



Anita MUI 梅艷芳 (1963.10.10–2003.12.30)

Actress, Singer

Known affectionately as 'Mui Jeh', Mui was born to a lower-class family in Hong Kong. She began singing at the age of four and a half at the Lai Chi Kok Amusement Park for a living, and quit school at junior high to sing fulltime. She bagged the first prize at the New Talent Singing Awards in 1982. Her 1985-hit *Bad Girl* launched her to stardom. In a few years' time, she became the Hong Kong diva with some 30 albums to her name and kept breaking records in album sales and concert numbers. Dubbed 'Madonna of the East', she was a chameleon and a stunner on-stage, and completely changed the scene for a whole generation of female singers in Hong Kong.

Mui had starred in over 40 movies. Her role in *Rouge* (1988) won her Best Actress at the Golden Horse, the Hong Kong Film Awards, and the Asia Pacific Film Festival. She also received awards for her performance in *Behind the Yellow Line* (1984), *Eighteen Springs* (1997) and *July Rhapsody* (2002). She was a versatile actress who was as eloquent in dramas as she was in comedies and action films. With a breadth of repertoire rarely seen among Chinese actresses, she had successfully portrayed a multi-faceted female image.

Mui died of cancer on 30 December 2003. Her passion for charity and humanitarian causes earned her the posthumous title of 'Daughter of Hong Kong'. She was not only a superstar, she was the role model of modern independent women and an icon of Hong Kong pop culture.