

## Nora MIAO 苗可秀 (b. 1952.2.8)

## Actress

Birth name Chan Wing-han. A native of Nanhai, Guangdong and born in Hong Kong. Miao graduated from St. Rose of Lima's College. Her first starring role came in 1970, when Golden Harvest openly recruited the female lead for *The Blade Spares None* (1971) in the newspaper. Groomed by Golden Harvest, she was assigned one of the lead roles in the company's debut work, *The Invincible Eight* (1971). Together with *The Blade Spares None* and *The Comet Strikes* (1971) that followed, these *wuxia* films successfully put Miao's name on the map. Now coined 'Princess of Golden Harvest', Miao was chosen to star opposite Bruce Lee in *Fist of Fury* (1972) and *The Way of the Dragon* (1972). Altogether she starred in 11 Golden Harvest projects during her five-year tenure, including *Skyhawk* (1974) and *Naughty! Naughty!* (1974). Afterwards, she turned freelance and divided her time between Hong Kong and Taiwan. She starred opposite Jackie Chan in *New Fist of Fury* (1976), *Snake & Crane Arts of Shaolin* (1978) and *Dragon Fist* (1979) produced by Lo Wei Motion Picture Co., Ltd. By the late 1970s and early 80s, she ventured into television and appeared in drama series by Rediffusion Television such as *Reincarnated* (1979).

Miao emigrated to Canada in the 1990s. Miao and her elder brother Chan Kar-suen, former director and prominent behind-the-scenes force at Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB), worked as a presenter at a Chinese-language radio station in Toronto. Since 2007, she occasionally returned to the screen, appearing in movies such as *Run Papa Run* (2008). This film brought her nominations at the Hong Kong Film Awards and Golden Horse Awards for Best Supporting Actress. In 2017, she acted in Scud Cheng's film *Thirty Years of Adonis*.