

Shemaroo World Cinema commemorates legendary Japanese Film Maker Akira Kurosawa

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Mumbai, Maharashtra, July 16, 2009 /[India PRwire](#)/ -- 2009 being the centenary birth anniversary of the renowned Japanese Film Maker - Akira Kurosawa, Shemaroo World Cinema celebrates him . . . his persona . . . his being ness . . . and his spirit by organizing an extravagant festival in four cities.

Shemaroo World Cinema's Kurosawa Film Festival will be held with as much magnificence in - Kolkata, Bangalore, Mumbai and Delhi – as the film maker himself.

The festival will kick start on 24 July 2009 in Kolkata and will be spread over till September 2009 in the other cities.

Shemaroo World Cinema will launch four of Kurosawa's titles on DVD namely 'Rashomon', 'Ran', 'Madadayo' and 'Quiet Duel'. These titles will now be available to Kurosawa fans across India, with bonus features and Hindi sub-titles.

A 3 day, back to back screening, on weekends – Friday-Saturday-Sunday – is going to be the order of the day, at this splendid festival.

Akira Kurosawa Profile

After training as a painter, Kurosawa entered the film industry in 1936 as an assistant director, making his directorial debut in 1943. After working in a wide range of genres, he made his breakthrough film **Rashomon** in 1950. It won the top prize at the Venice Film Festival, and first revealed the richness of Japanese cinema to the West.

Kurosawa's films have always been more popular in the West than in his native Japan, where critics have viewed his adaptations of Western genres and authors (William Shakespeare, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Maxim Gorky and Evan Hunter) with suspicion - but he's revered by American and European film-makers, who remade Shichinin no samurai (1954), as The Magnificent Seven (1960), Yojimbo (1961), as Per un pugno di dollari (1964) and Kakushi-toride no san-akunin (1958), as Star Wars (1977).

Notes to Editor

About Shemaroo World Cinema

Shemaroo Entertainment is taking a magnificent step to make World Cinema more accessible to the Indian audiences like never before. All this while retaining the ingredients of "a Popcorn Movie" - to strike a similar chord with the viewers. *So, get ready to appreciate World Cinema, just as we do for any popular Indian Cinema!*

Our huge repository includes, unique cinematic experiences cutting across all genres and films, critically acclaimed titles across the world and titles which have won prestigious awards like Cannes, Oscar, Venice and Berlin among others.

Our World Cinema catalogue includes movies that have transcended all the temporal and spatial boundaries. There are titles which have won the hearts of masses, classes and critics too.

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Shemaroo World Cinema DVDs

Shemaroo's World Cinema DVDs are inclusive of bonus features such as - a booklet that will contain an essay on World Cinema, on the particular film and its respective country; a section called 'Purple Patch' which includes

short movies from 'Whistling WoodsInternational'; a special feature section containing of deleted scenes andinterviews of the cast and crew. Our aimat Shemaroo is to bring World Cinema at your doorstep and that too ataffordable prices.

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