

the Professor

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### "East engagingly meets West in this affectionate documentary portrait of Cheng Man-Ching, the Chinese master who brought Tai Chi to New York during the groovy but stressed-out '6os." -LOS ANGELES TIMES

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# Professor Tai Chi's

A film by Barry Strugatz

The Professor: Tai Chi's Journey West is a feature documentary about Tai Chi and one of its greatest masters, Cheng Man-Ching, a man who brought Tai Chi and Chinese culture to the West during the swinging, turbulent 60s. Though Cheng is an important transformational figure, his teachings have been overlooked. Featuring a rich array of vintage archival footage, the film tells the story of his remarkable life and features Tai Chi as a martial art and a spiritual practice.



### DVD EXTRAS INCLUDE Cheng Man-Ching performs his 37 Movement Form

- The Origin of Tai Chi
- Subway Story

"Enlightening! A vivid, up-close and personal portrait of this master of moving meditation." -SPIRITUALITY & PRACTICE MAGAZINE

"Effective and well-illustrated with archival footage... will likely provoke great interest in tai chi." -LA WEEKLY

"Must-see!" -BBC AMERICA

"Refreshing! Recommended for students of Taoism and martial arts fans receptive to something a little more meditative." -JB Spins



"Very moving. It reveals how completely universal and accessible Tai Chi is to anyone. A perfect martial art for this time of fear and anger." -Julie Taymor, Award-Winning Broadway & Film Director

"A beautifully crafted, nuanced portrait of Cheng Man-Ching, the Chinese martial artist who had an important role in the introduction of Tai Chi to America in the 1960's. The telling of his story and that of the American students who embraced his art, provides insight into a unique social and political era in American society. Should be regarded as required viewing for students of Tai Chi as well as American cultural history." -Warrington Hudlin, Filmmaker

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