



## TIAN Qing 田青 (1935–1993.6.2)

### Actor

A native of Henan, Tian was born in Shanghai with the original name Tian Chunsheng. He came to Hong Kong in 1949 and completed his secondary school education as a part-time student. He joined the actors training programme of International Films Distributing Agency (the predecessor of Motion Picture and General Investment Co Ltd [MP & GI]), along with his contemporaries Kelly Lai Chen, Kitty Ting Hao and Dolly Soo Fung and debuted as an actor with *Green Hills and Jade Valleys* (1956). He once played the leading role in the Mandarin title *Torrents of Spring* (1960). A versatile actor, Tian took part in a number of MP & GI productions and was frequently assigned critical supporting roles. Works include *Our Sister Hedy* (1957), *All in the Family* (1959), *Cinderella and Her Little Angels* (1959), *The Wild, Wild Rose* (1960) and *Sun, Moon and Star* (1961). Fluent in Cantonese, he transferred to MP & GI's Cantonese film unit in 1964 and became its major actor, starring in *I Love Them Both* (1964) and *I'll Make My Own Choice* (1966), etc. Unfortunately, the Cantonese film unit closed down not long after Loke Wan Tho died in a plane crash. Tian then re-developed his path as a character actor for Mandarin films.

He joined Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Ltd in 1970 and later worked as a freelance actor in the 1980s, actively involved in both Hong Kong and Taiwanese cinema. *The Best Secret Agent* (1981) and *Shanghai Blues* (1984) were two of the examples. Tian passed away in Hong Kong on 2 June 1993.