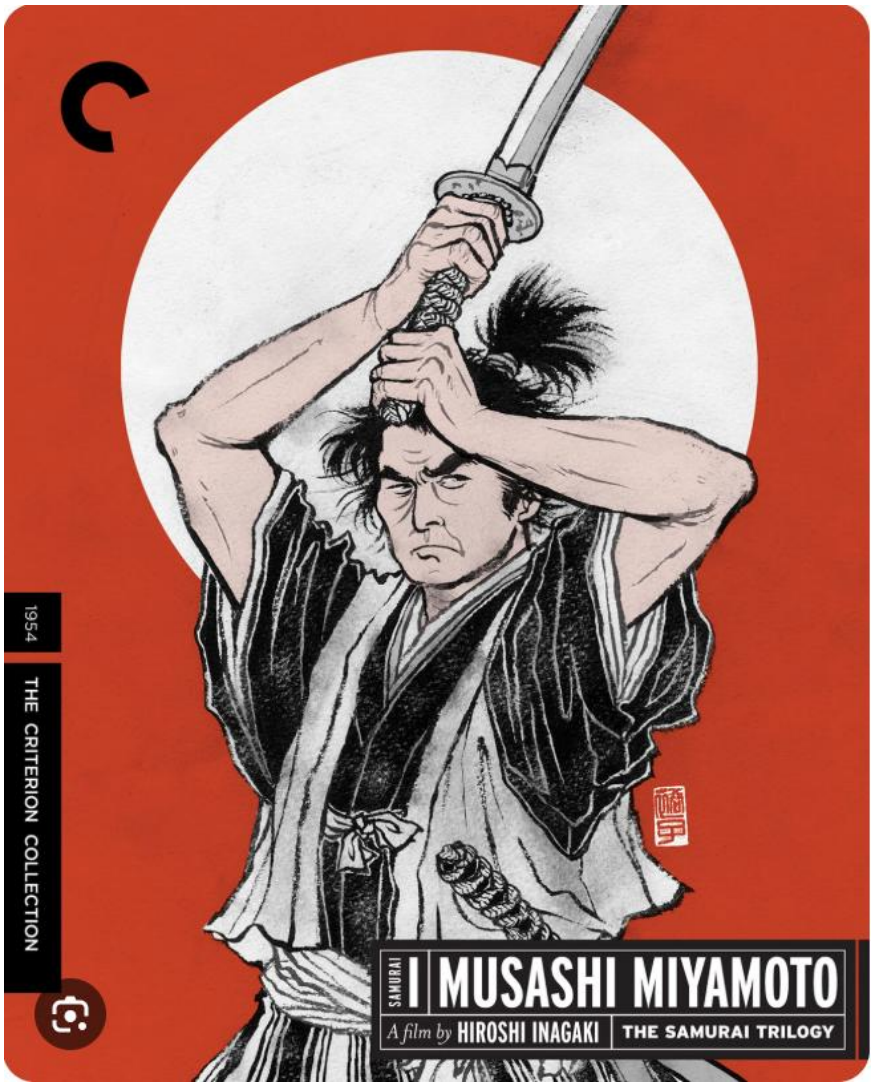
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Film Series

Samurai Part I: Musashi Miyamoto

December 6, 2026
9:00 AM at 113 East 30th Street



Musashi Miyamoto

No figure in Japan looms larger in Samurai mythology than Musashi Miyamoto. As a youth, he was stricken with congenital syphilis and as a result his face was somewhat distorted, and he was treated as an outcast. Large and powerfully built, he took up swordsmanship. He sided with the losing side at the battle of Sekigahara – the battle that established the Tokugawa shogunate. However, despite this he ultimately went on to develop a ferocious reputation as a swordsman, killing some 60 individuals in duals and formulating the "two-sword" school of swordsmanship. He was also an author, and his "Book of Five Rings" is considered to be a Samurai/Zen classic.

On December 6, we are screening Part I of the Samurai trilogy. It is being licensed through the Criterion Collection.

To be screened at 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 6. Take the #6 train to 28th Street. 113 East 30th St. is between Park and Lexington.

Admission is free.