

BTA News

Hall of Fame Induction

Local Preston Martial Arts instructor Master Barry Cook who is connected to many of **Hollywood's** celebrity Martial Arts Superstars is being inducted into the official **USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame** in the footsteps of actors such as Chuck Norris, Bill 'Superfoot' Wallace and Don 'The Dragon' Wilson. Master Cook who is a student and friend of action superstars Phillip and Simon Rhee often visits Los Angeles to train and socialise with the stars of arguably the biggest series of Taekwondo movies **The Best of the Best**.



Barry Cook and Phillip Rhee

After running his Martial Arts school in Much Hoole, Preston since 2003, Master Cook has received many International awards and commendations from countries such as South Korea and the United States of America, and can now add the very special title of Hall of Fame inductee to his Martial Arts CV which now spans over 33 years..



Master Cook who will be inducted in to the USA's Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2012

Master Cook (42) has over 33 years of Martial Arts experience (the last 22 years being in Kukkiwon Taekwondo) and is the founder and chief instructor of his own Korean Martial Arts institute called the Cheongye Kwan Daehando. His instructor is Master Christopher Davies (7th Dan), head of the British Taekwondo Alliance based in Bristol, in southern England. When asked about his student's achievement, Master Davies said:

"I have been Master Cook's Taekwondo instructor for the past 14 years and with his knowledge, attitude and personality, I could not think of a better person to be the first UK inductee into the Hall of Fame, and I am very proud of him and his achievement".

The Hall of Fame was originally developed and designed in 1972 as a service to Martial Artists and Karate practitioners within the United States Karate Association under the co-creators Grandmaster Robert Trias and Dr. James Thomas. During this period, this was the only Hall of Fame anywhere in the world except for one other (Black Belt magazine's Hall of Fame). After one of the founders passed away, the co-creator Dr. James Thomas decided to take the organization to a new level and so in 1992 the all new U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame was unveiled.



Barry Cook with Bruce Lee student Dan Inosanto

The Induction and black tie formal ceremony will take place on Saturday 14th April in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, and will include a number of high profile celebrity Martial Arts actors and movie stars. The master of ceremonies for the event is Martial Arts Superstar Don 'The Dragon' Wilson.

For more information about the prestigious award or the Cheongye Kwan Association, please contact Helen Cook at the CKDI Martial Arts Institute, Much Hoole, Preston, or telephone 01772 301 382, you can also email on info@cheongye.co.uk and the association website can be found at: www.cheongye.co.uk



Barry Cook with Bill 'Superfoot' Wallace

The BTA would like to thank Master Cook for his years of dedication and commitment not only to the association, but also to Taekwondo overall. As a former GB National Team member and BTA Team coach, he has worked tirelessly to promote quality, ethics and fair play throughout. His character and moral fibre are obvious to anyone who meets him and Master Davies and the rest of the British Taekwondo Alliance congratulate him on this massive award.

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