Last Train Home  PROGRAM 16 - Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m., Boulder Theater
China/Canada, Feature Documentary, 2009, 87 min
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Best Feature at the IDFA International Documentary Festival Amsterdam
“If there is just one film to watch this year, it would be Last Train Home,” IDFA

The world’s largest human migration takes place each year in China as 130 million factory workers fight for space on overcrowded trains to return home for the Spring Festival. The New Year is a joyous time as the migrants return to the rural villages and families they left behind to seek work in the booming coastal cities. This stunningly beautiful film captures two years in the life of the Zhangs who, 16 years ago, left the poverty of the countryside and their children behind with their extended family. This year, they travel with additional purpose: they’re trying to bring home their runaway teenage daughter, Qin, so that she can return to school and not have to spend the rest of her life in a factory. Painful moments reveal that the patience the Chinese are known for has its limits. *Subtitled.*

Directed by Lixin Fan
Colorado Premiere

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