



## WONG Ching-ho 王清河 (1919.9.23–2013.3.18)

### Actor, Screenwriter

A native of Quanzhou in the Fujian Province, Wong Ching-ho was a graduate from Dongfeng High School and the University of Nanking (aka Jinling University) in Nanjing. During the War of Resistance against Japan, he organised the Changhong Drama Group in Fujian as an actor. In 1947, Wong arrived in Hong Kong via Xiamen, and began to work in films. His first performance was in the short film *A Goofy Son-in-Law* (1948). Over his career spanning 14 years, Wong worked as an actor, screenwriter and assistant director, and participated in the making of around 200 Amoy-dialect films. These include *The Story of Fifth Madam Zhao* (1952), *Sing-song Girl Yu Tang Chun* (1953), *Black Judge* (aka *Judge Bao's Night Trial of Guo Huai*, 1956), *A Wronged Maiden* (aka *Love's Crime*, 1957), *An Embroidered Shoe* (aka *The Injustice of an Embroidered Shoe*, 1958) and *The Girl Named Chwee Chwee* (1959), etc. Particularly adept at portraying elderly characters from solemn to comical, Wong was the most highly regarded supporting actor in Amoy cinema. He also starred as leading man in the box-office smash *Mr. Wang* franchise, as well as having written numerous Amoy screenplays for Yi Zhong Film Company, including *The Romance of Lychee and Mirror* (Part 1-3, 1953-54), *Judge Bao Judges Yueying* (1955) and *Romance of Western Chamber (Remake)* (1956).

Wong joined Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Ltd in 1963 and remained an actor in their studio for 21 years, starring in countless Mandarin and Cantonese movies, amongst them *Pink Tears* (1965), *Auntie Lan* (1967), *The Blood Brothers* (aka *Dynasty of Blood*) (1973), *The Killer Snakes* (aka *Snake Killer*, 1974), *The Teahouse* (1974), *Dirty Ho* (aka *Rotten Head Ho*) (1979), *Love in a Fallen City* (1984) and more. After his departure from the Shaw Brothers, Wong joined Silver Bird Films Limited, and subsequently transitioned into acting on the small screen for Asia Television Limited (ATV), starring in series such as *The Rise and Fall of Qing Dynasty* (1987-92), *Heroic Legend of the Yang's Family* (1994), *The Pride of Chaozhou* (1997), etc. Wong passed away in Hong Kong on 18 March 2013.