# Japanese Film Screenings

# Advance booking required

#### Admission Free / With English subtitles

### 2022 Tuesday, January 18 The Rikisha Man (The Rickshaw Man)

#### Directed by Inagaki Hiroshi

Based on a novel by Iwashita Shunsaku 1943 KADOKAWA(Daiei) 89min B&W 35mm

SETTING: Several years after 1905 when the Russo-Japanese war ended LOCATION: Kokura (a city located in northern Kyushu) The Rikisha man TOMISHIMA MATSUGORO is known to his friends as "Outlaw MATSU", intrepid, quarrelsome but chivalrous and obligating. One day, he saves a boy named TOSHIO who fell down from bamboo stilts, who happens to be the only son of the Army Captain...

## Wednesday, January 19 Till We Meet Again

Directed by Imai Tadashi 1950 Toho 111min B&W 35mm SETTING: Tokyo in 1945

This film is based on a novel, "Pierre et Luce" by Romain Rolland. It depicts the tragedy of love between youths forced to be involved in the war. Japanese audiences appreciated the tragedy of romance, because of their own tragic experiences during the war.

## Thursday, January 20 Singing Lovebirds

Directed by Makino Masahiro 1939 Nikkatsu 69min B&W Blu-ray "Singing Lovebirds" is a whimsical display of Masahiro Makino' s genius! Despite the fact that it was filmed during turbulent times, this western Influenced "samurai musical" guarantees a smile for all.

# Friday, January 21 The Sun in the Last Days

of the Shogunate Directed by Kawashima Yuzo 1957 Nikkatsu 110min B&W Blu-ray SETTING: 1860s LOCATION: Tokyo(called Edo till 1868) The comical talk called Rakugo has been one of the traditional Japanese entertainments. The film has been made up of three Rakugo stories and forms a unique comedy. Director Kawashima Yuzo puts into the film light -hearted tempo and unexpected story development, which simply brings about such a delightful entertainment on the screen.

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