

Biography

Japanese legendary actor Toshiro Mifune has starred in over 150 films during the Japanese golden age of cinema. His career began when he was 27, when he applied for a position as a cinematographer at Toho studios, however his application was mixed in with the actor's documents and ended up auditioning for a position as an actor. He is most remembered for his 16 roles in Akira Kurosawa's films, including the Seven Samurai, Yojimbo, and Rashomon. He is the only Japanese actor to win the best male actor in the Venice film awards in 1960 and 1965. He contributed to the rise of post war Japan giving the citizens hope through his roles in his films. In his later career, he ran a movie production company to direct and produce movies as well. There is a Toshiro Mifune Award in the Kyoto International Film Festival in his honor, which is given to the most promising Japanese actor of the year.

Awards

Venice Film Festival

1951 Golden Lion Award "Rashomon"

1954 Silver Lion Award "Seven Samurai"

1958 Golden Lion Award "Rickshaw Man"

1961 Award for Best Male actor "Yojinbo"

1965 Award for Best Male actor "Red Beard"

1967 International Federation of Film Critics Award "Samurai Rebellion"

1989 Silver Lion Award "Rikyu"

British academy Award

1955 Nominated for Best Actor "Seven Samurai"

1951 Honorary Award "Rashomon"

1955 Honorary Award "Samurai" "Miyamoto Musashi"

Japanese Academy Award

1988 Best Supporting Actor "It's Tough Being a Man", "The Tale of the Bamboo-cutter"

1995 Chairman's award

Emmy Award

1981 Nominated for Best Male actor "Shogun"

Lisbon Film Festival

1957 Lisbon Film Festival Special Award "Throne of Blood"

New York City International Film Festival

1967 Best Film Award "Samurai Rebellion"

London Film Festival

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Golden Globe Award

1981 Best TV Drama Award "Shogun"

Montreal Film Festival

1985 Special Grand Prix of the Festival

Other International Awards

1986 Received the UCLA medal

He has also received several other Japanese awards.

Community contributions

When there was a major flood in 1958 he used his private boat he owned and saved stranded civilians who were awaiting rescue, and received a certificate from the local police department.

He also received the Purple ribbon award in 1986 and the orders of the sacred treasure award in 1993 from the Japanese government.