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METROPOLIS

Friday, November 13th
6:30 pm

In celebration of the Freer Gallery's special series "Osamu Tezuka: God of Manga, Father of Anime," the JICC is proud to present this legendary anime based on Tezuka's classic 1949 manga. *Metropolis* garnered almost unanimous praise from critics around the world when it was released in 2001. With a screenplay by Akira's Katsuhiro Otomo and direction by Rintaro, who began his career animating Tezuka's *Astro Boy*, the series that introduced Japanese animation to American audiences nearly 40 years ago, *Metropolis* is certain to please anime fans and skeptics alike.

Metropolis is an ultra-modern utopia built with robot labor and teeming with a diverse populace. On the surface, the city bustles with excitement, but underground, the poor and destitute dream of revolution. With hopes of putting an end to the robot labor blamed for stealing human jobs, shadowy political figures prepare for an imminent and inevitable clash.

Meanwhile Detective Ban and his nephew, Kenichi, arrive in pursuit of a scientist wanted for human-rights violations. Even as they scour the city, the powerful Duke Red has enlisted the very scientist they seek to design a robot in the image his deceased daughter. Will a secret faction of anti-robot vigilantes succeed in destroying this new breed of machine?

Rated PG-13 for violence and images of destruction.

Japanese with English subtitles. 2001, 108 min. Directed by Shigeyuki Hayashi (Rintaro).

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

Reservations required. Only two (2) spaces can be reserved at a time. If you wish to reserve more spaces, please send additional email requests. Please send your name, affiliation, and the name of your guest to jicrsvp@embjapan.org.

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