Lecture & Panel Discussion

Re-Imagining Kurosawa

Co-presented by Anaheim University Akira Kurosawa School of Film

Date & Time:
Monday, November 26, 2018 @7pm

Venue:
JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles, Hollywood and Highland, Level 5
(6801 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028)

*Please take an elevator to level 5. JAPAN HOUSE is located at the southeast corner of Hollywood and Highland on the 5th floor.
Admission:
FREE (Registration Required)
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About Event:
Academy Award winning Filmmaker, Film Producer and Screenwriter Akira Kurosawa (March 23, 1910 - Sept 6, 1998) was one of the greatest filmmakers of our time, who inspired many of the world’s greatest filmmakers such as George Lucas, Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola. Kurosawa’s ground-breaking masterpieces inspired such classic movies as Star Wars, The Magnificent Seven, and A Fistful of Dollars, to name just a few.

In this lecture, Dr. David Desser will help you “Re-Imagine Akira Kurosawa” as he provides you unique insight into Kurosawa and his classic film, High and Low (1963), which was adapted from Ed McBain’s detective novel King’s Ransom.

Panel discussion/Q&A session follows the lecture.

About Lecturer:
David Desser, Ph.D. (Dean, Anaheim University Akira Kurosawa School of Film)
Dr. Desser has taught at the University of Southern California (USC), University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Kansai University in Japan, Hong Kong Baptist University and the University of Illinois where he is Professor Emeritus of Cinema Studies. He received his Ph.D. from USC in the Cinema program with a minor in Japanese. As Dean of the Anaheim University Akira Kurosawa School of Film, he oversees the Anaheim University Akira Kurosawa School of Film online Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Digital Filmmaking program.

Special Guest Panelists:
George Takei (Actor)
With an acting career spanning six decades, George Takei is known around the world for his founding role in the acclaimed television series Star Trek. From a childhood spent with his family wrongfully imprisoned in Japanese American internment camps during World War II, to becoming one of the country’s leading figures in the fight for social justice, LGBTQ rights, and marriage equality, Takei remains a powerful voice on issues ranging from politics to pop culture. Mashable.com named Takei the #1 most-influential person on Facebook currently with 10.4 million likes and 2.8 million followers on Twitter.
The openly gay Takei has long been a passionate advocate for social justice, outspoken supporter of human right issues and a community activist. Takei lives in Los Angeles with his husband Brad Takei.

John Powers (Film Critic)

David Ehrenstein (Film Critic)
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