



Christine PAI Lu-ming 白露明 (b. 1937.1.6)

Actress

A native of Guangdong, Pai was born in Hong Kong with the original name Hui Lai-king. Interested in Cantonese opera at an early age, she once studied under the tutelage of Sit Kok-sin and his wife Tong Suet-hing. While attending Tack Ching Girls' Secondary School, she was encouraged by celebrated opera artist Yam Kim-fai and joined Tai Seng Film Company in around 1955. Pai debuted on screen with *Now That I've Got a Daughter, Everything's Okay* (1955) and later starred in some ten films such as *Sweet Time Together* (1956), *Mother's Broken Heart* (1958), etc.

In 1958, upon the invitation of Lam Wing-tai, she joined the Cantonese film unit of Motion Picture and General Investment Co Ltd (MP & GI) and collaborated with Ng Cho-fan in *Memories of Love* (aka *A Lovely Girl's Lovely Dreams*, 1958). Two years later, she took part in the box-office hit, *Bitter Lotus* (in two parts, 1960) and established her position as a major actress. She also acted in the well-received *The Greatest Civil War on Earth* (1961) and soon began appearing in Mandarin films, such as *You were Meant for Me* (1961), *Ladies First* (1962), *Four Brave Ones* (1963) and *Father and Son* (1963). When the Cantonese film unit closed down at the end of 1964, she had made over 20 films for MP & GI, more than half of which were Cantonese features. She last acted in *I'll Make My Own Choice* (1966). Pai got married and retired from screen life in 1965.