

CHICHI TO KURASEBA

Face of Jizo

09/05/07

Presented by Kazumi Hatasa, PhD.



Three years after the atomic blast destroyed Hiroshima a young librarian, Mitsue, grapples with the guilt of having survived. One evening, she returns home from work to find that her concerned father has paid her an unexpected visit. Will he be able to help Mitsue to lay her ghosts to rest? An exploration of love, survival and finding happiness. Based on the masterpiece of postwar drama from Japan's leading theatrical voice.

Directed by Kazuo Kuroki, (Japan: 2004)
99 minutes

IN UN ALTRO PAESE

Excellent Cadavers

10/17/07

Presented by Elena Coda, PhD.



This absorbing documentary tells the story of the biggest anti-mafia trial in history and the shocking 1992 assassinations of the first Sicilian prosecutors to take on the mafia and win. A provocative examination of the current relationship between the Mafia and Italian politics today, told through dramatic interviews with key figures that showcase Sicily as the stage of a bloody civil war.

Directed by Marco Turco, (Italy: 2005)
92 Minutes

Huozhe

To Live

11/07/07

Presented by Weijie Song, PhD.



This masterfully ingenious film has been called "epic". But its sensibility is less grand than acute, covering some forty years of history through close focus on the experiences of one small family. The travails of Fugui, his wife Jiazhen (Gong Li), their daughter and son, are harsh and even tragic, but the film remains densely ironic, such that horrific events become increasingly absurd, often framed as a kind of awkward comedy.

Directed by Zhang Yimou, (China: 1994)
125 minutes

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of Cinematic Landmarks

Each fall our speakers select a film to present and discuss, accompanied by light refreshments and a drawing for a free DVD.

The forum venue is the West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia St. It is free and open to all. Doors open at 4:30 PM, screening at 5:00 PM.

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