

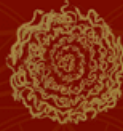
Classic Filipino Horror film: *Feng Shui* (2004)

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Official poster for *Feng Shui* (2004)

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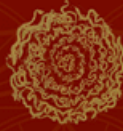


Feng Shui (2004) is a captivating Filipino supernatural horror film directed by Chito S. Roño, with Kris Aquino delivering a standout performance as Joy Ramirez. The story starts when Joy finds a Bagua mirror that is left on a bus. Initially, it seems like a blessing as she experiences promotions and unexpected windfalls. However, this good fortune soon spirals down into chaos as a series of supernatural events and tragic deaths unfold that are all tied to the mirror and the Chinese zodiac signs of the victims.



The Bagua Mirror in *Feng Shui* (2004)

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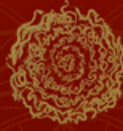


The film cleverly blends Filipino folklore with Chinese mysticism which creates a rich tapestry of cultural elements. The Bagua mirror is typically used in Feng Shui to ward off negative energy and serves as a dual symbol of luck and doom. As Joy grapples with the consequences of her discovery, she learns about the mirror's dark history. It was linked to a woman named Lotus Feet, who suffered during the Chinese Civil War. This connection adds depth to the narrative, making viewers ponder the cost of good fortune.

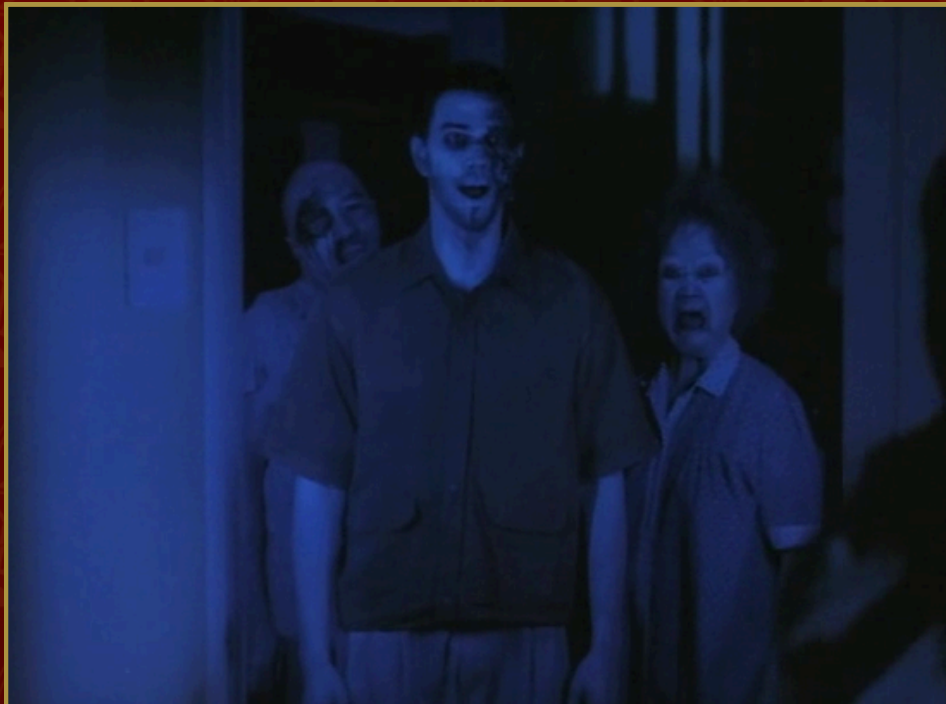


A shot from the movie *Feng Shui* (2004)

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What makes Feng Shui truly engaging is its exploration of themes like luck, fate, and family. The psychological horror builds suspense rather than relying on cheap scares, immersing the audience in an eerie atmosphere that resonates deeply. Critics appreciated the film's unique approach, particularly how it uses psychological elements alongside supernatural themes.



The ghost of dead people approaching Joy in *Feng Shui* (2004)

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When it hit theaters, Feng Shui was a massive success. It grossed over ₱114 million and became the highest-grossing film in the Philippines for that year. It left a lasting impression on viewers and critics alike, with many praising Kris Aquino's performance and the film's ability to fuse cultural beliefs with horror. Its success even led to a sequel, Feng Shui 2, released in 2014.

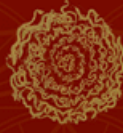


Kris Aquino as Joy Ramirez in *Feng Shui* (2004)

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Beyond the thrills, the film also reflects core aspects of Filipino culture. It dives into the realm of superstitions, showcasing how deeply ingrained these beliefs are in daily life. Joy's character embodies strong family values that reflect the importance of familial bonds in Filipino society. The incorporation of Tagalog (one of the major languages spoken in the Philippines) and local dialects enhances the film's authenticity, making it relatable and emotionally resonant.

Feng Shui is more than just a horror movie. It is a cultural commentary that entertains while echoing the complexities of contemporary Filipino life. By weaving together folklore, superstitions, and psychological elements, the film creates a chilling yet thought-provoking experience that resonates with audiences on multiple levels.



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