



## BAI Ying 白鷹 ( b. 1941 )

### Actor

Born in Beijing in June 1941, Bai Ying is of Hui Muslim heritage. He left for Taiwan with his family at the age of eight. Bai joined the military after graduating from secondary school until the age of 21. He began training as an actor with the Union Film Company Limited in 1966, and made his name known with the company's inaugural title *Dragon Inn* (1968) directed by King Hu, by playing the antagonist eunuch Cao Shaoqin. He later starred in Union's *Iron Mistress* (1969), and *A Touch of Zen* (1970), etc. Bai arrived in Hong Kong to advance his career in 1969, before the completion of his contract with Union. He acted in *The Eunuch* (1971), produced by Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Ltd, and later appeared in Golden Harvest (HK) Limited's *The Invincible Eight* (1971) and *The Angry River* (1971).

An active and independent actor in the Hong Kong and Taiwanese film industry in the 1970s, Bai is especially prolific in the *wuxia* genre. His popular works include *The Fate of Lee Khan* (1973) and *The Valiant Ones* (1975) directed by King Hu; Taiwanese *wuxia* film *Assassin* (1976) starring Hsu Feng; and *The Venturer* (1976), produced by the Central Motion Pictures Corporation in Taiwan, which was set against the Republic Era in northern China. He won Best Supporting Actor at the 14th Golden Horse Awards in 1977, with his performance in the 3D feature, *Super Dragon* (1977). He also acted in *The Legends of Cheating* (1971) and *Cheat to Cheat* (1973) directed by Li Han-hsiang. In late 1970s, Bai played a modern conscientious cop in *The System* (1979) and *The Saviour* (1980); subsequently he portrayed a triad boss in *See-bar* (1980), and starred in the melodrama *The Woman of Wrath* (1986), proving himself a versatile actor in contemporary films.

Bai continued to act in Hong Kong and Taiwanese films, as well as TV dramas in the 1980s and 90s. Some of the Hong Kong films he starred in include *Royal Warriors* (1986), *The Dragon from Russia* (1990) and *Born Wild* (2001). He has appeared in over 100 films up to date. Bai appears occasionally in TV dramas in recent years and now lives in Hong Kong.