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Tragic tale "Ruan Lingyu" hits the stage for first time in 19 years

The Beijing People's Art Theater is bringing the play "Ruan Lingyu" back to the stage after its debut 19 years ago. The show began its run on Christmas night, and is based on the tragic life of a famous movie actress.

The return of Ruan Lingyu, after 19 years, as the curtain lifts, the story begins with narratives of two characters walking together with Ruan Lingyu. The time line of the story is broken into fragments as the tension mounts, building up to a tragic ending.



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The lead role is played by Xu Fan, who also played the role when the play debuted in 1994. The actress says the span of 19 years has deepened her understanding of the character.

"It's very significant that I have played her before. I don't have to get into the character from scratch again, because Ruan Lingyu is already in me." said Xu Fan, Actress.

The life of Ruan Lingyu is a haunting tragedy in China's film history. Crushed by the gossip of newspapers, the star poisoned her at the young age of 24. The lead character Tang Wenshan is played by famous actor Pu Cunxin.

"I think Tang Wenshan is not that vicious, but he is selfish. He breaks Ruan Lingyu's heart, so I think this role is hard for me to relate to." said Pu Cunxin, Actor.

The long-awaited return of Ruan Lingyu runs until January 12th.

