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Last year, the Embassy of Japan was pleased to welcome geisha from Tokyo's famous Shimbashi district to the JICC stage. This year, we're bringing these elegantly elusive entertainers to the big screen. From acclaimed screenwriter Kankuro Kudo of *Go* (2001), for which he won a Japan Academy Award, and *Ping Pong* (2002), this slapstick comedy offers a colorfully entertaining glimpse into the mysterious world of the *maiko* (or apprentice geisha), complete with a twist of Kyoto humor.

Unlike most businessmen, Kumihiko Onizuka is thrilled to learn he's being demoted, because that means he'll be transferred to Kyoto. With the hopes of finally realizing his lifelong dream of meeting and falling in love with a real *maiko*, he promptly dumps his girlfriend and heads for the "flower districts" of Kyoto. When his rival, a famous professional baseball player, stands in the way, Onizuka vows to take revenge by going pro himself. Little does he know his jilted ex-girlfriend has a plan of her own!

Japanese with English Subtitles. 120 min, 2007. Directed by Nobuo Mizuta.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and granted on a first come, first served basis.
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