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Bowman Hall 137

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Free Pizza: 7:15pm – Movie: 7:30pm –



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Akanezora Beyond the Crimson Sky Wednesday, Sept. 20

An empathic period drama, based on Yamamoto Ichiriki's Naoki Award, winning novel, starring Nakatani Miki and Uchino Masaaki. The scene is set in Fukagawa in the Edo period, with Eikichi (Uchino Masaaki), a tofu maker who comes from Kyo to Edo, and his Edo-born wife, Ofumi (Nakatani Miki). It portrays the checkered life of the couple from the perspective of the bond between a husband and a wife.

Eikichi, having trained at an established tofu maker in Kyo, comes to a traditional town of Fukagawa Hamaguri-cho in Edo to open his own shop, where he meets Ofumi, a true-born Fukagawa girl full of life. With the help of Ofumi's father, Eikichi finds accommodation at the same tenement as Ofumi. Eikichi finally opens "Kyo-ya", his long-planned tofu shop of his own. Eikichi and Ofumi get married before long and build a home together. The business thrives, but their eldest son, who becomes tired of tofu-making, gets involved with gambling. The shop is taken over by another tofu maker as payment for debts, and the family is on the brink of disintegration. To make matters worse, Eikichi suddenly dies in an accident. Remembering that tofu-making was Eikichi's life, Ofumi and the children decide to protect Kyo-ya.

Drops of Heaven Wednesday, Sept. 27

Documentary delving into the origins of the soup that chef-cum-essayist Tatsumi Yoshiko keeps on making.

The soup that she ingeniously created and kept on making for her bed-ridden father came to be known as a soothing "soup of life." The beautiful and delicate Japanese landscape that grows seasonal crops and the nation's producers who cultivate food. Tatsumi brings out the best of the ingredients as she cooks with care to bring joy. People from children to the elderly play the harmonies of life like a symphony as they try her soup.