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BLIND WOMAN'S CURSE



DUAL FORMAT BLU-RAY & DVD RELEASE – March 24th 2015

Arrow Video is excited to announce the Dual Format Blu-ray + DVD release of the Teruo Ishii's 1970 Japanese cult classic *Blind Woman's Curse* which will be available in the US on March 24th. This deluxe edition, which represents the first time the film will be released on any home video format in the US, features packaging that showcases stunning newly commissioned artwork by Gilles Vranckx and a new high-definition digital transfer of the film prepared by Nikkatsu Studios, the famed studio behind many pinky violence and genre classics, and home to filmmakers such as Seijun Suzuki (*Branded to Kill*).

Starring the cult actress Meiko Kaji, of *Lady Snowblood* fame (whose singing from that film was borrowed by Quentin Tarantino in *Kill Bill*), is seen here in her first major role. As her star would rise she would go on to the classic girl gang series *Stray Cat Rock*, which will be released by Arrow Video later in 2014 and *Lady Snowblood* is available now.

Featuring a full length audio commentary by author and Japanese cinema expert (and recent curator of a Nikkatsu cinema programme at the British Film Institute) Jasper Sharp, newly-translated and English-subtitles, trailers for four of the films in the Meiko Kaji-starring *Stray Cat Rock* series (made at the same studio as *Blind Woman's Curse*), a collector's booklet featuring new writing on the film by Japanese cinema expert Tom Mes, illustrated with original archive stills.

Synopsis

From "The King of Cult" Teruo Ishii, ***Blind Woman's Curse*** (also known as *Black Cat's Revenge*) is a thrilling yakuza film featuring eye-popping visuals, sensational fight sequences and the gorgeous Meiko Kaji (*Lady Snowblood*, *Stray Cat Rock*) in her first major role.

Akemi (Kaji) is a dragon-tattooed leader of the Tachibana yakuza clan. In a duel with a rival gang Akemi slashes the eyes of an opponent and a black cat appears, to lap the blood from the gushing wound. The cat along with the eye-victim go on to pursue Akemi's gang in revenge, leaving a trail of dead yakuza girls, their dragon-tattoos skinned from their bodies.

A bizarre blend of the female yakuza film and traditional Japanese ghost story, with a strong dash of grotesque-erotica (the same movement was a sensibility of Edogawa Rampo whose works were adapted by Ishii in ***Horrors of Malformed Men***), ***Blind Woman's Curse*** is a delirious mash-up of classic genre tropes, of which Ishii was no stranger, having directed everything from Super Giant films to biker movies!

Special Features

- New high definition digital transfer of the film prepared by Nikkatsu Studios
- Presented in High Definition Blu-ray (1080p) and Standard Definition DVD
- Uncompressed mono PCM audio
- Newly translated English subtitles
- Audio commentary by Japanese cinema expert Jasper Sharp
- Original Trailer
- Trailers for four of the films in the Meiko Kaji-starring Stray Cat Rock series, made at the same studio as Blind Woman's Curse
- Reversible sleeve featuring original and newly commissioned artwork by Gilles Vranckx
- Collector's booklet featuring new writing on the film by Japanese cinema expert Tom Mes, illustrated with original archive stills.

Specs

Release Date	March 24 th 2015
Certificate	15
Formats	Blu-ray/DVD Dual Format
Language	Japanese
Running Time	85 minutes
Number of Discs	1

Region	B
Aspect Ratio	2.44:1
Audio	Mono 1.0 PCM
Colour	Colour
SRP	\$39.95
Blu-ray Cat Number	MVD7120BR

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