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a film by KINJI FUKASAKU

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"An explosive, nihilistic tale which qualifies as a rough-hewn, early masterpiece." —*Cinema Sojourns*

> Japan | 1964 | Japanese with English Subtitles Action / Crime | 95 minutes

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SYNOPSIS

Three brothers, Ichiro (Rentaro Mikuni), Jirō (Ken Takakura) and Sabu (Kinya Kitaoji), find themselves pitted against each other as rivals in the underground world of the Yakuza. Jirō, alongside his partner in crime Mizuhara (Shinjiro Ehara), plots to rob Sabu and his gang, stealing 20 million yen. However, when Ichiro learns of Jirō's scheme, he journeys to track down his brothers and take the money for his own rival gang.

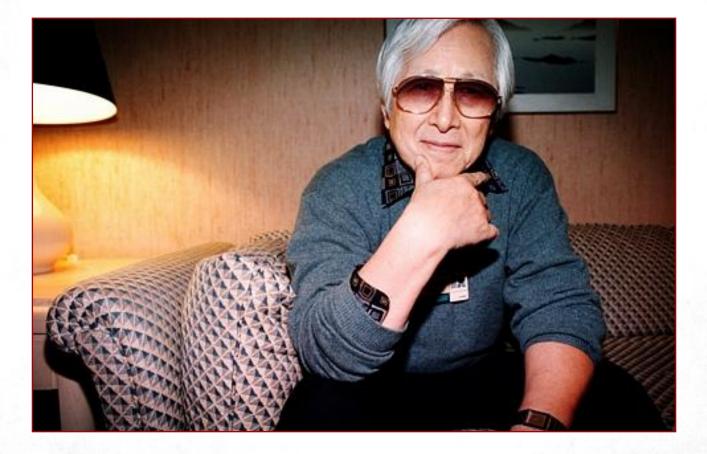
A "ferocious, dynamic yakuza thriller" (*Los Angeles Times*) directed by Kinji Fukasaku (*Battle Royale, Violent Panic: The Big Crash*), WOLVES, PIGS AND MEN captures the darkness and brutality of the criminal underworld. With elements of French New Wave, film noir and music by Isao Tomita, WOLVES, PIGS AND MEN is a gritty, uncompromising work that established Fukasaku as a master of the Yakuza genre.



KINJI FUKASAKU BIOGRAPHY

KINJI FUKASAKU (1930-2003, Japan) began studying cinema after World War II, before switching to scriptwriting. After graduating in 1953, he joined Toei company as an assistant director. He made his directorial debut in 1961, directing *Drifting Detective: Tragedy in the Red Valley* and *Drifting Detective: Black Wind in the Harbor*, both starring Sonny Chiba. In 1973, he directed the groundbreaking yakuza film *Battles Without Honor and Humanity*, which spawned seven sequels and three spin-off films. After *Hokuriku Proxy War* (1977), he stopped making yakuza films. In 1993, he received a special Career Prize at Yokohama Film Festival. *Battle Royale* (2000) would become his most famous work. Also in 2000, IFFR devoted an entire programme section to his work. After his death in 2003, his son Kenta Fukasaku finished *Battle Royale II: Requiem*. That same year, he was awarded a Blue Ribbon Special Award and a Special Award by the Japanese Academy in celebration of his work.

Biography credit: IFFR



CAST

Jirō Kuroki Ichiro Kuroki Sabu Kuroki Mizuhara Kyoko Mako Takeji Nishimura

CREW

Directed by Screenplay by

Produced by

Cinematography by Edited by Art Direction by Music by Sound by Ken Takakura Rentaro Mikuni Kinya Kitaoji Shinjiro Ehara Sanae Nakahara Hiroko Shima Jiro Okazaki Shunji Kasuga

Kinji Fukasaku Kinji Fukasaku Junya Sato Seiichi Yoshino Toru Yoshida Ichiro Hoshijima Osamu Tanaka Hiroshi Fujita Isao Tomita Hirokazu Iwata



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