



James TIEN 田俊 (b. 1942)

Actor

Born Chen Wen, Tien was from Chao'an, Guangdong. In 1958, he moved to Hong Kong with his family. Same as Angela Mao Ying, he graduated from Fu Hsing Dramatic Arts Academy in Taiwan. He worked as a stuntman at Shaw Brothers in the mid-1960s. In 1969, he gained fame by assisting director Lo Wei in shooting a kung fu movie; soon after, he appeared in *Vengeance of a Snow Girl* (1971) in which he was also the action choreographer.

Tien joined Golden Harvest soon after it was established, and adopted the stage name James Tien since. He was the male lead in the company's early works, such as *The Invincible Eight* (1971), *The Blade Spares None* (1971), *The Chase* (1971) and *Thunderbolt* (1973, filmed in 1971). He was also cast in Bruce Lee's vehicles such as *The Big Boss* (1971) and *Fist of Fury* (1972). From *A Man Called Tiger* (1973) and *Seaman No 7* (1973) onward, he was often seen playing the villain; thereafter, he starred in a number of kung fu films, such as *Shaolin Boxers* (1974), *The Dragon Tamers* (1975), *Hand of Death* (1976) and *The Shaolin Plot* (1977).

In 1978, Tien began to work for Lo Wei Motion Picture Co., Ltd., appearing in the Jackie Chan-starring *Magnificent Bodyguards* (1978), *Spiritual Kung Fu* (1978) and *Dragon Fist* (1979), all produced in Taiwan. Tien remained active throughout the 1980s, mostly taking part in Golden Harvest projects, including *Winners & Sinners* (1983), *Twinkle, Twinkle, Lucky Stars* (1985), *Heart of Dragon* (1985), *The Millionaires' Express* (1986), *Eastern Condors* (1987) and *Super Lady Cop* (1992). He was also the assistant director on *Righting Wrongs* (1986), *Panty Hose Hero* (1990), *Slickers vs Killers* (1991) and *Blade of Fury* (1993). Tien retired in the mid-1990s.