ambassador to the U.N. Lucy Jarvis



Lucy with the Terracotta Soldiers in Xian



Lucy & Audrey Topping with the Lui children



Scott McArthur, Lucy and PRC Minister of Culture Sun Jiazheng



A colorful Lucy Jarvis



The production team in front of the Forbidden City