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Living with Puppets *the world of Kihachiro Kawamoto*

Kihachiro Kawamoto(1925 – 2010) is one of the most greatest masters of puppet-animation in Japan.

He has created "Hana-Ori(Breaking of Branches is Forbidden)","Oni (Demon)","Dojoji (Dojoji Temple)"and more great animated films, so he is famous also in the world.

He showed his creativity not for the animated film but also for the puppet show.

He has created puppets for some series of Japanese TV program,for example "SANGOKUSHI(Romance of the Three Kingdoms)","HEIKEMONOGATARI(The Tale of the Heike)"

We can still now remember the amusing puppet-show with his original direction and production as one of our biggest cultural heritage.

In September,1999,at the Mitsukoshi Theater of masters,the rare puppet-show was performed only one time again after 27 years. This work is documentary about this ridiculously amusing show,born with attempt to record it.

In addition to the parade with the puppets of "SANGOKUSHI",this video completely recorded the 4 stories of amusing puppet-show, like "SEKEN MUNAZANYOU CHIKAGORO HONNE TO TATEMAE", "HITO MO MIGAKITE NOCHINI KOSO",and more.

With interview for Mr.Kihachiro Kawamoto and watching the performer's practice to animate puppets,we tried to bring out the secret of his magic.

Besides we focused on the stuff and the master of performing puppets,

through the practice in the Kawamoto's house,the through practice in the real hall,and their performance before the audience, we followed the true face of them and their passion for the puppets. Approaching the essential part of the master, Mr.Kihachiro Kawamoto,this is the only work of his documentary video.

*His animation films are not contained.



Director and Producer: Takashi Namiki
Camera: Yoshiro Kaneko, Shingo Tesaki
Production: ANIDO FILM
Aspect Ratio: 1.33 : 1
Language: Japanese Subtitle: English
Running time: 52min.
Material: DV-CAM(NTSC/PAL)