

2 themselves for some time, but thus far to no avail. So far, the only *Last Dragon* blip on Sony's radar has been a possible 20th Anniversary DVD release. No plans, however, are firm.

Taimak says he has a dynamite script and the interest and enthusiasm are obviously out there. While chop socky fans continue to clamour for the further adventures of Bruce Leroy, the man himself says he'd love to make *Part 2*, but he's keeping busy in the meanwhile. "I've learned over the course of my life that what's meant to happen will happen," he says, "and you can make yourself crazy worrying about the future." Taimak says he's continuing to focus on the renewal of his acting career, doing both independent and studio pictures that catch his interest, as well as modeling and whatever other projects come his way. Most recently, he agreed to host a television fitness show, set to begin production in early 2006.

#### What now?

Will moviegoers ever see Taimak back on the big screen, punching and kicking his way through *The Last Dragon 2*? The fans are ready and Taimak's able - it only remains to be seen if the powers that be are willing. For more info about Taimak and/or *The Last Dragon*, visit [www.taimak.tv/online](http://www.taimak.tv/online).

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Last Dragon star Taimak says he's saved by the fan base the film continues to draw.



Top: In honour of Bruce Leroy, movie-goers were treated to chopsticks with their popcorn!

Left: Master of Ceremonies, Anthony De Longis (left) and Guest of Honour, Taimak met fans and signed photos before and after the show.



Right: Sidekick Cinema's co-host, Jason McNeil (left) and producer, James Houston, performed in a live pre-movie martial arts show.

## LAST DRAGON SCREENING ROCKS HISTORIC THEATRE

**R**oanoke, VA (USA) - 20th August 2005 - On a balmy southern Saturday night, hundreds of fans packed the historic Grandin Theatre for a special showing of Berry Gordy's *The Last Dragon*, featuring a special appearance by the film's star, Taimak.

Co-sponsored by Sidekick Cinema (a television programme showcasing martial arts movies) and the Grandin Theatre Foundation, the special screening of the Motown martial arts classic was preceded by a live Kung Fu show set to the beat of Chinese dragon drums. After opening with the spectacle and pageantry of a traditional Chinese lion dance, such as is normally seen only at Eastern New Year celebrations, the Grandin Theatre's stage was the scene of levered punching and kicking, as well as slashing sword play and nail-bitingly precise bullwhip performances by the evening's MCs, Sidekick Cinema stars Anthony De Longis and Jason McNeil, along with the producer, James Houston. Taimak's appearance onstage drew repeated cheers from the audience, most of whom stayed long after the end credits had rolled for a special Q&A session with the film's star. Many of the audience members came dressed in colourful Kung Fu and Karate outfits, adding to both the festivity and outrageousness of the event. "I've been to a few of these in the last couple of years," said Taimak, "but this is definitely the most elaborate, and the most fun!"

Movie-goer Headie Altizer, dolled up in her finest 'ninja babe' kit, she was a little surprised at the turn-out. "For the university students and school kids," she said, "this is their last Saturday night before fall classes start next week. I guess it really says a lot about this movie that all these people got dressed up like Kung Fu crazies and spent their last weekend of freedom in a theatre just to see it - and meet Taimak, of course!" Checking first to see that her date was out of earshot, she added gushingly, "My god, Taimak is one gorgeous man!" then hopped in line to get an autographed photo of the gorgeous man in question.

Jason Garnett, the Grandin Theatre's general manager, said through a smile that he couldn't be happier with the way the evening turned out. "I hope the Grandin can do more exciting, off-beat events like this!" he grinned.

For more information, go online to [sidekickcinema.com](http://sidekickcinema.com) and [grandintheatre.org](http://grandintheatre.org).

