



Mifune: The Last Samurai

Directed by Steven Okazaki

Narrated by Keanu Reeves

BFI DVD release on 18 March 2019

Nearly 20 years after his death, Toshiro Mifune remains a true giant of Japanese cinema. Rich with archive footage and personal reminiscences from family and friends, this documentary, narrated by Keanu Reeves, shines a light on both the man and the actor, from his childhood and military service to his early years in the film industry and the string of masterpieces made with legendary filmmaker Akira Kurosawa. *Mifune: The Last Samurai* will be released by the BFI on DVD on 18 March 2019. This follows an iTunes release on 25 February 2019.

Directed by Academy Award®-winning director Steven Okazaki and featuring contributions from Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese, *Mifune: The Last Samurai* reveals him as a formidable and mercurial talent, both onscreen and off, and an influence that still resonates through world cinema.

Special features

- *Steven Spielberg on Toshiro Mifune* (2016, 20 mins): the Oscar®-winning director discusses Mifune's career, including his collaborations with Kurosawa, his influence on western cinema and working with him on *1941*
- *Toshiro Mifune Guardian Interview* (1986, 61 mins, audio only): the legendary Japanese actor discusses his life and career in this interview with critic and writer David Shipman, recorded at the NFT
- Original theatrical trailer
- Illustrated booklet with new writing by Steven Okazaki and Stuart Galbraith IV, an interview with the director, biography of Toshiro Mifune by Philip Kemp and full film credits

Product details

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US / 2016 / black and white, colour / 77 mins / English and Japanese, with optional English hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.78:1 / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 5.1 audio and 2.0 stereo audio (48kHz/16-bit)

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