

# CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN DETROIT



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## *An Evening with Shinichiro Watanabe*

Director Shinichiro Watanabe, best known for the popular Japanese anime series *Cowboy Bebop* (1998) and more recent *Samurai Champloo* (2004), will make a very special appearance at the Detroit Film Theatre, courtesy of the Japan Foundation in cooperation with the Japan America Society, DIA Friends of Asian Art and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

Mr. Watanabe will discuss the aesthetic and technical aspects of his work in a panel discussion with MIT professor and cultural anthropologist, Ian Condry, and Eric Henrickson, Detroit News reviewer of Japanese animation. Translation and additional comments will be offered by Jonathan Nawrocki, vice-chairman of AnimeFest of Dallas. The first episode of *Samurai Champloo* will be screened prior to the discussion. This newest series tells the story of a *ronin* samurai, a womanizing warrior and a teahouse waitress who band together to search for a "samurai who smells of sunflowers." *Samurai Champloo* harnesses the kinetic poetry of classic "chambara" sword epics, but is also wildly anachronistic with a musical score recorded by contemporary Japanese hip-hop artists.

The evening will be a rare opportunity to meet one of the world's most innovative and important anime directors working today. Please join us!



Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm

**Detroit Film Theatre**

(DIA John R Entrance)

\$7.50 General Admission

\$6.50 DIA Members, Students & Seniors

**Phone Reservations:**

Tickets may be reserved by phone by calling (313) 833-3237.

Reserved tickets will be held until ten minutes before show time.

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