



Seven Samurai

(Shichinin no Samurai)

A film by Akira Kurosawa

Starring Toshiro Mifune and Takashi Shimura

One of the greatest films ever made, Kurosawa's epic adventure *Seven Samurai* (1954) has influenced the work of directors from George Lucas to Steven Spielberg, and spawned remakes including John Sturges' western *The Magnificent Seven*. First released on DVD in 1999, it is the BFI's No.1 all-time best-selling title. Now, in celebration of its 60th Anniversary in April, it has been re-mastered in High Definition and will be released alongside a Limited Edition Blu-ray SteelBook™ on 21 April 2014.

With their village raided every year by vicious bandits, a group of peasants in 16th century Japan hire seven warriors to protect them. Initially met with suspicion, the samurai eventually gain the trust of the peasants and they join forces to face the bandits.

This special 60th Anniversary edition includes alternative presentations of the film, a new and exclusive interview with Asian cinema expert **Tony Rayns** and the original Japanese trailer.

Endlessly copied but never surpassed, *Seven Samurai* is a truly timeless classic.

Special features

- Digitally re-mastered in High Definition
- Play with or without original intermission
- Original Japanese theatrical trailer
- *The Art of Akira Kurosawa* (2013, 47 mins): Asian cinema expert Tony Rayns discusses Kurosawa's career and influence
- 16-page booklet containing an essay and biographies by Philip Kemp, original review, and cast and credits

Product details

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIV2004 / Cert PG

Japan / 1954 / black and white / Japanese, with optional English subtitles / 198 mins / Region 2 / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / Dolby Digital mono audio (320kbps).

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