

FEBRUARY 13, 2019, WEDNESDAY SUICIDE CLUB

2002/Sion Sono/94 min.

A wave of unexplainable suicides sweeps across Tokyo after 54 smiling high school girls join hands and throw themselves from a subway platform into an oncoming train. Detective Kuroda (*Audition*'s Ryo Ishibashi) and the rest of the police force are baffled as the bloodbath triggers a wave of suicides across the city. When a cryptic phone call tips off police to a strange website that appears to be tracking the suicides *before* they happen, the question becomes, are they really suicides at all? This outrageously bizarre, wicked social critique in the form of a creepy and enigmatic detective mystery examines that despair of the disaffected Japanese youth and the influence of pop culture on their lives. From international film festival favorite to cult sensations, *Suicide Club* is a study of contemporary morality that is gruesome, darkly comic and vividly original.

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Japanese Horror Film Series

Spring 2019

Location: Lewis Lab 270 (Auditorium)

Time: 4:10PM

Free & Open only to Lehigh students/faculty/staff

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Japanese with English subtitles