Not One Less 一个都不能少
(1999, Zhang Yimou)

In her village, she was the teacher. In the city, she discovered how much she had to learn…

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Union Cinema (Auditorium)
£1.80

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Not One Less is set in the Chinese countryside, and centres on a thirteen year-old substitute school teacher, Wei Minzhi, who is placed in charge of a small village school after the previous teacher leaves temporarily. Minzhi is told not to lose any students. When poverty forces the troublemaker of the class, Zhang Huike, to go to the city in search of work, Minzhi is determined to find him and bring him back to his rightful place in the classroom.

Zhang Yimou is a leading figure of China's "Fifth Generation" of filmmakers. The techniques he uses in Not One Less effectively blur the boundaries between drama and real life. The film is partly shot using hidden cameras, and features an ensemble of non-professional actors, whose real names have mostly been maintained.