

Gong Li, Jet Li, Donnie Yen join Mulan's cast

After Chinese actress Liu Yifei is confirmed to play the titular heroine in Disney's live-action adaptation of *Mulan*, joining her now are superstars Gong Li, Jet Li and Donnie Yen.

Gong will play the villain as a powerful witch, while Li will portray the emperor who orders the mobilization of troops via the conscription of one male from each household.

Yen will play a commander who is *Mulan*'s mentor. He recently appeared in Disney tentpole, 2016's *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, as a blind warrior.

Hong Kong-based Bill Kong of Edko Films will act as executive producer. Niki Caro, of *The Whale Rider* and *The Zookeeper's Wife* fame, is directing the film.

Filming is scheduled to begin in August in China and New Zealand. The release is originally dated for November this year, but is now pushed back to March 27, 2020, after producers took a long time to find their lead.

The film is a remake of Disney's 1998 animated film in which Hua Mulan disguises herself as a man to take her elderly father's place during a general conscription during the Han dynasty.

The animated film earned more than \$300 million worldwide as well as Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations.