



TSI Lo Lin 紫羅蓮 (1925–2015)

Actress

A native of Yunfu, Guangdong and with the original name Chau Kit-lin, Tsi learned Cantonese opera at the Cantonese opera troupe that her father worked for. She later joined Tai Ping Opera Troupe ran by Ma Si-tsang at age 13 and made her screen debut with Nanyue Film Company's *The Eighth Heaven* (1939). Upon the invitation of director Hung Chung-ho, Tsi co-starred with Pak Kui-wing and Wong Man-lei in *Bridge of Jealousy* (1941). Her other works from this period include *Flame of Glacier Mountain* (1941) and *Stubborn Lovers* (in two parts, 1943).

She first played the leading role in *Take the Poison with a Smile* (1947) after the war. In 1952, she co-founded The Union Film Enterprise Ltd with some other filmmakers and starred in many of its productions, such as *Family* (1953), *In the Face of Demolition* (1953), *Sworn Sisters* (1954), *The More the Merrier* (1955) and *The Precious Lotus Lamp* (1956). In 1954, Tsi set up Tsi Lo Lin Film Company and scripted, directed and acted in *Malaya Love Affair*. Her other major works include *The Dunce Attends a Birthday Party* (1956) and *The Tender Age* (1957). She retired after completing *The Roots of All Evils* (1964).

A devout Christian, she dedicated herself to voluntary work at church after retirement from the screen, helping the elderly and the sick. Many film veterans spent their twilight years in peace under her care. Tsi passed away in 2015 in Hong Kong.
