

Film Archive to screen 4K digitally restored version of "Zu: Warriors from the Magic Mountain" in celebration of World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (with photos)

In support of World Day for Audiovisual Heritage of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will present the 4K digitally restored version of "Zu: Warriors from the Magic Mountain" (1983), adapted from the martial arts novel "Legend of the Swordsmen of the Mountains of Shu" at the Cinema of the HKFA at 2pm on October 27 (Sunday).

The film features a number of renowned actors, including Adam Cheng, Brigitte Lin, Damian Lau, Yuen Biao, Mang Hoi, Sammo Hung, Judy Ongg and Moon Lee. When the film was produced in the 1980s, computer-generated special effects were not commonplace. Director Tsui Hark introduced advanced visual special effects by bringing in Hollywood special effects experts, while incorporating special optical effects and traditional studio-generated techniques with usage of extensive wirework, to recreate the fantasy world of wuxia with rich and colourful images and stunning action scenes. The HKFA conducted the 4K digital restoration of the film based on the film negatives, soundtrack, and subtitles of the film's Hong Kong version, allowing audiences to appreciate the wuxia classic on the silver screen.

The programme will be accompanied by a post-screening talk by special sound effect artist Henry Chung and animator Lam Kee-to, both of whom had participated in the production of the film, with film critic Eric Tsang as the moderator.

The film is in Cantonese with Chinese and English subtitles. Tickets priced at \$55 will be available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk) from September 20 (Friday). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries, please call 2739 2139 or visit the website of the HKFA at www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en/web/hkfa/2024/unesco/pe-event-2024-unesco.html.

In 2005, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization designated October 27 of every year as World Day for Audiovisual Heritage. It promotes awareness of the importance of preserving audio-visual documents from the past, which play an integral role in recording local and regional cultures.

