

1/880000の孤独 **Isolation of 1/880000**

Sogo Ishii

Written and directed by Sogo Ishii. Director of photography Toshio Inoue, Yosuke Ito. With Makoto Nittono (Teramitsu).

DCP, colour. 43 min. Japanese.

Teramitsu is revising for the entrance exams to Tokyo's Waseda University for the umpteenth time, but there are more porno mags on this shy nerd's desk than there are notes and textbooks. This man with a limp addicted to sex is the protagonist of Sogo Ishii's style-defining medium-length film *Isolation of 1/880000*. It goes without saying that this lament of a man repressed already builds towards a violent outburst.

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Sogo Ishii, known since 2010 as Gakuryu Ishii, was born in the Japanese prefecture of Fukuoka in 1957. He studied Film at the Nihon University College of Art. During his first year at university, he shot his first 8mm film, *Koko dai panikku/Panic in High School* (1976). Since then, Sogo Ishii has made more than twenty feature films. Apart from being a filmmaker, he also teaches at the Kobe Design University.

Films

1976: Koko dai panikku/Panic in Highschool (17 min.). 1977: 88 - man bun no 1 no koduku/Isolation of 1/880000. 1978: Totsugeki! Hakata gurentai / Attack! Hakata Street Gangs (75 min.). 1980: Kuruizaki sandaa rodo/Crazy Thunder Road (95 min.). 1981: Shuffle (38 min., Berlinale Forum 1985). 1982: Bakuretu toshi Burst City/Burst City (115 min.). 1983: Ajia no gyakushu/The Code Name is Asia Strikes Back (30 min.). 1984: Gyakufunsha kazoku/Crazy Family (104 min., Berlinale Forum 1985). 1986: 1/2 Mensch/1/2 Human (48 min., Berlinale Forum 1986). 1989: Shiatsu ohja/The Master of Shiatsu (13 min.). 1993: J-Movie Wars: Tokyo Blood (35 min.). 1994: Angel Dust (15 min.). 1995: Mizu no naka no hachigatsu/August in the Water (117 min.). 1997: Yume no ginga/Labyrinth of the Dreams (90 min., Berlinale Panorama 1997). 2000: Gojyo Reisenki/Gojoe (137 min.). 2001: Electric Dragon 80,000 V (55 min.). 2003: DeadEndRun (59 min.). 2004: Kyoshin/Mirrored Mind (61 min.). 2012: Ikiteru mono wa inainoka/Isn't Anyone Alive? (113 min.). 2013: Shanidaru no hana/The Flower of Shanidar (105 min.). 2015: Soredake/That's It (115 min.).

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