

## K2721 THE KARATE KID (USA, 1984)

(Other titles: Moment de verite; Per vincere domani)

**Credits:** director, John C. Avildsen ; writer, Robert Mark Kamen.

**Cast:** Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Martin Kove.

**Summary:** Sports/martial arts/coming of age drama set in contemporary California. Daniel (Macchio), a fatherless teenager, arrives in Los Angeles from the East and faces the difficult task of making friends. He becomes the object of bullying by a gang of karate students when he strikes up a relationship with Ali (Shue), the gang leader's ex-girlfriend. Daniel asks Miyagi (Morita), an Okinawan-American master of martial arts, to help him learn karate. Daniel then prepares himself both mentally and physically for the fight of his life. The gang of karate bullies is trained by Vietnam veteran John Kreese (Kove).

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