Raise the Umbrellas explores the origin and impact of Hong Kong’s 2014 Umbrella Movement (雨傘運動) through the inter-generational lenses of three post-Tiananmen democratic activists – Martin Lee, founder of the Hong Kong Democratic party; Benny Tai, Occupy Central initiator; and Joshua Wong, the sprightly student leader.

Comprehensive and intimate, driven by stirring on-site footage in a major Asian metropolis riven by protest, Raise the Umbrellas reveals the Movement’s eco-awareness, gay activism, and burgeoning localism, laying bare the sheer political risk for post-colonial Hong Kong’s universal suffragists striving to define their autonomy within China.