



## Rashômon

A film by Akira Kurosawa

Toshiro Mifune and Taskashi Shimura

**Akira Kurosawa's Oscar-winning *Rashômon* comes to Blu-ray for the first time in the UK, released on DVD and Blu-ray by the BFI on 21 September 2015. Exclusive special features include a newly-produced 34-minute location documentary and a feature-length audio commentary by Kurosawa expert Stuart Galbraith IV. Also included is an extensive booklet with new writing and full credits.**

A woodcutter witnesses a horrific series of events – an ambush, rape and murder. In the telling of the tale, however, each of the four participants gives a different view of what actually happened – is anyone telling the truth?

Kurosawa's masterly and influential film plays on the subjective nature of truth while unfurling a riveting tale of violence and greed.

The first film to alert Western audiences to the riches of Japanese cinema, it was remade in Hollywood as *The Outrage*, starring Paul Newman, and is credited as a key influence on Bryan Singer's *The Usual Suspects*.

### Special features

- Restored in High Definition
- New audio commentary by Kurosawa expert Stuart Galbraith IV
- *Rashômon at 65* (Stuart Galbraith IV, 2015, 34 mins): documentary visiting some of *Rashômon's* key locations, featuring interviews with former staff from the Daiei-Kyoto Studios
- *John Boorman on Rashômon* (6 mins), introduction by director John Boorman (*Deliverance*, *The Emerald Forest*)
- Illustrated booklet with a new essay by Stuart Galbraith IV and full credits

### Blu-ray product details

**RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1206 / Cert 12 (UK and Irish)**

Japan / 1950 / black and white / Japanese language with English subtitles / 88 mins  
Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / BD50 / 1080p / 24fps / PCM 2.0 audio (48k/24-bit)

### DVD product details

**RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIV2039 / Cert 12 (UK and Irish)**

Japan / 1950 / black and white / Japanese language with English subtitles / 85 mins  
Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / Dolby Digital 2.0 audio (320 kbps)

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