Nikkatsu Diamond Guys Vol 2

Nikkatsu, the oldest film studio in Japan, inaugurated a star system in the late 1950s, finding talent and contracting them to a series of wild genre pictures. This collection celebrates these "Diamond Guys" with three classic films from directors Buichi Saito (Lone Wolf and Cub: Baby Cart in Peril), Ko Nakahira (Crazed Fruit), and Haruyasu Noguchi, who is a new discovery for the West. In Saito’s Tokyo Mighty Guy, mega star Akira Kobayashi stars as Jiro in the rambunctious tale of a chef who opens a restaurant in the busy Ginza district. His culinary skills and dashing good looks bring in the women as well as unwanted trouble, while an explosive political scandal builds around his girlfriend's business... Next, Jo Shishido (Massacre Gun, Retaliation), one of the most popular Diamond Guys in the West, stars in Danger Pays, a crime caper from Ko Nakahira about counterfeiting. When one billion yen goes AWOL, "Joe the Ace" (Shishido) spies an opportunity to get rich quick, but things soon go wrong as it turns out he isn’t the only one who’ll stop at nothing to get his hands on the missing cash... Finally, Shishido stars once again in Noguchi’s screwball classic Murder Unincorporated. When the mysterious “Joe of Spades” executes one of the bosses of a powerful syndicate, his colleagues, fearing for their own lives, call on the services of assassin agency Murder Unincorporated to take care of the problem. This unique entry showcases some of the most peculiar killing tactics to ever hit Japanese cinema! Presented on DVD and Blu-ray for the first time in the West, these thrilling genre films feature some of Nikkatsu's leading talent at the top of their game.

BONUS MATERIALS

- Booklet featuring new writing on all the films and director profiles by Stuart Galbraith IV, Tom Mes and Mark Schilling
- Reversible sleeve featuring brand new artwork by Graham Humphreys
- Extensive promotional image galleries for all films
- Specially recorded video discussions with Japanese cinema expert Jasper Sharp on Diamond Guys Jo Shishido and Akira Kobayashi
- Original trailers for all three films
- Newly translated English subtitles
- Original uncompressed mono audio
- High Definition Blu-ray (1080p) and Standard Definition DVD presentation
- High Definition digital transfers of all three films in this collection, from original film elements by Nikkatsu Corporation
- Limited Edition Blu-ray collection (3000 copies)

PRESS

“Taken as a whole (and especially for lovers of Japanese cinema), Nikkatsu Diamond Guys Volume 2 comes Recommended.”
—Blu-ray.com

Year of Production: 1960 | Director: Buichi Saito, Ko Nakahira, Haruyasu Noguchi | Actors: Jo Shishido, Akira Kobayashi, Ruriko Asaoka

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