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Promo art, set pics from 'Bodyguards and Assassins'



Fresh promotional art and pics of Donnie Yen with a shaved head have surfaced from director Teddy Chen's forthcoming period martial arts movie BODYGUARDS AND ASSASSINS. Produced by Cinema Popular and We Pictures with action choreography by Tung Wei, the \$23 million film began shooting last month and will continue through June.

The story centers on efforts of a group of kung fu experts to protect Dr. Sun Yat-sen as he leads a revolution against the Qing Dynasty.

The poster art highlights the film's ensemble cast, which is highlighted by Donnie Yen, Leon Lai, Tony Leung Ka-fai, and Nicholas Tse. Vietnamese-American mixed martial arts champion Cung Le also recently joined the cast and is featured in some of the promo art.

Additional photos reveal that Tse and Yen have shaved their heads to match the traditional Qing-era queue, or pony tail haircut that was required for all men to have.

An English tagline on the poster states, "5 hours, 13 blocks, to save a nation's future, they must protect one man from its past." Pictures of each cast member are shown in what could be viewed as a throwback to the Shaw Brothers era when movie posters to historical epics featuring ensemble casts frequently displayed each of the principle stars.



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