

WEB SITES

GET WIRED WITH JACKIE

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If you've been a fan of Chan for a while, you've probably searched high and low for newspaper articles, video clips and magazine interviews pertaining to your favorite Hong Kong movie star, director, stuntman and singer. Depending on your reading habits, you may have seen the interview with Jackie in *Black Belt*, *Axxess*, *M.A.M.A* or *Entertainment Weekly*. If you've been surfing the Internet in search of such things, you'd have little trouble finding them. If you check out the World Wide Web sites below, you'll have even less.

JACKIE CHAN'S OFFICIAL WEB SITE:

First stop on the infotainment superhighway!

Where: <http://www.jackiechan.com/>

Who: Who else? The man himself!

Why: With the amount of activity being generated by his fans, it only makes sense. Without an "official" Jackie Chan Web site, who can you trust, really?

Why should I care: It's official! Anything that you read here can be considered to have *come* straight from Jackie. Take his heartfelt introduction:

Hello! It is nice to see you in my home page. How are you doing! [Yes, this is my official home page.] Just want to let you know I'm so happy to meet you here. Through this home page, I have confidence that we will communicate better than ever. It doesn't matter where you are now. Just let me know how you feel, and what you want to share with me. This home page is still under construction, I am sure you will give me your thoughts on my home page. Anyway, there will be more information about myself very soon. At the moment, you can follow the links to My Photos Gallery, Filmography and Achievement. Otherwise, you can take a look at my mega movie, *Thunderbolt*.

Like the man says, you can find photos, a filmography and a complete list of his film credits and awards. With time and feedback, this site will probably improve in leaps and bounds (much like Jackie), possibly to become the best Chan Web site. It only seems appropriate that it should.

Next we'll take a look at a few of the sites which I feel really capture the essence of what a Jackie Chan Web site is all about.

ANOTHER JACKIE CHAN PAGE, KIDDIES:

New page that is still growing.

Where: www.lava.net/-headrush/jc.html

Who: By a Chan fan, of course.

Why: This is an overall resource page, offering a plethora of things useful and amusing to Chan fans.

Why should I care: News flashes, general bio info, a list of injuries, various magazine articles, photos, filmography and much more are included.

CHAN FESTIVAL

Where: [//www.filmzone.com/Chan](http://www.filmzone.com/Chan)

Why: To celebrate the spirit that is Chan with a staggering multimedia blitz.

Who: The Chanimaniacs at FilmZone, creator's of New Line' s Rumble page.

Why should I care: It' s a great place for new JC fans, as it covers his major works with summaries, photos and video clips. Vivid graphics keep it interesting for the experienced fan.

THE WILD AND CRAZY STUNTMAN/ACTION STAR/MARTIAL ARTIST JACKIE CHAN

Where: <http://www.lava.net/~headrush/jc>

Who: HeadRush, a Hong Kong movie enthusiast, fan of the perfect wave and all things Hawaiian.

Why: Because it makes him feel good to see it done right.

Why should I care: HeadRush has described Jackie Chan better than any of his contemporaries — as the wild and crazy stuntman/action star/martial artist. I'll admit that his site was the first one I logged on to, but I was impressed with what I saw. After looking at all the others (some more graphically appealing), this one stood out. He had "Who?," "Filmography," "Black-N-Blue Articles," "His Top 10," "HeadRush's Choices," "Links" and "Updates." "Who?" is a well-developed two-part text about Jackie Chan's background. It was so long, it needed two pages! "His Top Ten" is a list of Jackie Chan's ten most favorite movies of all time. I won' t spoil it for you, but there was at least one *Godfather* movie on the list... "Black-N-Blue Articles" provides links to various articles posted elsewhere on-line. "Links" also provided links, but to other Web sites that might interest a Chan fan. "HeadRush's Choices" showcases the author' s favorite Chan flicks. "Updates" features the latest additions for regular readers. (Now, that' s what I call service!)

JACKIE CHAN FAN

Where: <http://www.ee.fit.edu/users/bergman/chan.html>

Who: Mr. Bergman.

Why: Because Bergman's a fan.

Why should I care: Although this wasn' t the most thorough site (it' s not like these guys get paid to do this! Sheesh!), it does have a library of down-loadable images. Also, the filmography here has a really cool little picture of the movie poster next to the bulleted summary (very professional). For a quick Jackie fix, this site is it!

THE TEMPLE OF JACKIE CHAN

Where: <http://www.pitt.edu/~oren/jackie.html>

Who: Oren.

Why: Too much free time....

Why should I care: The Temple of Jackie Chan represents the ultimate expression of fan appreciation, and it' s a nice site too. Graphically, this site is very compelling. The layout and design are some of the best I've seen in this search. The site is fun to look at and contains a good deal of information. Overall, it' s very entertaining. If you believe in both image and substance, this may very well be your favorite Jackie Chan Web site.

PROJECT A: AN UNOFFICIAL JACKIE CHAN WEB SITE

Where: <http://www.ssc.corn/~gary/chan.html>

Who: Gary, with a little help from several contributors.

Why: More than a Web site; like a literary compilation.

Why should I care: Gary is humble in his approach to assembling this Web page. Like before, we now have a group of fans who are willing to give much of their time to what some may only ever

see as a hobby. While scanning this site, I felt like I was in the Jackie Chan clubhouse, and these guys were presenting the monthly newsletter. According to Gary, he's always looking for contributions to the site. Who knows? Maybe you'll find your name next to a piece of juicy Jackie gossip one day on the Project A site.

Some other sites of interest include:

"JACKIE CHAN!"

(<http://brain.isdn.uiuc.edu/~Gen13/Jacky.html> and <http://www.walrus.com/~mindbomb/Jackie.html>).

These two sites are very similar. If I said any more, I'd be giving the whole thing away.

The following sites are not so much Chan Web sites as they are individual pages that are part of a larger collection. Still, they are quite entertaining.

JACKIE CHAN MOVIE REVIEW

Where: <http://www.cs.nmsu.edu/~wdawes/Jackie.html>

Who: Dawes goes deeply into the plot of each movie, and gives his personal impressions of each one. Reading this is like having a long, intelligent discussion with another fan.

Why should I care: For those of you who like to take your time and read in-depth critical analysis, this site may be of some interest. It's *completely* dedicated to movies in that Jackie not only stars but also directs.

THE JACKIE CHAN STUNTOGRAPHY

Where: <http://www.hotwind.com/renfeatures/96/13/stuntography.html>

Why should I care: This page has a great collection of actual movie clips that can be downloaded and viewed on your PC!

JACKIE CHAM — THE BIG LIST O'STUNTS

Where: <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/ssc/consult/duong/jackie/>

Why should I care: What we have here is a chart cross-referencing each Jackie Chan movie with injuries he suffered during production. Painfully entertaining!

JACKIE CHAN INTERVIEW

Where: <http://www.eagle.american.edu/eagle/v70/i26/features/chan.ra.html>

Why should I care: What you get when you log on to this page is an actual recording of an interview with Jackie Chan in New York. Of course, you have to download it, and you need RealAudio to listen to it. Just think, now your computer can quote Jackie Chan!

ROCK RECORDS

Where: <http://zero.corn.hk/rock/rock2.html>

Why should I care: Graphically, this site is top-notch. Rock Records, producer of many Hong Kong rock albums, has a selection of Jackie Chan CDs. Keep up to date on all the latest releases.

HONG KONG MOVIE LINKS

Where: <http://casa.colorado.edu/~kachun/hkdenver.html>

Why should I care: This site will prove invaluable in locating all sorts of other Web pages

pertaining to Hong Kong movies. This page is loaded (and I mean loaded) with links to other sites. You have to see it to believe it!

TOTALLY UNOFFICIAL JACKIE CHAN PAGE

Where: <http://home.gvi.net/~death/chan.html>

Why should I care: If all you're interested in is downloading oodles of cool Jackie Chan photos, this is *the* place to do it. Just make sure you have a book nearby and can afford ten to fifteen minutes of Net time to load the entire page. This is the single largest page I've ever seen (over 120,000 bytes!) and it's completely dedicated to pictures! The only thing I should warn you about is... all of these pictures come from other Web sites. This means that as of this writing, almost every picture available anywhere else should be available here. Just don't expect to find something here that's nowhere else.

RUMBLE IN THE BRONX PREVIEW PAGE

Where: <http://www.ios.com/~sahpngyi/contents.html>

Why should I care: For an unofficial site, this stuff is good! On these pages, you can download photos from the film, Quicktime movies, and behind-the-scenes shots. Be sure to check it out!

JACKIE CHAN: THE BUSTER KEATON OF ASIA

Where: <http://www.ids.net/~picpal/jchan.html>

Why should I care: Looking for that hard-to-find film? Picture Palace offers a long list of Jackie Chan movies, and you can follow the links to other pages to find out how to order. Overall, Picture Palace offers a selection of fifty thousand movies!

Besides Web sites, you can also check out the Asian Movies alternate newsgroup (another entirely different thing you can do with your modem).