



24 City

Er shi si cheng ji

China/2008/35mm/colour/ 112'/Chinese

Indian
Premiere 

Direction: Jia Zhang-Ke

Producer: Shozo Ichiyama, Wang hong

Screenplay: Zhai Yongming

Cinematography: Lik-wai Yu, Yu Wang

Editing: Xudong LIN/ Jing Lei Kong

Sound: Yang Zhang

Cast: Joan Chen, Zhao Tao, Chen Jianbin, Lu Liping,
Jian Shanshan, Chen

Awards/Festivals

Cannes Film Festival, 2008

24 City chronicles the dramatic fall of a State-owned munitions factory and its conversion into a luxury high-rise. In a film both artfully composed and rich in offbeat details, Jia Zhang-ke weaves together the stories of three generations of factory workers into a fascinating oral history of China over the last 50 years, and a meditation on the great physical and psychological changes transforming the country. The line between documentary and fiction blurs as interviews with real workers and ex-workers are intercut with acted and actual vignettes of people affected by the closure of the factory and the construction of the apartment block 24 City.