

Japanese Film Series

Spring 2006 Semester

★ All films will be screened in Busch Hall, room 100 starting at 7:00 PM.

Feb. 1 (W) "Spirited Away" (『千と千尋の神隠し』), 2001

Directed by Hayao Miyazaki

10-year-old girl Chihiro's spiritual journey started when Chihiro and her parents were trapped in a strange new world on the way to move to another city. Spirited Away is yet another masterpiece from Japan's undisputed master of animation, Hayao Miyazaki.

March 1 (W) "Nobody knows" (『誰も知らない』), 2004

Directed by Hirokazu Koreeda

Based on true events that shocked Japan, this story of abandoned siblings is a "harrowing, tender film" (The New York Times) that "unfolds with leisurely beauty" (LA Weekly). 12-year-old Yagira Yuya who played the oldest sibling won the Best Actor prize at the 2004 Cannes International Film Festival.

April 5 (W) "The Twilight Samurai" (『たそがれ清兵衛』), 2002

Directed by Yoji Yamada

This is not a typical samurai-fighting film, but it has romance, action and adventure. It shows the human side of a samurai who wanted to just simply live with his loving family. Winner of 12 Japanese Film Academy Awards, as well as an Academy Award Nominee for Best Foreign Language Film.

