

# Genghis Khan: Lord of Kings

This is the first telling of the epic story of the legendary Genghis Khan who conquered more territory than any warrior on Earth and unified China into the World Superpower that it is today: Shot in English with A-List talent for a Global Market.

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### **Project Summary**

**Logline:** The legendary Genghis Khan was the most notorious, misunderstood and most highly worshipped Warrior in history.

A man, hardened by a brutal childhood, becomes the greatest conqueror the world has ever known. Genghis Khan (born Temujin) was raised in the steppes of northern Mongolia. His formative years were spent within the shadow of the Great Wall, behind which ruled the Chin Emperor. Aided by his ferocious enforcer, General Zhang-Wu, the Emperor manipulates the Mongolian tribes like puppets, pitting them against one another whenever it suits his needs. As a youth, Khan sees his father murdered on the orders of the Emperor. Khan himself is made Chief at eleven, which causes most of the tribe to leave. Khan's family must fend for itself. Young Khan is later captured by a rival tribe and made a slave. He escapes slavery and returns to his family as a young man. He marries Borte (his family arranged wife), only to have her stolen by rival Merkits after the ceremony.

With the help of his brothers and stout allies, Khan rescues Borte. Then he takes revenge on those who have wronged him. With the aid of a learned mentor (Carpini) and his generals, Khan expands his empire with terror and guile. His conquests stretch from the Middle East across all of Asia and into Russia. Carpini tells Khan, "History may not be kind to you." Khan wisely answers, "You may document history, scholar. I create it." Khan evolves into a worshipped conqueror who unites all the tribes into solid opposition against the Emperor. This struggle culminates in the ultimate battle between Kahn and the Emperor's might army led by Zhang-Wu. Kahn's victory allows him to revenge his father's death and liberate a continent. This epic tale covers 50 years, thousands of miles, splendid armies and military tactics that use camels, horses, reindeer and elephants in spectacular battles. Khan's life is a heroic and unforgettable story for the ages...

#### **Characters & Proposed Cast:**

**Preliminary Budget: 108 Million USD** (Cast contingent)

**Genghis Khan:** Driven by a lustful thirst for revenge, Khan can be merciless as a warrior. However, as a ruler he later sees the wisdom of foreign alliances, culture, trade and religious freedom for all. Like the great figures throughout history, Khan is haunted by his past and driven by destiny. (Jason Mamoa, Lewis Tan)

**Jamuka:** Khan's best friend and Anda (blood brother). Driven by his own ambition and seduced by the power of the Emperor, Jamuka would one day lead his own army against Kahn. (David Bautista, Andrew Koji)

**Bogorchu:** Muscular warrior with a keen sense of humor, he becomes fast friends with Khan. Bogorchu enjoys the spoils of war: the women, the treasures. He is a ferocious fighter who wields the heaviest weapons. (David Bautista, Vin Diesel)

**Carpini:** A traveling missionary from Rome who is spared execution by Khan, he then travels with Khan's army and records his exploits. He soon becomes Khan's mentor and friend. (Benicio Del Torro, Max Ryan, Paul Giamatti, Johnny Depp)

**Borte:** Khan's bride, kidnapped by a rival tribe and later rescued by Khan: Even though she is nine months pregnant with the kidnapper's child, Borte becomes more than Khan's wife. She is an advisor and a friend. (Ziyi Zhang, Shu Qi, Bingbing Fan, Hye-Kyo Song)

**General Zhang-Wu:** Youngest man ever made Commander of the Chinese Army. Training constantly, he is always hungry for battle and thirsty for blood, making him a worthy adversary for Khan. (Jet Li, Andy Lau, Sanada Hiroyuki)

**Hoelun:** Genghis Khan's mother. Hoelun is a strong-willed woman who is forced to lead the tribe after her husband's assassination and her son's capture. (Vivian Wu, Maggie Cheung, Gong Li, Michelle Yeoh, Vicky Zhao)

**Kuchugur:** A friend of Bogorchu. Kuchugur joins Khan's forces at the same time Bogorchu does. Then Kuchugur betrays both Khan and Bogorchu for the Emperor's riches. (Sung Kang, Jin -mo Ju, Min-sik Choi)

**Dorgei:** Khan's Ispy, who uses charm and wit to gather intelligence on enemy strongholds. (Jackie Chan, Donnie Yeah)

**The Chin Emperor:** The pale, thin power of the throne. The Emperor is a petty, vindictive man, with the might of a great army to follow his slightest wishes. (Chow Yun-Fat, Min-sik Choi)

Proposed Directors: Ang Lee, Zhang Yimou, David Leitch, Daniel Lee, Ridley Scott, John Woo, Justin Lin, and Chatri Yukol.

Writer: T.J. Mancini, "Find Me Guilty, "Los Bandeleros", "The Ropes", "Tommy 2Gunz", "11 Bullets: 3 Thru the Heart".

Producer: T.J. Mancini "Find Me Guilty" (Vin Diesel), "Riddick" (Vin Diesel), "Shadow of Doubt" (Melanie Griffith).