

Press release

James Pax's Retrospect – Double Feature Screening of Big Trouble in Little China & The Heroic Trio World Tour

40th Anniversary of Big Trouble in Little China!

Celebrate 40 years of cinematic mayhem with *Big Trouble in Little China*, the genre-bending cult classic from visionary filmmaker John Carpenter. Released in 1986 and starring Kurt Russell as swaggering truck driver Jack Burton the film blends martial arts action, supernatural fantasy, screwball comedy, and monster movie madness into one wildly original adventure. When Burton follows his friend Wang Chi into the underworld beneath San Francisco's Chinatown, he finds himself battling ancient sorcerer Lo Pan (James Wong), the elemental "Three Storms," (Including James Pax as the iconic "Lightning") and an army of supernatural enemies in a race to rescue a kidnapped bride (Kim Cattrall) with emerald-green eyes.

Though initially overlooked upon release, *Big Trouble in Little China* has grown into one of the most beloved cult films of the 1980s, celebrated for Carpenter's inventive direction, endlessly quotable dialogue, practical effects spectacle, and its unique fusion of Hong Kong action cinema and American genre filmmaking. Its influence can still be felt across action, fantasy, and video game culture decades later, with generations of fans continuing to discover the film's offbeat charm and anarchic energy!

1986, 99 minutes, USA, In English and Cantonese with English Subtitles, Directed by John Carpenter, Rated PG-13

Mr. Pax will participate in an autograph signing/meet & greet and post-film Q&A, giving fans a rare chance to go behind the scenes of one of the most unforgettable films of the 1980s.

About The Heroic Trio:

Looking at one of the best Hong Kong action movies ever made in the 90's, it's got to be ***The Heroic Trio*** that was premiered in Hong Kong in '93 and throughout Asia with box office topped 20 million USD. The movie has since become a beloved action fantasy classic cult movie by millions globally.

The movie starring three most popular Hong Kong actress in the 90's namely: ***Michelle Yeoh***, the Oscar Winner for best actress, ***Maggie Cheung***, Venice Best Actress Winner & ***Anita Mui***, who was one of the most popular actress and pop singer in the 90's.

But did you know that the actor who played opposite ***Michelle Yeoh***, the poor scientist wearing a ***lab coat with constant bleeding nose***, is none other than the popular action star, ***James Pax***,

who is best known as the ***Lightning Sorcerer in Big Trouble in Little China***, aka, ***the Godfather of Raiden in the Mortal Kombat Video game*** and the subsequent movie series.

Michelle Yeoh is an Academy Award-winning actress renowned for her extensive career in martial arts classics, action-packed blockbusters, and heartfelt dramas. Her most popular and iconic movies include: *Everything Everywhere All at Once* (2022), won academy award for best actress. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000), *Crazy Rich Asians* (2018), *Police Story 3: Supercop* (1992), *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings* (2021), *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997), *Memoirs of a Geisha* (2005)

Maggie Chung is best known for her dynamic performances in movies like *Hero* (2002) Oscar Nominated for Best Foreign Film; *Center Stage* (1991), *Clean* (2004), *Police story* with Jackie Chan, *In the Mood of Love* (2000) co-starring with *Tony Leung* (the Star of *Shang Chi*) and

Awards won by Maggie Chung:

Cannes Film Festival (2004) – Won *Best Actress* for her role in *Clean*. This made her the first Asian actress to win the honor at Cannes.

Berlin International Film Festival (1992) – Won the *Silver Bear for Best Actress* for her performance in *Center Stage* (also known as *Ruan Lingyu*). This made her the first Chinese performer to win an acting award at the Berlinale.

Chicago International Film Festival (1992) – Won *Silver Hugo for Best Actress* for *Center Stage*.

Anita Mui: is known to be the most iconic pop singer & actress in Hong Kong during the 80's & 90's. Anita died on December 30, 2003, at the age of 40. She passed away from cervical cancer. Decades after, her popular songs still played on radio today and her classic movies are often watched by millions of her fans on home DVD machines. She'll always be remembered as Mei Yang Fang , Chinese pronunciation of her name. as one of the most accomplished actress and iconic pop singer in the history of Hong Kong's music and movie biz.

If you want to find out the friendship that James had with these iconic Hong Kong goddesses, you'll have to quickly grab the tickets to come to this great event. James will reveal all the tidbits about the making of *Heroic Trio* and how he was picked to play the poetic scientist with bleeding nose opposite Michelle Yeoh. James played the character called "The Invisible Coat Scientist". He eventually dies in Michelle Yeoh's arms, whispering in her ears with his last breath asking "Can you show me the white orchid that are still blossoming?".

Director: Johnny To. Release date: 1993, 90 minutes. Action Fantasy

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Fans can pre-order the autograph packages at <https://kungfulegends.com/screening>

Fans who bought Autographed packages will have the privilege to be in VIP line to meet James during the Meet & Greet without long line of waiting. VIP customers: Make sure to print your order confirmation or take a screenshot on your phone, and bring it to the venue to verify your booking and claim for your goodies.

US Tour: August 1st, The Great Star Theater in San Francisco, China Town.

August 23rd, Enzian Theater in Orlando, Florida.

More cities will be announced in near future

Australia tour: August 29th Astor Theater, Melbourne.

September 5th XXX Theater, Sydney.

European Tour and Canadian tour will be announced soon.

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About James Pax, the Producer and the Star



James is an action star, accomplished international actor, pop culture influencer, action kung fu movie critic with millions of fans and Instagram followers watching him talking about his up-coming celebration tour of Big Trouble in Little China, and the recent talk about the making of Big Trouble in Little China's Lightning character and the remake of the Big Trouble

with Rock Johnson. James is best known for Lightning Sorcerer in John Carpenter's cult movie Big Trouble in Little China.

Recently, James was interviewed by Black Eyed Pea's Taboo's Comics & Kicks and the teaser was released on April 1st and in one week, the 3 teasers brought in over 1 million viewers & 80K of hearts and 10's of thousands of enthusiastic comments from fans. That just tells you the fandom power that James has.

James is embarking on a national tour of James Pax's Retrospective – Big Trouble in Little China & The Heroic Trio Double Screenings across the USA in cities like Florida, Texas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. And the tour will further extend to Canada, and Europe in '26 & '27.

Since James Pax was a kid, he has been inspired by classical music and began classical piano training at the age of eight. Later, inspired by Bruce Lee's movies, he started martial arts and Kung Fu training during his teens.

James went on to learn guitar, began writing songs and performing in high school musical events, and later became a street singer in Rome, Italy.

Among his many other talents, James was a ballet and jazz dancer. Inspired by Nureyev, the famous Russian ballet dancer, James began training at Geoffrey Ballet in New York when he was 17 years old and was determined to become a professional ballet dancer. James later attended jazz classes taught by JoJo Smith, a renowned Broadway show choreographer, and subsequently became the first ever Asian male dancer to appear in TV shows and music videos. He also served as a principal dancer for the Hong Kong Royal Ballet for one season.

James became a semi-professional singer at the age of 20 during a visit to Santiago, Chile. Through an introduction from his best friend Coco Legrand, a local comedian, he was invited to be one of the entertainers on the local TV show Mr. Chile, where he mesmerized an audience of 3,000 Chilean women. The enthusiastic reaction from the audience planted a seed in his mind: to one day become an entertainer and actor.

Over his 30-year acting and producing career, James has taken on iconic roles. He starred as Lightning alongside Kurt Russell and Kim Cattrall in Big Trouble in Little China, appeared in Kinjite with Charles Bronson, and featured in Invasion USA with Chuck Norris. He also acted in the TV movie In Love & War with James Woods, and played Jimmy Kee, a narcotics cop, as a series regular alongside Benjamin Bratt in the NBC TV series Nasty Boys. His film credits further include Shootfighter with Bolo Yeung and William Zabka. Additionally, James starred opposite Donald Sutherland in the acclaimed art film Bethune, which was filmed on location in China in 1988. The story follows Norman Bethune, a Canadian doctor who traveled to China in 1940 to assist Mao Zedong's revolutionary army in their fight against the Kuomintang Army led by Chiang Kai-shek. James portrayed Tong, a Cambridge graduate

who served as a translator for Mao and accompanied Bethune when he first arrived in Shanghai. The pair traveled by ox-cart and on foot to meet Mao in the mountainous region of Yan'an. Notably, James became the first American actor to work in China to complete the filming of Bethune in 1988.

In Hong Kong and mainland China, James starred with Oscar-winning actress Michelle Yeoh in the hit film *The Heroic Trio*, which topped \$20 million at the Asian box office. He also featured in *Wong Feihong – The Eight Assassins*, an acclaimed TV series directed by renowned Hong Kong action filmmaker Tsui Hark. James has also appeared in a multitude of popular Hong Kong and Mainland Chinese TV series, such as *Love Among the Triad* (1993), *Shanghai Fever* (1994), and *I Want to Fall in Love* - often referred to as China's version of *Sex and the City* - starring alongside Chinese superstar Jiang Wenli. He also starred in *Fen Ni's Smile, Am anderen Ende der Brücke*, AKA *On the Other Side of the Bridge*.

In 1990s Japan, James made history as the first Chinese American actor to star in Japanese films, performing in Japanese-language roles. His works include *Harimao* for Shochiku Studio and the TBS TV series *The New Recruits*, in which he appeared as a series regular. He co-starred with prominent Japanese superstars including Hitomi Kuroki and Hiroshi Abe, among others.

In 1994, in Milan, James broke new ground as the first ever Chinese American celebrity actor to collaborate with renowned late designer Giorgio Armani, walking the runway as a celebrity model in his winter fashion show. He also served as the Asian face of Giorgio Armani for the brand's world-wide marketing campaigns.

During the 1990s, James was the only Asian model and actor to serve as a brand ambassador for cigarette campaigns, featuring in two separate promotions for West Cigarettes and Philip Morris.

As a novelist, James has published a Chinese-language novel titled *A Bowl of Fish in China*.

In 2006, James produced and starred in the docudrama *The First Emperor* for Discovery USA and Channel 4 UK. The program premiered on Channel 4 UK with an 18% viewership rating. TV rights for the docudrama were sold to broadcasters worldwide, and it now has over 6 million views on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/h-SC0vKIWV0>).

In terms of martial arts expertise, James is a practitioner of Wushu, Karate, Aikido, and Kung Fu. He has studied Wing Chun, Long Fist, and Bajiquan. He wields an array of Chinese weapons with lethal skill and power, including the broadsword, three-section staff, kali sticks, long staff, long spear, nunchaku, and katana.

James founded his own stunt troupe called *The Immortals*. The troupe has headlined over 100 performances of the show *Shaolin Kung Fu* across Europe, and has also featured as the lead Kung Fu act in various TV shows and movie premieres in China. James produced and

directed a 40-minute segment for an Indonesian TV station's 25th anniversary special, which achieved a 30% viewership rating.

In 2026, James will lead the Big Trouble in Little China Reunion Tour, alongside Donald Li (aka Eddie) and the rest of the film's stunt team, to celebrate the movie's 40th anniversary. The tour will travel across the USA, Europe, Australia, and Japan. In the United States, James is scheduled to appear at major events in Atlanta, Georgia; Florida; New York; the Bay Area; Los Angeles; Texas; Ohio; and numerous other cities across the country.

Also in 2026, James is set to direct Vortex—a movie and TV IP that he created. He has penned the scripts and will co-star with top action stars in Hollywood and China, with the aim of launching a successful film franchise. Plans for video games and movie-related merchandise are currently in the works.

In '27 James will direct Wei Mei & Constance, a Art film that James penned and is a character driven story about a French Art Dealer working in China during the 80's and her friendship with two Chinese heroines.