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Film Series

Master of Zen

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Directed by Brandy Yuen

Starring Derek Yee and Fan Sui Yong

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"Master of Zen" presents the legend of Bodhidharma. The historical Bodhidharma is credited with bringing Zen Buddhism and kung-fu to China from India. This film contains all of the elements of the Bodhidharma myth – his growing up as a prince in India, his journey to China, his meeting with the Chinese Emperor, and his famous disciple Huike – who cuts off his own arm in order to receive Bodhidharma's teaching. Bodhidharma's "nine years facing the wall" is presented as literally nine years of continual meditation, without stopping for even one minute to eat or drink. He is in possession of the "Chi" energy – and this accounts for his amazing mysterious powers. This film is partially fanciful, and partially a glorified Hong Kong kung-fu movie. Needless to say, Bodhidharma always says wise things and has powerful kung-fu skills. This film is not meant to be historically accurate and does not give us the real Zen teachings of Bodhidharma. It is nevertheless an entertaining presentation of the Bodhidharma legend.

Spoken in Chinese with English subtitles

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