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Craig Fong

Craig Robert Fong (born 22 October 1970), known professionally as **Craig Fong**, is an Australian actor. Fong has performed across a wide spectrum of leading and supporting roles in a variety of art-house and studio films, ranging from drama to horror and action genres.

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Early life

Fong was born in Carnarvon, Western Australia. In this small country town with less than five thousand residents, Fong grew up in a somewhat isolated outback environment and was first cast in the stage comedy ‘Custards Last Stand’. At fourteen, Fong moved to Perth to continue his studies at Rossmoyne Senior High School, but there were no drama classes; instead he picked up photography with the intention of eventually becoming a film director.


After high school, Fong enrolled at the Central Institute of Technology located in Perth, majoring in film production and animation. During his three years there, he won Best Television Commercial and his actor Matt Thompson won Best Male Actor for a short film he made in 1991 at the Film and Television Institute (FTI) Awards in Fremantle. The following year he was nominated for Best Documentary at the same event.

Fong's partner at the time, a prominent model, introduced him to her agent and thus was cast in his first television commercial for Western Australian Tourism.

Career

Fong left Perth for Sydney to pursue an acting career. He was an extra on *Thank God He Met Lizzie*, ‘Hart to Hart Down Under’ and was featured in a Crowded House music video, *Instinct*. From there he left for Singapore and modelled for Elite Singapore and then with Mannequin Studio.

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22 October 1970
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Alma mater

Central Institute of Technology

Occupation

Film actor,
Stage actor,
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1.80 m (5 ft 11 in)

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Fong's travels took him to Malaysia where his first real acting break came from a Hollywood movie *Entrapment*, where he spent five days acting next to Catherine Zeta-Jones as the right-hand-man of Maury Chaykin's dark but comical Triad Boss character.

In 1999 Fong was cast in his first lead role in an independent film *Spinning Gasing* portraying Harry, a young musician who is caught between culture, religion and love. 'Spinning Gasing' was later garnished with awards from the Hawaii International Film Festival, Slamdunk Film Festival in Utah and the CINEFAN Film Festival in Bombay.

Fong briefly returned to Singapore to work mostly in movies made for television with longtime friend and director Kabir Bhatia. Together they made 'On the Wings of Butterflies', playing a Japanese soldier who falls in love with a local Chinese Singaporean girl during World War II, and 'Full Circle'.

After two years in Singapore Fong returned to his home in Perth and met playwright John Aitken where he was cast as an Imperial princess in 'Imperial Façade', a Russian Mongolian soldier in 'Ships Pass Quietly', and a doppelgänger in 'Lost is my Quiet', where he was awarded Best Supporting Actor at the October 2007, 8th Annual Equity Guild Awards in Western Australia. The same year, Fong played Bao Tang in the Australian feature film, *Without Warrant* with Andy McPhee, Peter Phelps, Ferdinand Hoang and John Flaus. A crime thriller, it takes an uncompromising journey into the world of police corruption.

In June 2009, Fong was cast in the Malaysian epic feature film *Hikayat Merong Mahawangsa* (also known internationally as 'The Malay Chronicles: Bloodlines', playing the role of Admiral Liu Yun where the fight scenes were shot on the shores of Kuala Terengganu. In August of the same year he appeared as the love interest Karl Vincent in the television series Wadi Unung, for Astro Prima. While post-production continued on 'The Malay Chronicles: Bloodlines', Fong began shooting on the WWII mini-series Akinabalu in February 2010 alongside Dira Abu Zahar and Aaron Aziz, as the Japanese Lieutenant Tanaka. The Astro Citra miniseries, directed by Kabir Bhatia, was based on the Japanese occupation of South-East Asia, particularly the Sandakan Death Marches.

Fong can be seen in many European productions, including *Liebe und Tod auf Java* ('Love and Death in Java'), directed by Heidi Kranz, with screenplay by Christian Schmidt, and produced by teamWorx Television & Film GmbH. The cast included Muriel Baumeister, Francis Fulton-Smith, Julia Thurnau, Sönke Möhring, and Gottfried John. The film was set in a tobacco plantation in Java during the 1920s, before World War II had been declared and Nazi persecution had begun. *Verloren auf Borneo* (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2479584/?ref_=nm_filmg_act_8), ('Lost in Borneo') was another German-made movie about Borneo's endangered orangutans, highly threatened by deforestation. The film starred Hannes Jaenicke, Mirjam Weichselbraun and Patrick Heyn.

Fong played Andy Chow on 'The Hong Kong Affair' *Hafen der Düfte* (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3338170/?ref_=nm_filmg_act_6) with German actress Veronica Ferres who was also co-producer and acted with Russell Wong and Matthew Marsh. The story is based on the novel by Harold Nebenza. It was directed by Peter Gersina for teamWorx Television & Film GmbH.

In November 2011, Fong was nominated for Best Supporting Actor for 'The Malay Chronicles: Bloodlines' at the Anugerah Skrin in Malaysia.

In 2013 Fong teamed up once again with writer and director Kabir Bhatia on *Gila Baby*. In February of the same year, he starred in the Malaysian drama film *Cuak*.

In March 2013, Fong appeared in *Das Traumschiff* one of Germany's long-running television series, filmed in and around Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi. Fong played the character Beto alongside actor Nick Wilder.

In June 2018, filming began on *The Heights* by Matchbox Pictures for ABC Australia and the US NBC network. Fong played the role of Benny.

In January 2020, filming began for the feature film *Talbis Iblis* (The Devil's Deception), directed by Kabir Bhatia.

In December 2021, filming began for the TV series, *Mystery Road: Origin* in Kalgoorlie, directed by Dylan River and starring Mark Coles Smith for Bunya Productions.

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1999	<i>Spinning Gasing</i>	Harry Lee	
1999	<i>Entrapment</i>	Gangster	
2009	<i>The Line</i>	Bao Tang	
2011	<i>The Malay Chronicles: Bloodlines</i>	Admiral Lui Yun	
2011	<i>Akinabalu The Movie</i> (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6755112/?ref_=nm_filmg_act_10)	Lieutenant Tanaka	
2014	<i>Cuak</i>	The Man in Blue	
2014	<i>Gila Baby</i>	Mongol	
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Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2003	<i>Kopitiam</i>	William	3 episodes
2004	<i>Bully</i>	Daniel Lum	
2005	<i>On The Wings Of A Butterfly</i>	Kenji	
2010	<i>Wadi Unung</i>	Karl Vincent	24 episodes
2011	<i>Crossings</i>	Corporal Kanada	
2011	<i>Akinabalu</i> (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6755112/?ref_=nm_filmg_act_10)	Lieutenant Tanaka	8 episodes
2012	<i>Verloren auf Borneo</i> (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2479584/?ref_=nm_filmg_act_8)	Setiawan	
2012	<i>Liebe Und Tod Auf Java</i>	Tojo Murakami	
2013	<i>What If</i>		
2019	<i>The Heights</i>	Benny	9 episodes

Theatre

Year	Production	Playwright	Role	Notes
2005	<i>Imperial Facade</i>	John Aitken	Princess Wing Lee	
2007	<i>Lost Is My Quiet</i>	John Aitken	Simon Brewster	
2006	<i>Ships Pass Quietly</i>	John Aitken	Yuri	

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