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WORLD PREMIERE OF *MODEL MINORITY*  
AT LOS ANGELES ASIAN PACIFIC FILM FESTIVAL  
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

*Lily Mariye Co-star of NBC's ER Presents First Feature Film*

Best known for her role on the hit NBC television series ER, actor and now award-winning screenwriter and director, Lily Mariye, will present the world premiere of her first feature film *Model Minority* at the LA Asian Pacific Film Festival. The film will screen on Friday, May 11, 2012, 7:00pm and Tuesday, May 15 at 9:15pm at the CGV Cinemas, 621 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Lily is not a newcomer to LAAPFF. The festival premiered her award-winning short film "*The Shangri-la Cafe*," produced with a grant from/ the American Film Institute's prestigious Directing Workshop for Women. The National Organization for Women honored her with the Filmmaker of the Year Award, and Colorvision/PBS selected her as an Up and Coming Filmmaker of Color. She was also a Top 15% Finalist for the Nicholl Fellowship, the Rockefeller foundation Fellowship and four time finalist for the Sundance Feature Film Labs.

*Model Minority* was written, directed and co-produced by Lily Mariye. The film stars Jessica Tuck (*True Blood*), Laura Innes (*ER, The Event*), and Helen Slater (*The Lying Game, City Slickers*). *Model Minority* is the story of Kayla Tanaka (played by newcomer 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 was shot in Los Angeles and 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.

The 28th Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival will be presented May 10 – May 20, 2012 at the Directors Guild of America; CGV Cinemas; and additional venues throughout Los Angeles.

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