



HA Chun-chau 夏春秋 (1931.9–2025.3)

Actor

Born Ng Kam-chuen, Ha Chun-chau was a native of Panyu, Guangdong. Ha was affectionately nicknamed 'Dong Suk (Uncle Winter)' in the entertainment industry. Prior to film, Ha acted in radio dramas. In 1953, Ha successfully auditioned for Evergreen Motion Picture Company's first actor recruitment scheme, alongside contemporaries including Sheung-kwun Kwan-wai and Sima Wah-lung.

Ha made his debut in *The Heroic Dog* (1953), which featured all of Evergreen's new actors at the time. His career saw him playing supporting roles, skilfully portraying juvenile delinquents in films including *Family Mottos* (1955) and *Poor Mother* (1961), which deeply impressed audiences. A versatile actor, he played a loyal, honest young man in *Moment of Truth* (1956), and a foolish, childish one in *Victim of Jealousy* (1957).

As an artist, Ha was active in various parts of the entertainment industry for over 60 years. In the 1950s, Ha worked as a broadcaster at Radio Hong Kong (RHK, now Radio Television Hong Kong or RTHK) and acted in RHK's drama troupe, later signing with Rediffusion Television (RTV) as an actor. Ha briefly departed from acting in the early 1960s, but returned to RTV in 1969 to replace Tina Ti in the game show she had hosted, where his work garnered him much praise. When Rediffusion switched to wireless broadcasting, he hosted a number of programmes including the housewife show *Afternoon Tea*, and he also participated in television dramas. From 1976, Ha hosted the weekly Mark Six Lottery live broadcast for over a decade, becoming a household name thanks to his brisk manner of speech and composed demeanour. In the 1970s, he was involved in hosting, singing and giving comedic performances for many musical troupes.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Ha only appeared in a few films including *The Happy Trio* (1975) and *Star Wonderfun* (1976), due to his ventures in other parts of the entertainment industry. Ha's involvement in film gradually increased since 1990s, acting in *The Gambling Ghost* (1991) as well as numerous films in the *All's Well End's Well* franchise. In *All's Well End's Well Too 2010* (2010), Ha shared the screen with his daughter Sandra Ng and Lee Hong-kum, a fellow Cantonese film star from the 1950s and 1960s. His chemistry with Lee was so brilliant that they appeared together as guests on the television talk show *Club Sparkle* hosted by Sandra Ng.

Ha Chun-chau emigrated to Canada in the 1990s, where he hosted a Chinese-language radio show. Ha's final film appearance was in *House of Wolves* (2016). He passed away in 2025.