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Tai Chi and ass kicking? Keanu Reeves will show us how in *Man of Tai Chi*.

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Actor Keanu Reeves attends the Cinema Society with DeLeon Tequila and Moving Pictures Film & Television screening Of 'Henry's Crime' at Landmark's Sunshine Cinema on April 4, 2011 in New York City.

As I reported on 12/9/2011 [Keanu Reeves](#) will direct [Man of Tai Chi](#) as his affectionate homage to classic kick-ass cinema. Now Universal Pictures is boarding [Keanu Reeves'](#) directorial debut [Man of Tai Chi](#), which will be shot in China and co-financed by Village Roadshow Pictures Asia, China Film Group, Wanda Media and Universal.

Set in contemporary Beijing, *Man of Tai Chi* will be the first time for Tiger Chen, who was an integral part of the [Kung Fu](#) team in *The Matrix*, to play a lead role. In *Man of Tai Chi*, Chen stars as a young martial artist whose fighting skills bring him opportunities and painful choices. After months long search, Hong Kong-based [Karen Mok](#) (a three-time [Golden Melody Award](#) - winning actress and singer-songwriter.) has been chosen as the female lead role in this movie and plays a police officer. As far as Reeves, rumor has it that he may play a villain.

This movie will be shoot in Mandarin and English after the Chinese New Year celebration is over in February 2012.

Universal International president David Kosse said in a recent press conference that the opportunity to involve in the Chinese film market, as well as to bring Chinese movies to audiences around the world, is a priority for the studio. "*Man of Tai Chi* has an amazing pedigree of filmmakers and we're thrilled to be a part of Keanu's directorial debut," as he was quoted.

In April 2011, Keanu excitedly announced, "There's 18 fights. We've timed it out. It's about 40 minutes of fighting". "I want to make a good, solid Kung Fu movie. Good story, good plot — but let's get some good Kung Fu going!" So for people who think Tai Chi is soft and impractical in fighting, they will be surprised for sure.

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