

On Sunday, February 25, Robert Shoji virtually showed two of his short films to GLA JACL which were premiered by Visual Communications at the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival.

> THE FOURTH MARCH (2022) SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS (2023)



## THE FOURTH MARCH (8 mins.)

Many are familiar with the three civil rights marches (collectively known as the Selma to Montgomery marches) that happened in Alabama in March of 1965. There was however a fourth march with Martin Luther King Jr. and a young 21-year-old Japanese American activist. This fourth march has been forgotten by time.

The Japanese American activist is Kiyoshi Kuromiya, nephew of Yosh Kuromiya, a Nisei member of the Fair Play Committee (FPC). This film brought to light a beating Kiyoshi suffered in Mongomery Alabama during a march where he was supporting Black voter rights in March of 1965. This incident led to the fourth march that included Kiyoshi and Martin Luther King Jr.

*Kiyoshi Kuromiya (1943-2000) was an author and civil rights, anti-war, gay liberation, and HIV/AIDS activist. He was born in Wyoming at the Heart Mountain incarceration camp.* 



## SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS (8 mins.)

Grief is something we all experience but rarely discuss openly. During the pandemic many have been examining their lives and deciding what changes need to be made. I hope that by acknowledging and remembering someone important in my life, change happens and more conversations open up about grief.

"See You In My Dreams" is a loving remembrance of Robert's older brother David, who passed away at a young age.

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