

Martial arts epic topped charts during Mid-Autumn festival

The fantasy film *Jade Dynasty* topped the box office charts during Mid-Autumn Festival, a lucrative period for the movie business.

From Sept 13 to 15, the span of the festival this year, *Jade Dynasty* grossed around 270 million yuan (\$38.13 million), accounting for 34 percent of the total box office receipts raked in during the three-day holiday.

The movie, made by Hong Kong filmmaker Ching Siu-tung, a renowned action choreographer-turned director, stars pop idols Xiao Zhan, Li Qin and Meng Meiqi, all followed by millions of fans on the Twitter-like Sina Weibo.

Adapted from online writer Xiao Ding's popular novel of the same title, *Jade Dynasty* is a martial arts epic which chronicles the life of a young swordsman.



The movie has received mixed reviews online, with most of the criticism revolving on its poor visual effects and loose storytelling.
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'Happy Camp' TV show to stage summer music festival



The weekly entertainment show *Happy Camp* has gathered renowned singers, including Singaporean singer-songwriter JJ Lin, Malaysian singer Fish Leong and Chinese pop star Cai Xukun to stage a summer music festival, which will be released on Aug 31. The show's five versatile hosts - He Jiong, Xie Na, Li Weijia, Wu Xin and Du Haitao - will also cooperate with these singers in performing hit songs.

The show, launched by Hunan Satellite TV station early in July 1997, has enjoyed great popularity among Chinese audiences over the past two decades mainly because its production unit always tries to keep abreast with the times.

Multiple forms, including debate, a talk show and a singing contest have been integrated into the program in recent years.

He says it's arduous to keep innovating and making changes, but they would like to spare no effort to present a refreshing *Happy Camp* for its longtime audiences.

In 2017 the show adopted a new feature in which all the celebrity guests play games to win donations for left-over children or promote agricultural products for impoverished farmers, exploring the possibilities for entertainment shows to integrate charity into their programs.

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A strong man will struggle with the storms of fate.

---Thomas Addison