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JUNGLE EMPEROR LEO

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On the 20th anniversary of his death, the JICC honors Osamu Tezuka, the founding father of Japanese animation, with a special presentation of *Jungle Emperor Leo*. Based on his epic manga, this beautifully animated film tells the story of Leo the Lion, feared and revered as the King of the Jungle. From his home at the foot of Moon Mountain he watches over his kingdom with pride and compassion. But when humans invade the jungle in search of the powerful Moonlight Stones, Leo must fight to protect the world he loves or risk losing everything.

Often referred to as the “Japanese Walt Disney,” Tezuka’s work has influenced nearly every manga and anime artist to come after him. When *The Lion King* was released by Disney in 1994, people around the world were struck by its many similarities to Tezuka’s earlier *Jungle Emperor* television series, which first appeared in America during the 1970’s. His earlier works *Astro Boy* and *Kimba the White Lion* were among the earliest anime to be exported to the US, setting the standard for the imaginative storytelling that continues to define anime and manga today.

Japanese with English subtitles. 99 minutes. 1997. Based on the original work by Tezuka Osamu. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and granted on a first come, first served basis. **Reservations required.** Please send your name, affiliation, the number in your party, and the names of your guests, to: Jiccrsvpwinter09@embjapan.org

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