

J-Film Series October 2009

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Love & Honor

Wednesday, October 21st @ 6:30 pm

Renowned director Yamada Yoji brings his acclaimed samurai trilogy, which began with the Oscar-nominated *Twilight Samurai*, which you may have seen at the JICC in the fall of 2007, to a fitting end with *Love and Honor*. Set against a backdrop of rigid class divisions and fading traditions, Yamada tells the story of Shinnojo (Takuya Kimura), a proud, low-ranking samurai who's grown weary of his post as a food-taster for the lord of his clan. He dreams of opening a martial arts training school for boys until a sampling of toxic, out-of-season shellfish, leaves him blind. Faced with the loss of his annual stipend, Shinnojo contemplates suicide while his coldhearted relatives secretly push his adoring wife, Kayo, into the arms of an influential samurai on whose generosity their survival may depend.

With flawless casting and elegant direction, *Love and Honor* eloquently emphasizes one of the samurai genre's most important themes: the deepest wound a samurai may suffer does not come from any blade.

Japanese with English subtitles. Rated PG-13. 121 min, 2007. Directed by Yoji Yamada.

This event is free and open to the public. Reservations required. Seating is limited and granted on a first come, first served basis. Doors close at 7:00. Please send your name, affiliation, and the number in your party to jiccrsvp@embjapan.org.

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