

# Korean Film Series

한국 영화

## King and the Clown (2005)

왕의 남자

王의 男子

**September 20 (Wednesday) McMillan 149 7:00 PM**

Directed by Lee Jun-Ik

*The King and the Clown* is a 2005 South Korean film, adapted from the 2000 Korean play titled "Yi", ("You") about Yeonsangun of Chosun, a Chosun dynasty king who falls in love with a court clown who mocks him. The movie is based on a short entry in the Annals of the Chosun Dynasty that mentions the king's favorite clown. It is the highest grossing Korean film in history. The film explores the themes of gender identity and sexuality in Chosun Korea as well as Korean traditional theatre and the relationship between the two.

