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Director

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**Chen Yun-Fat**  
Actor

One of the most recognized Chinese male actor, Chen Yun-Fat has made an action hero in the late 1980s. He also co-starred with Michelle Yeoh in the Hong Kong action film *Police Story*. A Hong Kong actor, he has starred in a number of action movies, including *Police Story* and *Police Story 2*.

**Gong Li**  
Actress

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**Tan Bingbing**  
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Tan Bingbing has many roles, such as Queen of Sheba in *The King of Kings*, and she has won several international film festival awards, including the Golden Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival and the Golden Lion at the Venice International Film Festival. She has also won the Best Actress award at the Cannes International Film Festival.

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# Ang Lee Director

Ang Lee has won many awards, including two Academy Awards and a Golden Globe Award for Best Director. Showered in recognition on the global stage, he has lived up to his reputation and continues to produce fantastic films.

Ang's films demonstrate his strong love of nature and the humorous conversations and meaningful plots exhibit his thoughtful concern for human society placed against the backdrop of beautiful, natural scenery. His films focus on the ethical contradictions between traditional and modern times, shedding light on cultural conflicts between west and east. Ang Lee is the most famous Chinese director in the world.

## *Andy Lau* *Actor / Singer*

**Andy Lau starred in the touching movie A Simple Life and has received awards at Taiwan's 48th Golden Horse Awards and Hong Kong's 31th Hong Kong Film Awards. As one of the movie's investors, he made a significant amount since the movie's profits exceeded 90 million yuan (US\$14.3 million) at the box office. His concert tickets also sold very well, confirming his unparalleled popularity.**

## Chow Yun-Fat Actor

One of the most recognized Chinese male actor, Chow made his mark in action films in the late 1980s. He also co-starred with Michelle Yeoh in the acclaimed *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. A Hong Kong native, Chow started as a professional actor in his teens after being selected by Hong Kong TV station TVB to attend a young actors training program.

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# Fan Bingbing Actress

Fan Bingbing has many titles, such as Queen of Red Carpet and Hard-working Model. She is a very smart actress and set up her own studio, the Fan Bingbing Studio, in 2007. In 2010, she starred in five movies, including Future X-Cops, Buddha Mountain and Sacrifice. She received the Best Actress Award for her role in Buddha Mountain at the 23rd Tokyo International Film Festival, marking a leap in her acting career. Her excellent performances in Shaolin and The Founding of a Party extended her popularity. Due to her good taste in fashion, she is welcomed by magazines and has starred in a lot of famous ones.

# Jackie Chan

## Actor / director

Jackie Chan is one of the most famous Chinese actors in Hollywood and he brought kung fu movies into mainstream American cinema. He has many different identities, including those of actor, martial artist, director, producer and screenwriter. In addition he has produced numerous box office hits. Moreover, he's also made great charitable efforts and has established a lot of organizations such as The Dragon's Heart Foundation and The Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation.

## *Yang Mi* *actress*

**Embarking upon an acting career when she was only four years old, she didn't receive great fame until she starred in the popular TV series "Palace". Appearing on the show, her internet and magazine exposure skyrocketed. After the series finished, she became the darling of the entertainment industry and starred in numerous popular TV series and movies, including Painted Skin, Beauty World, Beijing Love Story and Mysterious Island.**

# Famous Chinese Celebrities in America

*A number of Chinese film actors have become some of the most popular movie stars in Eastern Asia and are also well known in the Western world. They include Jackie Chan, Jet Li, Chow Yun-fat, Stephen Chow, Sammo Hung, Gong Li, Ziyi Zhang, Bai Ling, Rosalind Chao, Joan Chen, Maggie Cheung, and the late Bruce Lee.*

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