

J-Film Series

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YAMAZAKURA ~ The Cherry Tree in the Hills

Friday, February 24th @ 6:30 pm

Based on the short story by Shuhei Fujisawa, *YAMAZAKURA* whisks audiences away to the late Edo period where Noe, a recently remarried widow, finds herself trapped in an unhappy marriage and mistreated by her in-laws. Drawn to the beauty of a wild cherry tree in bloom, she happens to meet a samurai who offers her a branch of blossoms. His name is Yaichiro Tezuka, and although Noe does not recognize him, he had once hoped to marry her. When he asks if she is happy she says yes, but in her heart she knows it is a lie. Noe is not alone in her desperation. While villagers struggle to make ends meet in the midst of a drought, the ruling elite push them further into poverty to line their own pockets. When Yaichiro takes action in the farmers' defense, will Noe find the courage to fight for her own happiness?

Japanese with English subtitles. **Not yet rated.** 99 min, 2008. Directed by Tetsuo Shinohara.

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