

## PRESS RELEASE

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## BEATS TEST ADDENDUM

We applaud the initiative taken by BEATS and the creation of the BEATS test to increase positive representation of British East and Southeast Asians (BESEAs) in British filmmaking. We are excited for a framework to allow filmmakers to gauge their depiction of East Asians, and would like to build onto this BEATS test.

While we acknowledge that having a "British" accent is an important aspect of representing 2nd-, 3rd-, 4th-generation BESEAs on screen, we also want to celebrate the multiplicity of British accents (native and non-native), and through that, the multiplicity that is "British-ness". With the current accent criterion, the test cannot claim to address the representation of all BESEAs, only those who are 2nd-generation and beyond. We are especially concerned about the xenophobic and exclusionary consequences for our talented and much-deserving immigrant actor peers. In this light, we offer the EAST BY SOUTHEAST addendum to the BEATS Test:

**If a BESEA character speaks with a non-native British accent, is this in the actor's natural accent? Or is it true to the character or plot, without being exaggerated, exoticised, or otherwise "othered"?**

We absolutely agree that BESEAs are underrepresented on British screens. However, we want to show future generations of BESEAs that success is achievable and to encourage the growth of our community in the entertainment industry. Much progress still needs to be made in terms of positive representation, but by celebrating our achievements, we also ignite our hopefulness for the future.



Highlights in 2020 include Andrew Koji's nomination for a Critics Choice Super Award for Best Actor in a TV Series (*Warrior*, HBO), Orion Lee's nomination for a Gotham Award for Breakthrough Actor (*First Cow*, A24), *Love and Monsters'* (starring Jessica Henwick) nomination for a Critics Choice Super Award for Best Fantasy Film, Will Sharpe's BAFTA win for *Giri/Haji*, while *The Personal History of David Copperfield* (with Benedict Wong) was nominated for a BAFTA and won awards from the British Independent Film Awards, the European Film Awards, London Film Week etc. Over the next year we'll be seeing BESEA actors in huge franchises like *Jurassic World 3*, *The Matrix 4*, Marvel's *Eternals*, *No Time to Die*, *Snake Eyes*, *Shadow & Bone*, *The Walking Dead*, alongside British productions like *Boiling Point*, *Fortune Cookies*, *The Bay*, *The Fantastic Flitcrofts* and more.

EAST BY SOUTHEAST is an open alliance of East and Southeast Asian creatives in British theatre, television, and film.



## Signatories

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## **BESEA Actors on Screen in 2020**

(by no means an exhaustive list)

This list is a mix of major roles for BESEA actors and more minor roles, in projects that may or may not pass the BEATS test. We very much want the proportion of central, leading roles to increase, and we need to challenge the systemic racism in casting. In light of the odds stacked against BESEA actors, however, we will fiercely celebrate everyone's work.

Haruka Abe - *Cruella* for Disney, *Song Machine* for YouTube, *Avenue 5* for HBO

Kim Adis - *Get Even* for Netflix

Kae Alexander - *Unprecedented* for Century Films, *The Wheel of Time* for Sony

Leo Ashizawa - *Silent Witness* for BBC, *The Accident* for Ch4, *Safeguard*

Jessie Baek - *Secret Life of Boys* for CBBC

Carmina Bernhardt - *Isle of Red* for Yellow Earth, *The Audition* for BBC Arts

James Bradwell - *The Split* for BBC

Anna Leong Brophy - *Last Tango in Halifax* for BBC, *Code 404* for Sky, *Traces* for Alibi, *#Sketchpack* for Wolfpack Productions

Chike Chan - *The Stranger* for Netflix, *Bulletproof* for Sky

Gemma Chan - *Let Them All Talk* for HBOMax

Lobo Chan - *Gangs of London* for Sky, *Spitting Image* for ITV

Nicole Chan - *Outside the Box* for David Skynner, *Empty Spaces* for Jaime Weston

Paul Chan - *Leave to Remain* for SweetDoh! Productions

Thomas Chaanhing - *The Wheel of Time* for Sony Pictures, *Agatha and the Midnight Murders* for Channel 5

Shin-Fei Chen - *Bulletproof* for Sky

Aiden Cheng - *Harlots* for Hulu

Andy Cheung - *Wonder Woman 1984* for Warner Brothers

David Cheung - *The Host* for Vertical Entertainment, *Undercover* for Real Target Productions, *Break* for 7&7



Yennis Cheung - *Call the Midwife* for BBC

Tina Chiang - *Silent Witness* for BBC

Yao Chin - *Get Even* for Netflix, *GoldenOldies* for Nickelodean

Vera Chok - *Cobra* for Sky, *Sulphur & White* for AMG

Christina Chong - *Heirs of the Night* for Amazon, *Transference: A Love Story* for Contro Vento Films

Danny Darwin - *The Wonders of the Looking Glass* for Reece Manigan

Karen David - *Fear the Walking Dead* for AMC

Tuyen Do - *Enola Holmes* for Netflix

Linda Louise Duan - *Dune Drifter* for Dead Pixel Productions

Vanessa Emme - *Doctors* for BBC

Rose Escoda - *Line of Duty* for BBC, *Holby City* for BBC

Chloe Ewart - *Coronation Street* for ITV

Lourdes Faberes - *Good Omens* for Amazon Studio and BBC Studios

Mia Foo - *Doctors* for BBC One

Hanako Footman - *Dead Pixels* for Channel 4, *Defending the Guilty* for Big Talk Productions, *Absentia* for Masha Productions

Kirsten Foster - *Gear Tactics* for Microsoft, *The Show Must Go Online*, *M.O.T.H.E.R Knows Best* for Kingsnorth/Mayo

Tommy Franzen - *Strictly Come Dancing* for BBC

Masashi Fujimoto - *Mandy* for BBC

Gregory Fung - *Hot Guy Has Issues* for Aurelia Pictures, *You Got A Sock?* for Midnight Films

Nicholas Goh - *Devils* for The CW

Henry Golding - *The Gentlemen* for STX Films

Georgina Goodchild - *A Doll's House*, *Women Beware Women*

Rachel Grant - *Snatchers* for John Kingman

Tao Guo - *London Confidential* for Jar Pictures

Gaumaya Gurung - *Black Narcissus* for BBC, *Chukul* for Passe Pictures

Fiona Hampton - *Summer Lane Drive* for Brandon TV

Mark Hampton - *The Sands of Time* for Sunset Aperture

Ling Whye Hang - *The Host* for Vertical Entertainment



Sarah Sayuri Hare - *Lockdown* for Academy Films

Molly Harris - *I Hate Suzie* for Sky Atlantic

Jamie Hayden - *Bulletproof* for Sky

Jessica Henwick - *On the Rocks* for A24, *Love and Monsters* for Paramount, *Underwater* for Fox, *Blood of Zeus* for Netflix

Alice Hewkin - *Emily in Paris* for Netflix

Aoife Hinds - *Anne Boleyn* for Channel 5, *Normal People* for Hulu

Susan Hingley - *Years and Years* for Red Production Company and HBO

Stephen Hoo - *Bruised Sky* for Stephen Sobal and Jessica Murrain

Aewia Huillet - *Casualty* for BBC

Siu-See Hung - *Cursed* for Netflix, *#SketchPack* for Wolfpack Productions, *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix

Jun Hwang - *Cursed* for Netflix, *Ivory Rise* for NTD Productions

Togo Igawa - *The Host* for Vertical Entertainment, *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix

David Lee Jones - *The Complex* for Little Jade Productions

Jeremy Ang Jones - *The Outpost* for Millennium Media

Akira Koieyama - *Good Omens* for Amazon Studio and BBC Studios, *Little Birds* for Warp Films

Andrew Koji - *Warrior* for HBO (Critics Super Choice Award for Best Actor)

Matthew Koon - *Dracula* for Channel 4

Akie Kotabe - *Cyberpunk 2077* for Warner Bros, *Clay's Redemption* for Tin Cowboys, *Safeguard* for GVN, *The Complex: Lockdown* for Little Jade Productions

Haruka Kuroda - *Hotshot Racing* for Lucky Mountain Games, *Heart to Heart* for Ardimages

Aimee Kwan - *12* for Kanpai Productions

Suni La - *Between You and Me* for Open Hatch

Menyee Lai - *Morbid Curiosity* for Bark Films

Brian Law - *Doctor Who* for BBC, *For English Press Two* for MET Films

Jan Le - *British People* for Lab Ky Mo, *Queens of Mystery*

J Sebastian Lee - *Kamikaze* for HBO Nordic

Orion Lee - *First Cow* for A24 (Gotham Award nomination for Best Actor)

Pui Fan Lee - *Sentient* for Screen South, *The CBeebies House Show* for BBC

Jennifer Leong - *Doctors* for BBC One, *Kat and the Band* for 101 Films



Andrew Leung - *Quiz* for AMC, *Flack* for PopTV, *Arden: An Actor's Life*, *Red* for Kai Films  
Katie Leung - *Roadkill* for BBC, *The Nest* for IFC Films, *The Promise for Last Conker*  
Isabella Leung - *Haunted* for LFA  
Chris Lew Kum Hoi - *Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga* for Netflix, *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix  
Dan Li - *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix  
Jessie Mei Li - *Shadow & Bone* for Netflix  
Kunjue Li - *Tigertail* for Netflix  
Siu Hun Li - *British People* for Verve Pictures, *Anthony* for LA Productions  
Kok-Hwa Lie - *All Stars & Zonen* for M&B Film3  
Jennifer Lim - *British People* for Verve Pictures  
Pik Sen Lim - *British People* for Verve Pictures  
Windson Liong - *Lock-In* for Spring Theatre, *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix  
Stacy Liu - *The Dumping Ground* for CBBC (she is in 132 episodes!)  
Kwong Loke - *Gangs of London* for Sky, *The Feed* for Amazon  
Su Lin Looi - *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix  
Eugenia Low - *Goodbye Mary* for Miss Scarlett Films  
Jing Lusi - *Gangs of London* for Sky  
Waylon Luke Ma - *The Feed* for Amazon  
Samuel Mak - *Gangs of London* for Sky  
Eleanor Matsuura - *The One & Only Ivan* for Disney, *The Walking Dead* for AMC  
Frances Mayli McCann - *A Tale to Tell* for Amazon  
Matt McCooey - *The Salisbury Poisonings* for BBC, *Thomas & Friends* for Netflix, *Agatha Raisin* for Acorn TV  
Natalie Mendoza - *McDonald & Dodds* for iTV  
Masaya Mimura - *Nazi Mega Weapons* for PBS, *Giri/Haji* for BBC Two  
Max Minghella - *The Handmaids Tale* for Hulu  
Sonoya Mizuno - *Devs* for FX/Hulu  
Evelyn Mok - *I Hate Suzie* for Sky  
Naoko Mori - *Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist* for NBC, *Big Hero 6: The Series* for Disney  
Yuriri Naka - *Safeguard* for GVN, *Doctors* for BBC  
Louise Mai Newberry - *Screentime* for Roguerunner Productions



Tom Nguyen - *The Lie Behind the Truth* for TJ Productions, *Unmei* for SWU  
Naomi Ogawa - *Skylines* for Amazon Prime and Google TV  
Angelo Paragoso - *Summer Lane Drive* for Brandon TV  
Michael Phong Le - *Normal People* for Hulu  
Yuyu Rai - *Estranged* for Jolliffe Productions, *Seafruit* for Lowkey Films  
Kirsty Rider - *Industry* for HBO/Sky  
Helen Russell-Clark - *Shoes* for Blue SiReine Productions  
Colin Ryan - *Death in Paradise* for BBC1  
Rui Shang - *Bleachers* for Bad Nun TV  
Will Sharpe - *Giri/Haji* for BBC Two  
Lucy Sheen - *Babel* for ArtsEd, *In* for Robert Firth  
Kevin Shen - *We Are Who We Are* for HBO Sky Atlantic  
Anthony Shin - *Killing Eve* for BBC America  
Zak Shukor - *Warrior* for HBO, *Save Me* for Sky Atlantic  
Marli Siu - *Alex Rider* for IMDB  
Liz Sutherland - *The Adventures of Paddington* for Nickelodeon  
Yuki Sutton - *Satanic Panic '87* for Bryan Ferguson  
Dai Tabuchi - *Good Omens* for Amazon Studio and BBC Studios, *Giri/Haji* for BBC Two, *The Crown* for Netflix  
Rina Takasaki - *The Jewish Enquire* for Magnet Films  
Christina Tam - *Life* for BBC, *The Host* for Vertical Entertainment  
Elaine Tan - *Get Even* for BBC  
Elizabeth Tan - *Agatha and the Midnight Murders* for Channel 5, *The Singapore Grip* for ITV, *Emily in Paris* for Netflix  
Hon Ping Tang - *Truth Seekers* for Amazon  
Jason Tobin - *Warrior* for HBO  
Lucia Tong - *On-Off License* for AMN Collective  
David Tse - *Devs* for FX/Hulu, *Exit* for Sommerhaus Filmproduktion  
Sadao Ueda - *Nazi Mega Weapons* for PBS, *People Just Do Nothing: Big in Japan* for Roughcut Films (PJDN) Limited  
Earl Wan - *Coronation Street* for iTV  
Zandria White - *Kids* for Nakiah Varciana





Naomi Willow - *Sacrilege* for BadBlood Films  
Shaofan Wilson - *Steal Suffering* for James Hattam  
Benedict Wong - *What We Do In The Shadows* for FX/Hulu, *Nine Days* for Sony, *The Personal History of David Copperfield* for Film4  
Gabby Wong - *#SketchPack* and *Barista* for Wolfpack Productions, *Stay* for Dutch Courage Productions, *Unprecedented* for Century Films  
Jason Wong - *Silent Witness* for BBC  
Leila Wong - *On the Edge* for Channel 4  
Millicent Wong - *Dracula* for Netflix  
Wai Wong - *Wonder Woman 1984* for Warner Bros  
Tom Wu - *The Host* for Vertical Entertainment  
Ethan Yandall - *The Deceived* for Channel 5  
Naomi Yang - *The Salisbury Poisonings* for BBC, *Endeavour* for ITV, *Brave New World* for Peacock  
Minhee Yeo - *Out of Her Mind* for BBC 2  
Angela Yeo - *I May Destroy You* for HBO  
Rebecca Yeo - *Stan and Ollie* for Fable Pictures, *Strangers* for ITV, *Cyberpunk2077* for CD Projekt Red, *Six Feet Apart* for Pollution  
Kristina Young - *Warrior Nun* for Netflix, *A Gift from Bob* for Amazon Prime  
Momo Yeung - *Jingle Jangle* for Netflix.  
David Yip - *Break* for 7&7  
Jay Oliver Yip - *#SketchPark* for Wolfpack Productions, *Appetite* for Katrin Larissa Kasper and Xuemeng Li, *Adulthood* for Shardow & Terzoli  
George Young - *Malignant* for New Line Cinema  
Crystal Yu - *Soulmates* for AMC, *Industry* for HBO/Sky, *Dancing Through the Shadow of Mao* for Leif Films  
Jon Xue Zhang - *At the End of the Road* for Viatozem Productions