Wet Woman INTHE Wind

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SYNOPSIS

A tornado of unbridled sexual desire is unleashed when a free spirited seductress sets her sights on a reclusive playwright. Wet Woman in the Wind highlights the id in its stream of consciousness tale. Having a character who overturns the inhibitions of all that cross her path with wild abandon allows this striking entry in Nikkatsu's Roman Porno Reboot series to transcend its sexploitation raison d'être. Director Akihiko Shiota cuts to the chase, taking advantage of the subgenre's sparse requirements: a sex scene every ten minutes with a total running time no longer than 80 minutes. What ensues is a gleefully anarchic plot that explores the human psyche through sexuality within a psychodrama that is as hilarious as it is titillating. Featuring a tour de force performance by Yuki Mamiya as the eponymous agent provocateur, Wet Woman in the Wind is a "hugely enjoyable film – and often, partly because of its relative demureness, a fairly arousing one, with female pleasure and male discomfiture foremost on the menu" (*Screen International*).



DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1961, Kyoto, Japan. Akihiko Shiota began making 8mm films with Kiyoshi Kurosawa and Kunitoshi Manda while studying at Rikkyo University. He then studied screenwriting under Atsushi Yamatoya, who wrote many scenarios of Roman Porno films. His first two feature films as a director, *Moonlight Whispers* and *Don't Look Back*, both released in 1999, were officially selected at Locarno International Film Festival. In 2001, *Harmful Insect* (2002), starred Aoi Miyazaki, won the Special Jury Award and Best Actress Award at the Three Continents Festival in Nantes. He also made several blockbusters such as *Yomigaeri* (2003) and *Dororo* (2007), which became huge hit domestically.

DIRECTOR STATEMENT

In the heyday of Nikkatsu Roman Porno films, their makers used limited budgets and shooting schedules to their advantage, and wielded the bodies of actors as their only available weapons. There were those who doubted whether this would be enough to make interesting movies. However, through this usage of the human body as a weapon by many fine filmmakers and actors, they were able to evoke heaven and hell, life and death, love and hate; in other words, their films perfectly encapsulated the entire human experience. Having been given the honor of making a new entry in the Nikkatsu Roman Porno canon, I also attempted to evoke the entire human experience in my film. I believe that fleeting miracles are born from the bodies of actors, and this influenced my direction of every single scene. This enabled me to create what I am convinced is my best work to date.

Akihiko Shiota

CAST

Yuki Mamiya Tasuku Nagaoka

Ryushin Tei Michiko Suzuki Hitomi Nakatani Takahiro Kato Yuma Akagi Ryota Yato Masaki Ikemura Shunsuke Maeda Terutaka Onishi

CREDITS

Written and Directed by Akihiko Shiota

Chief Executive Producer Keizo Yuri

Executive Producer Tadashi Tanaka

Producers Naoko Komuro, Shinichiro Masuda

Masahiko Takahashi

Associate Producers Kiyoe Takagi, Akira Yamamoto

Production Manager Kensuke Moriwaki
Assistant Director Yasunori Mouri

Casting Director Takefumi Yoshikawa

Scripter Mizuho Kudo Make-up Taiko Sato

Stylist Nami Shinozuka
Set Decorator Hiroshi Nishikiori

Editor Takashi Sato
Sound Effect Kenji Shibasaki
Sound Mixer Masaya Kusakabe
Lighting Director Aguru Miyanaga

Production Designer Koichi Takeuchi (A.P.D.J)

Director of Photography Hidetoshi Shinomiya

Music by Shunsuke Kida



