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Film Series

Rikyu

A Film by Hiroshi Teshigahara
With Rentaro Mikuni as Rikyu
and Tsutomu Yamazaki as Hideyoshi Toyotomi
Friday, September 10, 2010 7:30 PM
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Rikyu tells the story of Sen-no Rikyu, a Buddhist priest and master of the Tea Ceremony. Rikyu lived during the 16th century, a turbulent, bloody period of Japanese history. Rikyū had been a trusted retainer under both Oda Nobunaga and Hideyoshi Toyotomi. Under Hideyoshi's patronage, Rikyū made significant changes to the aesthetics of the tea ceremony – changes which had a lasting influence over many aspects of Japanese culture. In the movie, Rikyu – in keeping with the tradition of absolute blunt honesty in the tea room – tells Hideyoshi Toyotomi that he disapproves of his plans to invade Korea and Ming China. Rikyu pays for his honesty with his life.

Spoken in Japanese with English subtitles.

Admission is free.

