



SOME SPECIAL SAMURAI

A TRIO OF JAPANESE PERIOD FILMS FEATURING UNIQUE HEROES

7:00PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

YOJIMBO (Yōjinbō)

DIRECTED BY
KUROSAWA AKIRA
(TOHO, 1961, 110 MIN., 35MM)

The film that introduced the most famous of samurai heroes, the nameless rōnin played by Mifune Toshirō, and which influenced many from John Belushi to Sergio Leone. This samurai inserts himself into a war between two rival gangs and, à la *Red Harvest*, prompts their mutual destruction.

2:00PM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SWORD OF DOOM (Daibosatsu Tōge)

DIRECTED BY
OKAMOTO KIHACHI
(TOHO, 1966, 119 MIN., 35MM)

Okamoto's masterful adaptation of Nakazato Kaizan's epic novel, *The Great Bodhisatva Pass*, which features the most nihilistic samurai of all time, Tsukue Ryūnosuke (here marvelously played by Nakadai Tatsuya), descending into madness.

7:00PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 10

BANDITS VS. SAMURAI SQUADRON (Kumokiri Nizaemon)

DIRECTED BY
GOSHA HIDEO
(SHOCHIKU, 1978, 160 MIN., 35MM)

Kumokiri Nizaemon is a former samurai who leads a band of thieves to attack the castle of his former clan in Gosha Hideo's powerful adaptation of Ikenami Shōtarō's novel. Nakadai Tatsuya again stars as Kumokiri in an all-star cast.

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