

Center For East Asian and Pacific Studies
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Japanese Film Series

2003

Friday, March 14

6:00 pm

Introduction to the Series

George Yu, Director
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6:10 pm

Oriume

Directed by Hisako Matsui (2001)

A family shoulders an unexpected responsibility when Alzheimer's disease strikes the grandmother. A superb cast portrays this serious and realistic situation with heartwarming compassion, stressing the importance of empathizing with the victims of this difficult disease. (111 minutes)

8:30 pm

All About Lily Chou-Chou

Directed by Shunji Iwai (2002)

Shot entirely in digital video, this film portrays a group of junior high school classmates obsessed with the fictitious pop star Lily Chou-Chou. They find community in cyberspace chat rooms dedicated to the singer, but in their real lives, they are alienated from their peers and tormented by bullies. (146 minutes)

Saturday, March 15

2:00 pm

Spirited Away

Directed by Hayao Miyazaki (2001)

A young girl finds herself in a world inhabited by strange spirits. Her parents are turned into pigs, and she is faced with the task of turning them back to human form and finding her way home. Suitable for children. (124 minutes)

4:45 pm

Fireworks

Directed by Takeshi Kitano (1998)

Takeshi "Beat" Kitano both directed and starred in this film about a tough ex-cop, troubled by his ill wife and his partner, who was shot on duty. He proceeds to confront his demons in a bloody rampage, doing whatever is necessary to help those he loves. (103 minutes)

7:00 pm

Taboo

Directed by Nagisa Oshima (2000)

A homoerotic drama about a handsome young man recruited to the ranks of a prestigious samurai training school. The captain of the squadron and his fellow soldiers become obsessed with him but soon his lovers, both real and suspected, begin to die violent deaths. (100 minutes)



Free Admission



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