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The Mondavi Center's Focus on Film: "Rashomon"

Davis, Calif.—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**, UC Davis, continues its **Focus on Films Series** spring segment—**Paul Haggis Picks**—with **Akira Kurosawa's "Rashomon"** (1950; in Japanese with English subtitles). The screening takes place at **6:30 p.m.** on **Monday, April 13**, in the **Studio Theatre**.

"Even though the Japanese film industry is older than Hollywood, Kurosawa and, in particular, 'Rashomon' introduced modern Japanese cinema to the American viewers," says **Don Roth**, Mondavi Center executive director. "No Japanese director has been more influential than Kurosawa, who continued to add to the language of films (see his very late 'Dreams') until his death in 1998 after directing 31 films.

"It is not hard to see how Paul Haggis, the director of 'Crash,' was influenced by 'Rashomon.' 'Crash' involves a weaving and layering of characterizations and plot lines, at times seemingly unrelated, that wind toward a revelation of truth at film's end. In 'Rashomon,' through an ingenious use of camera and flashbacks, Kurosawa reveals the complexities of human nature as four people recount different versions of the story of a man's murder and the rape of his wife. As Haggis told us, 'This is a great study of truth and human nature, capped by some of the most beautiful cinematography to ever hit a screen.'"

The **Mondavi Center Focus on Film Series** brings timeless art-house films to the Studio Theatre on selected Monday nights throughout the 2008–09 events season. Coming soon in the **Haggis Picks** series: **Jean Luc Godard's "Breathless"** on **April 27**. For details, visit MondaviArts.org/events.

Pricing for all Focus on Film events is \$10 for regular tickets and \$5 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at MondaviArts.org, through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

- **"Rashomon"**
- **Mon., April 13, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Studio Theatre**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$10 regular; \$5 students, children**
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