



Pearl of the Orient 東方明珠

Actress

'Pearl of the Orient' (alias Dong Fang Ming Zhu) is originally named Yang Weiyong, a native of Chaozhou in the Guangdong province. She is the younger sister of the famous actor Bai Yun. She began her career in films from the late 1940s, performing as an actress in Cantonese, Amoy-dialect and Mandarin films. In her early career, she acted under her stage name Pak Wah in the Cantonese film *A Reborn Romantic* (1948), as well as the Mandarin films *Heavenly Souls* (1949) and *The Revenge of the Great Swordsman* (1949). She later changed her stage name to 'Pearl of the Orient' (alias Dong Fang Ming Zhu) and appeared in numerous Amoy-dialect films, including *Second Woman* (aka *The Story of Pipa (Remake)*, 1952), *Sing-song Girl Yu Tang Chun* (1953), *Snaky Beauties* (Part 1 & 2, 1954), *Southeast the Peacock Flies* (1955), *Meng Lijun* (1955), and its sequel *The Phoenix's Flirtation with Twin Dragons* (1955), in all of which she starred opposite her brother Bai Yun. During this period, she also starred in Mandarin films such as *Fairy Comes Down to Earth* (1954). In 1957, she arrived in Taiwan to shoot the Taiwanese-dialect film *Autumn Hate* (1960).