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Vancouver Wing Tsun Practitioner Shows (his) Skills on the Silver Screen

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The (Yip Man) movie has helped to popularize the art. In Canada, not many people were familiar with Yip Man, who was Bruce Lee's Sifu, until the release of the movie with the same name. Since then, many people have been searching out Wing Tsun schools to learn the martial art. Ralph Haenel has taught Wing Tsun in Vancouver for 18 years as a full time professional instructor. He teaches Wing Tsun every week at a Victoria Drive studio. Because he is such low-key person, it took some effort to find this Wing Tsun teacher of the Yip Man lineage.

Opening the first Canadian School

Ralph Haenel is a former East German Wing Tsun instructor. In 1988 he was imprisoned by the East German government on espionage charges due to his teaching of Wing Tsun and for his contacts with European Wing Tsun teachers. Luckily when the Berlin Wall fell down, he was freed and he travelled and taught Wing Tsun in other European countries. In 1994 he immigrated to Vancouver Canada where he opened up his first Wing Tsun Kung Fu school. Ralph believes the Yip Man movie has helped to promote public interest in learning Wing Tsun. A local Vancouver company is producing an action movie (Quantum Shock) which features Wing Tsun martial arts and they have invited Ralph Haenel to be a fight choreographer and a role in the film.

Increased female interest in learning self defense

Other than those who were influenced by the movie, Ralph Haenel believes there has been increased interest among females in learning Wing Tsun due to increased crime. He pointed out that Wing Tsun was originally a self defense system devised by a woman therefore he hopes there will be more female students. It really helps to spread and promote the art.

photo caption

Sifu and Philip - Ralph Haenel demonstration on a student - using speed to defeat an attacker.



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A Wing Tsun practitioner (descendant or follower)
 [I want to fight 10 persons] Donnie Yen's film "Yip Man" caused the recent strong interest in Asia to learn Wing Tsun. But in North America and Europe, many were already learning Wing Tsun because of the popularity of Bruce Lee in the 1970s.

photo caption

- #1 - Wing Tsun students of different ethnicities and ages earnestly practicing
- #2 - Ralph Haenel (front left) demonstrating the correct hand position to students
- #3 - Female student learning Wing Tsun close range attacks/strikes against attackers

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The three parts cover the Donnie Yen 'Yip Man' films, the origin legend of Wing Tsun and a short biography of Grandmaster Yip Man.

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Ralph Haenel
 learning and teaching Wing Tsun Kung Fu since 1984.
 Changing lives, one punch at a time.

Ralph Haenel, German-born self-defense expert and book author, looks back at over 30 years of martial arts training. He started his studies in Judo, Japanese Jiu-Jitsu and Karate. In 2009 he celebrated the 25th anniversary of learning and teaching Wing Tsun Kung Fu.
 For over two decades now, his life is committed to teaching Wing Tsun full time. Benefit from his experience of having learned in the worldwide largest professional Kung Fu organization. For 16 years Ralph was educated by expert WingTsun masters whose previous careers spanned from professional boxing to full contact champions to military combat instructors.
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