

Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation (Taiwan)  
&  
Women's Active Museum on War and Peace (Japan)  
Jointly Present

# SURVIVORS' VOICE

Film Screenings of Sexual Slavery in the Japanese Military during  
WWII ("Comfort Women")

*- Song of the Reed -*  
*- Breaking the History of Silence -*

Tuesday, 10 March 2015 | 2:00pm  
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York  
(1 East 42nd Street, B1)



- 2:00-3:10pm Film screening | *Breaking the history of silence: The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan's Military Sexual Slavery* | Japan
- 3:10-3:30pm Break
- 3:30-4:50pm Film screening | *Song of the Reed* | Taiwan
- 4:50-5:30pm Discussion

## SONG OF THE REED

76" | Taiwan | 2013 | English Subtitle | Documentary

Director Hsiu-ching Wu | Presented by Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation



*To lives that do not surrender.*

*Can youth be restored?*

*A documentary on "comfort women" survivors.*

*A melody of their lives.*

*A production that took three years.*

*Join us, and hear their songs of bravery.*

Over the decades, TWRF has organized several psychotherapy workshops for the survivors of Japan's military sexual slavery during WWII. Supported by a community of others with the same experiences and embraced by social workers and counselors, these survivors rebuilt their identities and self-esteem. From these workshops, the stories featured in "Song of the Reed" emerged. This film highlights the life stories of four survivors, who had been trapped in the most excruciating traumas before they mustered the courage to face themselves. Ultimately, the documentary honors the women as survivors, not victims, and thus, inspiration of human dignity. In the last few years, some of them decided to face the world publicly, some found religion, and some reconciled with themselves. They sang a song that cannot be forgotten by the world.

## **BREAKING THE HISTORY OF SILENCE: THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL ON JAPAN'S MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY**

68" | Japan | 2001 | English Subtitle | Documentary

*Survivors finally speaking out.*

*Prosecutors accusing Japan's highest-ranking officials of war crimes.*

*Japanese veterans admitting to rape.*

*Expert witnesses revealing the structures of the sexual slavery system.*

*The joy of survivors and audience on hearing the judges pronounce Emperor Hirohito guilty...*



The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal held in Tokyo, Japan from December 8th to 12th, 2000, was a Peoples' Tribunal set up to bring those responsible for Japan's military sexual violence, in particular the enslavement of "comfort women," to justice, and to end the ongoing cycle of impunity for wartime violence against women. A revolutionary tribunal representing people from all across Asia, it was the first of its kind to break Japan's post-war taboo by finding Emperor Hirohito guilty of war crimes during WWII.