

The Exhibition of Mr. Mukuo



Takamura Mukuo at his Studio (Photo:T.Namiki)

The retrospective exhibition of Mr. Takamura Mukuo, who had passed away 3 year ago, was held at the Museum in Machida. This April under the auspices of his family. He the leading person in background painters of Japanese animation field produced numerous wonderful works. Though they offered free-entrance, it was rich in content. There were more than 100 background paintings drawn by him, from his early works such as "Marco", "Gosch, the Cellist", "The Dagger of Kamui", to his posthumous works like "Sailor Moon". They gave us the full picture of his career as a background designer for 30 years. They were enough to remind almost 600 fans, who visited exhibition at his talent.

Mr. Mukuo first helped ANIDO directly with the article on "Marco" in FILM 1/24, No. 23. The background of "Gosch, the Cellist" most of which were was so great that I can never forget that drawn by him. During its production, I worked as an animator. Even after that, I took a part in advertisement. He helped us a lot, like making a guest appearance when we held screenings, joining the discussion for the animation magazine, drawing background of the pictures for badges and other goods, and so on. It's very sad to say Mr. Mukuo had already passed away. But I believe that we, people in Japanese animation field, will never forget his earnest attitude toward creation. ANIDO is now planning to publish the book of his wonderful works.

"Mickey Mouse/ A Star is Born"

In the United States, where Mickey Mouse is from, Laser Discs which collected black-and-white films of Mickey Mouse, "Mickey Mouse/ The Black and White Years/ Vol. 1" was on sale. But it was not sold in Japan. Instead, "Mickey Mouse/ A Star is Born" was came out. This set of 3 Laser discs includes best films of Mickey not only black-and-white but also colored ones. Takashi Namiki supervised and wrote its liner note.

Pioneer LDC, its sales agency, probably does not have "Mickey Mouse/ A Star is Born" in stock anymore, so you should go to the store and get it as soon as possible, if you want.

Bilingual CAV. Limited Production by Pioneer LDC. 15,450Yen

Films included are as following.

- Steamboat Willie 1928
- /Plane Crazy 1928
- The Haunted House 1929
- The Fire Fighters 1930

- The Delivery Boy 1931
 - The Klondike Kid 1932
 - Building a Building 1933
 - Orphan's Benefit(B&W) 1934(B&W)
 - Mickey's Steam-Roller 1934
 - Two-Gun Mickey 1934
 - Mickey's Service Station 1935
 - Pluto's Judgement Day 1935
 - Thru the Mirror 1936
 - Mickey's Grand Opera 1936
 - Magician Mickey 1937
 - Clock Cleaners 1937
 - Lonesome Ghosts 1937
 - The Brave Little Tailor 1938
 - Mickey's Trailer 1938
 - The Nifty Nineties 1941
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