

Lucilla YOU Min 尤敏 (1936.8.19-1996.12.29)

Actress

A native of Guangdong and with the original name Bi Yuyi, You was born in Hong Kong and was brought up in Macao by her grandmother. Her father was the famous Cantonese opera singer Pak Yuk-tong. Discovered by Runde Shaw in 1952 while still in school, she signed with Shaw & Sons Ltd to appear in *Love in the Bloom* (filmed in 1952), but the title was never officially released. She later starred in over 20 titles for Shaws, including *The Third Life* (1954), *Tragedy of Vendetta* (1955), *Sabrina* (1957), *Love and War* (1959), etc. She was touted for her 'untainted divine image' on the silver screen.

When her contract with Shaws expired in 1958, she joined Motion Picture and General Investment Co Ltd (MP & GI) and made *Her Tender Heart* (1959) and *All in the Family* (1959), which respectively won her Best Actress at the 6th and 7th Asian Film Festival. You later bagged Best Actress at the 1st Golden Horse Awards in Taiwan with *Sun, Moon and Star* (1961). Her other well-known works include *Song Without Words* (1961), *Lily of the Valley* (1962) and *Father Takes a Bride* (1963). You was considered a highly valuable asset to MP & GI and was propelled into an international movie star. She became popular in Japan with films such as *A Night in Hong Kong* (1961), *Star of Hong Kong* (1963) and *Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong* (1963).

After finishing her last film *Romance of the Forbidden City* in 1964, she married business tycoon Gao Fuqiu and retired. You died of heart disease in Hong Kong on 29 December 1996.