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THE 50 GREATEST LIVING RAKES

MICHAEL CHOW

(73)

Actor, interior designer and restaurateur

RAISON D'ÊTRE: The son of Peking opera star Zhou Xinfang and brother of Bond girl Tsai Chin popularised Chinese food in the West's major cities, before an extraordinary career diversion saw him star in *Rush Hour* and *Modesty Blaise*.

DEFINING MOMENT(S) OF RAKISHNESS: Decorating his first Chinese restaurant in Knightsbridge with artworks by Peter Blake, Patrick Caulfield and David Hockney. He remains a prolific collector of contemporary art and furniture to this day.

MODUS VESTIO: His trademark stylistic flourishes include bespoke suits in bold hues such as salmon pink and powder blue, and round tortoiseshell glasses by Cutler and Gross of Knightsbridge.

CREDO: "Everything is based on a universe of subliminal details," he once declared. "I call the standard 'humanly possible'." ■

