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The **Wong Fei-hung** films did not become the longest running film series in history for nothing. With over 100 films (and a few television series) to its name, the sage of **Master Wong** has such enduring

appeal that it has captivated several generations of viewers, from 1949 all the way to this day.

The saga was once so popular that in 1956 alone, 25 Wong Fei-hung films were released in the same year, all starring the same actor, **Kwan Tak-hing**, with 23 of them featuring the same director, **Wu Pang**.

Wong Fei-hung has become more than just a character but a myth, an exemplary manifestation of manhood, a superb balance of force and intelligence, power and restraint, individual and community.

As a character, Master Wong has evolved throughout the years. From the inaugural five chapters that started in 1949 to the internationally influential works of the 1990s and beyond, Wong Fei-hung had gone through many changes, growing with Hong Kong and Hong Kong cinema.

This program is a skeletal representation of the Wong Feihung franchise. Many worthwhile titles are not included because of limitations in scheduling, not to mention works that had been lost. Also not included are the many spin-offs, stories about relating characters such as **Leung Foon** and **Lam Saiwing** and **Beggar So**. Perhaps a sequel is warranted.

(Part 2 of "Once Upon a Hero: The Wong Fei-hung Saga" will be held from 6 April to 26 May. Please refer to Hong Kong Film Archive's *ProFolio 62* and www.filmarchive.gov.hk for details.)

Films include:

- The Story of Wong Fei-hung, Part 1 + Wong Fei-hung and I by Wu Pang / Chan Wing-chiu
- The Story of Wong Fei-hung, Part 2 + TV Drama Episode 1 by Wu Pang / Choi Kai-kwong
- The Story of Wong Fei-hung, Part 3 + TV Drama Episode 12 by Wu Pang / Choi Kai-kwong
- The Story of Wong Fei-hung, Part 4 + TV Drama Episode 13 by Wu Pang / Choi Kai-kwong
- The Story of Wong Fei-hung, Grand Conclusion by Law Chi-hung
- How Wong Fei-hung Subdues the Two Tigers by Wu Pang
- Wong Fei-hung: The Incredible Success in Canton by Szeto On
- Wong Fei-hung: The Eight Bandits by Wong Fung
- Wong Fei-hung's Combat with the Five Wolves by Wong Fung
- Challenge of the Masters by Liu Chia Liang
- Dreadnaught by Yuen Woo-ping
- Once Upon a Time in China by **Tsui Hark**

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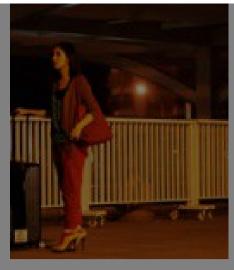
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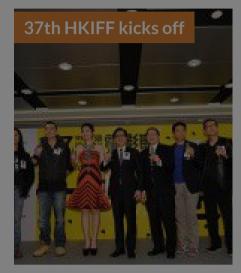




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