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### **Mondavi Center's Focus on Film: "Throne of Blood"**

**Davis, Calif.**—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis**, concludes the **Shakespeare in the Cinema** segment of its **Focus on Film Series** with a screening of **Kurosawa's "Throne of Blood"** on **Monday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in the comfortable intimacy of the **Studio Theatre**.

Directed by the ever-influential Akira Kurosawa, **"Throne of Blood" (1957)** delivers "the most authentic take on 'MacBeth' ever made—despite its setting in medieval Japan." Don Roth, Mondavi Center executive director, continues: "Kurosawa loved Shakespeare and used his plays as inspiration for a number of films, perhaps the most famous of which is 'Ran,' his take on 'King Lear.' We think 'Throne of Blood' is his greatest adaption from the Bard. It is a compact film of one of Shakespeare's most compact plays. In Japanese, Kurosawa captures the emotional essence of every scene. The use of black-and-white photography is in perfect alignment with the ghostly and tragic elements of the story."

The **Mondavi Center Focus on Film Series** brings timeless art-house films to the Studio Theatre on selected Monday nights throughout the 2008–09 events season. Next up in January and February are three classics of mistaken identity by the great Alfred Hitchcock. For details, visit [MondaviArts.org/events](http://MondaviArts.org/events).

**Pricing** for all Focus on Film events is \$10 for regular tickets and \$5 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

- **"Throne of Blood"**
- **Mon., Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Studio Theatre**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$10 regular; \$5 students, children**
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