

SAMURAI WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SAMURAI X

THE MOTION PICTURE

Friday, May 28th @ 6:30 pm

Based on the popular *Rurouni Kenshin* anime series and *manga* by Nobuhiro Watsuki, *Samurai X* explores the drastic changes Japanese society underwent during the late 19th century, as the once isolated nation opened its doors and began to modernize. Himura Kenshin, a masterless samurai once known as the "Man Slayer" of the Meiji Revolution, vowed never to kill again. He hoped to spend the rest of his life making atonement for the lives he had taken, but even though the war against the Tokugawa Shogunate ended long ago, not everyone is happy with the outcome. Kenshin's new friend Shigure is the head of a group opposed to the Meiji government, which he believes is corrupting Japanese culture. As the flames of revolution rise, Kenshin must once again take up his sword to protect the innocent. Will he help to save the new Meiji government, which so many people gave their lives to establish, or will his past destroy him?

Japanese with English subtitles. 90 min, 1997. Directed by Hattori Tsuji.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and granted on a first come, first served basis. Doors close at 7:00.

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 jiccrsvp@embjapan.org.

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