The Japan Foundation Arab Film Festival 2007

The Japan Foundation will present the third annual Arab Film Festival. This year's highlight is the first major retrospective in Japan on films made in Egypt, known as the Hollywood of the Arab world. Other programs will include the first screenings in Japan of films from Saudi Arabia and Yemen, two countries with emerging film industries, and symposiums with diverse international guests.

Dates: Friday, March 9 to Sunday, March 18, 2007
Venue: OAG Hall, First Floor, OAG Haus
7-5-56 Akasaka Minato-ku Tokyo
Nearest station: Aoyama-itchome (Ginza, Hanzomon, and Oedo subway lines), Exit 4
Admission: Single tickets 800 yen (1,000 yen at the door)

New Arab Cinema
Introducing five films from Algeria, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and Yemen released in 2004 and 2005.

Egyptian Film Retrospective: Celebrating 50 Years of Japan-Egypt Cultural Exchange
Presenting 12 masterpieces old and new from Egypt, the leader of Arab cinema, including Feud in the Valley (1954), the first film starring Omar Sharif, and The Yacoubian Building (2006), winner of the grand prix at the Biennale of Arab Cinema in Paris.

Symposiums
Guest lists are tentative. Admission is free.
Guests: Daoud Abdel Sayyid, director of Land of Fear (Egypt)
Ali Abou Shadi, Egyptian Film Center, Cairo (Egypt)
Magda Wassef, Institut du Monde Arab, Paris (France-Egypt)
Al-moamen Abdalla, Daito Bunka University, Japan (Egypt)
Mitsuko Sano, Keio University, Japan (Japan)
Guests: Nacer Khemir, director of Bab’Aziz (Tunisia)
Abdullah Al-Muheisen, director of Shadow of Silence (Saudi Arabia)
Ahcene Benzerari, actor (Algeria)

For more information, please see: http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/culture/topics/movie/arab_2007.html

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