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JAPAN 1954 207 MINS



Sunday, October 6

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Director Akira Kurosawa **Producers** Sojiro Motoki, Akira Kurosawa **Screenwriters** Shinobu Hashimoto, Akira Kurosawa, Hideo Oguni **Cinematographer** Asakazu Nakai **Editor** Akira Kurosawa **Cast** Takashi Shimura, Toshirô Mifune, Yoshio Inaba, Seiji Miyaguchi, Minoru Chiaki, Daisuke Katô, Isao Kimura **Print Source** Cowboy Pictures

Often called the greatest Japanese film ever made and considered Akira Kurosawa's masterpiece, *Seven Samurai* is a wonder to behold. Shot in breathtaking black and white, this mighty epic blends action, suspense, drama and humor into a moving story of honor, justice and will. The simple story of good versus evil unfolds quickly: In the early 16th century, a group of wild bandits terrorizes a small village; to protect themselves, the peasants hire a lively, diverse group of samurai. The battle lines are soon drawn. Kurosawa's episodic construction threads together multiple story lines, as a masterful group of actors create memorable, rich characters. Moments of deep feeling are thrust against stunning scenes of expressive violence in the battle segments. Few films pack this combination of visceral thrill, intellectual engagement and emotional resonance. Don't miss a chance to take in this beautiful new print of a Kurosawa classic on the big screen.

—B. Peterson

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In Person: presentation by Linda Hoaglund, the translator for this new print.