



Richard NG Yiu-hon 吳耀漢 (1939.12.27–2023)

Actor

A native of Huiyang, Guangdong. Born and raised in Hong Kong. Ng attended secondary school in the UK, studied theatre afterwards and appeared in British television soaps and films. In 1970, he moved back to Hong Kong to run his own business, but also acted on television. A born comedian, he first made guest appearances in Michael Hui's comedy show *The Hui Brothers Show* (1971-72) before hosting *It's Not So Simple* (1976). His performance impressed the then-famous comic actor Michael Hui and thus was invited to act in Hui's film, *The Private Eyes* (1976), playing a policeman.

Ng founded Advance Films Ltd. in 1975 and performed in his own production *The Yellow Panther* (1977), which achieved considerable success in the box office. Following this he co-starred with Ricky Hui in Golden Harvest's *The Pilferers' Progress* (1977), directed by John Woo, which became the highest grosser of the year scoring over HK\$5 million. He successfully established his iconic comedic image with his signature lantern-jaw face and funny acting. In the same year, he starred again in his own production, *Winner Takes All*, which ranked second in the box-office charts. He emerged as the best comedian after Michael Hui.

Ng went on to star in Golden Harvest's *Itchy Fingers* (1979), *Murder Most Foul!* (1979; self-directed) and *Super Fool!* (1981). In 1982, he co-starred with Dean Shek in the Cinema City production *It Takes Two*, which was again a high grosser at the box office taking in over HK\$16 million. The comical scene in Sammo Hung's *Winners & Sinners* (1983) where he was conned into thinking he was invisible was also particularly memorable among the audience, making him a key actor in the lucrative series.

Ng continued to co-star with John Sham in Golden Harvest's blockbuster comedy, *Pom Pom* (1984); and the success of this film prompted the duo to reunite in four more box-office hits as the same characters. He was one of Hong Kong's core comic actors in the 1970s and 80s. In addition to comedies, he also appeared in more serious features such as *The Wrong Couples* (1987) and *Beyond the Sunset* (1989), taking his acting prowess to the next level.

In 1989, Ng hosted an extremely popular prank-pulling show, *Fun Time*, for Asia Television Limited (ATV), and the programme spawned 39 episodes. He has remained an active actor since the 1990s, appearing in such films as *Rigor Mortis* (2013), *A Lifetime Treasure* (2019) and Fruit Chan's *The Invincible Dragon* (2019). His son Carl Ng is also an actor.
