

Rumble Fish, Inc. present A film by MURAMOTO Taishi



MASK DE 41



Starring

TAGUCHI Tomorrowo · TSUTSUI Mariko · ITOH Ayumi · AOI Yuu
MATSUO Suzuki · KOHINATA Fumio

Producer **SENTO** Takenori · Director **MURAMOTO** Taishi
Cinematography **FUJISAWA** Junichi · Editor **ABE** Hirohide · Screenwriter **ADACHI** Shin
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Tadao is facing a new meaningless job in a downsizing industry; his second marriage is adrift and his children are mostly strangers. He makes a break from his workaday existence to go down market and put everything he's got behind his lifelong passion for pro-wrestling. But never having won a single match in his younger days, the odds, at age 41, are against him. Tadao's resolve holds firm and, as his reckless adventure comes to bring new meaning to the word „triumph,“ his family and friends move from astonishment to deep admiration.

MASK DE 41 is the first feature by MURAMOTO Taishi, who is one of Japan's hottest young television commercial directors. It stars TAGUCHI Tomorowo, who won international fame as the star of TSUKAMOTO Shinya's TETSUO - IRON MAN.

MURAMOTO Taishi (Director)

Born 1963, Muramoto began his career directly after college with Tohokushinsha Company, one of the major advertising agencies in Japan. He has directed numerous television commercials for major brands since 1990; and is currently directing commercials as a freelancer. MASK DE 41 is his first feature film.

THE CAST

Tadao **TAGUCHI Tomorowo**
Kyoko, His Wife **TSUTSUI Mariko**
Haruka, The Younger Daughter **AOI Yuu**
Haruko, The Elder Daughter **ITOH Ayumi**
Tiger Shrimp Ebiwaki **MATSUO Suzuki**
Bar Owner **KOHINATA Fumio**

SENTO Takenori (Producer)

Sento, born 1961, is one of the most prolific and well-established producers presently working in Japan. His productions have won numerous awards at international film festivals, including the Camera d'Or for „Suzaku“ (97), and two consecutive International Critics Awards (FIPRESCI), for „M/other“ (99), and „Eureka“ (00), at Cannes. His production of „Boy's Choir“ (00) won the Alfred Bauer Prize for its premiere in competition at the Berlin International Film Festival. His films have won a total of 86 awards at 11 international film festivals to date. Last year Sento produced „Desert Moon,“ which premiered in Competition in Cannes, and „Chloe,“ which premiered in Competition in Berlin

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THE CREW

Producer **SENTO TAKENORI**
Director **MURAMOTO Taishi**
Screenwriter **ADACHI Shin**
Camera **FUJISAWA Junichi**
Editor **ABE Hirohide**
Music **MIYAKE Jun**

TAGUCHI Tomorowo (Tadao)

Born 1957, Taguchi initially made his mark as a vocalist for a punk rock band named Bachikaburi, which he had formed in 1984. In 1989, he played the lead in TSUKAMOTO Shinya's TETSUO-IRON MAN. Since then, he has appeared in a vast array of films including IMAMURA Shohei's THE EEL, and OSHIMA Nagisa's TABOU (Gohatto).

TSUTSUI Mariko (Kyoko, his wife)

Born 1962 in Yamanashi prefecture, Tsutsui started her career as a stage actress in 1985, while she was a student at Waseda University. She made her on screen debut in 1994 with OTOKO TOMODACHI. She is an established presence in the Japanese theatrical scene and has appeared in numerous films and television dramas. Recently she has played in the drama series: BRAN, EIEN NO KO, and ROCKET BOY. On screen, she has appeared in KIZUNA, and CROSSFIRE.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Original Title **Kotetsu**
Film Format **35 mm**
Speed (Images/Sec) **24 frames/sec.**
Film length **3118,91m**
Film duration **113 Minutes 39 seconds**
Number of Reels **6 reels**
Screen ratio **1:1.85**
Sound **DTS STEREO (Analog)**
Original Language **Japanese**

ITOH Ayumi (Haruko, the Elder Daughter)

Born 1980 in Tokyo, Itoh made her film debut at the age of 13 when she was cast by IWAI Shunji to play the principal role of Ageha in SWALLOW TAIL BUTTERFLY. She won numerous awards for her performance in this film, including the Japanese Academy Award for Best New Actress. Since then, she has appeared in IMAMURA Shohei's KANZO SENSEI, and various other films. In 2000, Itoh travelled to the United States to study English. She returned in 2001, and collaborated with IWAI Shunji once again on ALL ABOUT LILLY CHOU-CHOU.

AOI Yuu (Haruka, the Younger Daughter)

Born 1985 in Fukuoka prefecture, Aoi started her acting career in 1999 when she was cast as the lead in a stage production of ANNIE. In 2001, she played a leading role in IWAI Shunji's ALL ABOUT LILLY CHOU-CHOU, which confirmed her status as a young actress with great depth and range. She is scheduled to appear in several new productions this year.

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