

Film Archive launches "Multifarious Arrays of Weaponry in Hong Kong Cinema" exhibition (with photos)

The weapons that appear in Hong Kong kung fu and wuxia films come in a wide variety, with designs and fighting capabilities that showcase the dynamic vision of filmmakers and the creativity of action choreographers. To showcase these powerful and unique weapons, a dedicated exhibition entitled "Multifarious Arrays of Weaponry in Hong Kong Cinema", organised by the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is being held from today (December 13) to March 8, 2020, at the Exhibition Hall of the HKFA.

A star attraction of this fascinating exhibition is the careful reconstruction of the set in "Enter the Dragon" (1973), where the final duel between Bruce Lee and Sek Kin takes place. The nunchaku and tasselled spear used by the duo for training are on display. The recreated set promises to help visitors feel as if they are about to witness the dramatic battle between the two martial arts masters.

In addition, the exhibition showcases various prop weapons, including the leather whip and the willow-leaf sabre used by Kwan Tak-hing in "The Magic Whip" (1968) and the Wong Fei-hung film series respectively. The broken sabre from "The One-Armed Swordsman" (1967) is on display, as are the long sword and the machete from "The Bride with White Hair" (1993), the bronze sword from "An Empress and the Warriors" (2008), and the flying guillotine from "The Guillotines" (2012). Visitors will also see the short tonfa (a fighting stick with a handle) from "SPL 2" (2015). Videos of interviews with numerous action choreographers and stuntmen as well as demonstrations on different kinds of weapons will also be shown at the venue.

To tie in with the exhibition, a seminar entitled "The Sparks Between Weapons and Kung Fu", hosted by film critic Po Fung, will be held at 2pm on February 15, 2020, at the HKFA Cinema. The seminar will be conducted in Cantonese.

Admission to the exhibition and seminar is free. For details, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en_US/web/hkfa/programmesandexhibitions/programmes/weaponry/index.html.

