

J-Film Series December 2009

The Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan, Japan Commerce Association of Washington DC,
and The Freer + Sackler Galleries present:



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HACHI

A Dog's Tale

Wednesday, December 16th
@ 7:00 pm

At the Freer + Sackler Galleries'
Meyer Auditorium

Jefferson and 12th Street SW, near the Smithsonian Castle
Metro Access: Smithsonian Station (Blue/Orange)

For Hachi, Professor Parker (Richard Gere) was more than just his master—he was a friend. Each day Hachi saw him off at the train station, and every night the faithful Akita pooch was there to welcome him home. But when Professor Parker doesn't get off the train one evening, Hachi begins a patient vigil. Over the next 10 years, he returns every day, always at the time the Professor's train would have arrived. Hachi's unwavering devotion touches the lives of the townspeople, teaching them about love, friendship and, above all, never-ending faithfulness.

Lasse Hallström directs this heartwarming tale based on the true story of Japanese Professor Hidesaburo Ueno and his pal Hachiko who was embraced by the people of Japan as a symbol of loyalty. Before screening *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*, which became a smash hit in Japan earlier this summer, we will be showing the original trailer of the 1987 Japanese blockbuster *Hachiko Monogatari*.

Following the screening there will be a discussion with Director Lasse Hallström and Producer Vicki Shigekuni Wong, who brought Hachiko's popular tale to America.

Starring Richard Gere, Joan Allen, Sarah Roemer, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa and Jason Alexander.

English. Rated G. 93 mins. 2009. Directed by Lasse Hallström

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