



Maria YI 衣依 (b. 1953.6.3)

Actress

Birth name Wei Lina. A native of Zhejiang. After graduation from Jinou Girls Vocational High School in Taiwan, Yi was discovered by Raymond Chow and offered an actor's contract by Golden Harvest in 1970. She received training in Taiwan before coming to Hong Kong. Together with Nora Miao and Angela Mao Ying, Yi became one of the emerging stars of Golden Harvest. Her screen debut was *The Chase* (1971) directed by Wong Tin-lam. In the same year she appeared also in *The Big Boss* (1971) starring Bruce Lee and directed by Lo Wei. Later she was cast in more films by Lo Wei such as *Fist of Fury* (1972), *A Man Called Tiger* (1973) and *Seaman No. 7* (1973).

In 1972, she was sent by Golden Harvest to work for Bai Ching-zue and Li Hsing at Ta Chung Motion Pictures in Taiwan, starring in *Story of Mother* (1973) directed by Song Chun-so. That was one of Yi's rare performances in *wenyi* films. Upon her return to Hong Kong, she was featured in more Golden Harvest titles including *The Tournament* (1974) and *Tiger of Northland* (1976). She got married in 1974 and retired from the scene after her contract with Golden Harvest was over.