

FREE JAPANESE FILM SCREENINGS

Co-organized by The Japan Foundation, Sydney & Consulate-General of Japan, Melbourne

Tuesday 25 June 2013

First Film (2.00pm – 5.30pm)



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Seven Samurai

Considered one of cinema's greatest-ever masterpieces, Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* (*Shichinin no samurai*) is an epic tale of heroism, camaraderie and sacrifice. Presented at its original length and starring the legendary players Takashi Shimura and Toshiro Mifune, *Seven Samurai* remains today a beautiful and powerful specimen of the art of cinema.

Japanese Title: 『七人の侍』

Year: 1954

Director: Akira Kurosawa

Japanese with English subtitles, 207 min, PG

Second Film (5.50pm – 7.20pm)



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Naruto Shippuden, the Movie

Naruto's mission is to protect a priestess named Shion, who is the only one with the power to seal away the monster. She also has the uncanny ability to predict someone's fate. Her latest prediction: Naruto will soon die. Naruto's only hope is to abandon Shion, but that's not Naruto's style. He decides to face her fatal prediction head-on - and die!

Japanese Title: 『劇場版ナルト疾風伝』

Year: 2007

Director: Hajime Kamegaki

Japanese with English subtitles, 90 min, M

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First Film (2.30pm – 4.35pm)



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Sansho the Bailiff

Set in medieval Japan, Mizoguchi's widely-lauded masterpiece is one of his finest and most heartfelt meditations on the inhumane nature of the caste system, and its effects on the individual. Unarguably one of Mizoguchi's crowning achievements, *Sansho the Bailiff* is a film of startling beauty and incomparable genius.

Japanese Title: 『山椒大夫』

Year: 1954

Director: Kenji Mizoguchi

Japanese with English subtitles, 124 min, PG

Second Film (5.30pm – 7.10pm)



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Professor Layton and the Eternal Diva

The Professor receives a letter from his old student, the famous opera diva Janice Quatlane who will soon perform at the legendary Crown Petone Opera House. She sends Layton two tickets and invites him to attend as her special guest. Meanwhile, a rash of disappearances hits London and the Professor suspects it's related to the strange things that are happening at the theatre.

Japanese Title: 『レイ トン教授と永遠の歌姫』

Year: 2009

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Japanese with English subtitles, 97 min, PG

Venue: Japan Information & Cultural Centre, Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne

Level 8, 570 Bourke Street Melbourne

Admission Free *Seating is limited so bookings are essential.

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