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VENGEANCE IS MINE

Credits:

Director Shohei Imamura

Producer Kazuo Inoue

Screenplay Masaru Baba

based on the book by Ryuzo Saki

Camera Shinsaku Himeda

Editor Keiichi Uraoka

Music Shinichiro Ikebe

Running Time: 128 minutes

Cast

Iwao Enokizu Ken Ogata

Shizuo Enokizu Rentaro Mikuni

Kayo Enokizu Chocho Mikayo

Kazuko Enokizu Mitsuko Baisho

Haru Asano Mayumi Ogawa

Hisano Asano Nijiko Kiyokawa

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Dear Friend:

You are cordially invited to attend one of two screenings of VENGEANCE IS MINE, an electrifying drama based on the life of the Japanese "King of Criminals", Iwao Enokizu. VENGEANCE IS MINE, directed by Shohei Imamura, won the Kinema Junpo Best Film Award of 1979, and will be screened for the press at JWA Screening Room, 582 Market Street near Montgomery, at 9 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Monday, August 11th.

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Shohei Imamura, considered one of Japan's great modern directors, is relatively unknown in the West. Celebrated for his beautifully stylized realism, he has drawn attention for his trenchant explorations of the Japanese character. VENGEANCE IS MINE combines psychological complexity, graphic violence and grisly humor in the true story of a criminal on the lam whose genius for evading the police made him into a cause celebre.

Told in flashback, the film discloses the darker side of Japanese life from the point of view of one man's rage and sense of outcast status. The film's visceral violence and steamy sex are forthright and psychologically compelling.

In addition to the prestigious <u>Kinema Junpo</u> award, VENGEANCE IS MINE was very well received at Filmex '80 in Los Angeles, and at New York's Museum of Modern Art. Tom Allen of the <u>Village Voice</u> hailed it as the best film of 1979.

Press materials will be available at the screenings. Please phone us at the number above for additional information; we look forward to seeing you Monday.

Sincerely,

Leslie Clark

Shelley Diekman

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