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VIOLENT PANIC: THE BIG CRASH

a film by KINJI FUKASAKU

2K RESTORATION

"Fast-paced action entertainment...prepare to be blown away."

—Sketches of Cinema

Japan | 1976 | Japanese with English Subtitles Action / Crime | 85 minutes

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SYNOPSIS

Takashi Yamanaka (Tsunehiko Watase), an expert bank-robber, plans to pull off the biggest heist of his career, stealing 300 million yen before fleeing to Brazil. However, when the robbery goes awry, Takashi find himself alone and his getaway foiled. Trailed by the police, his lover, his partner-in-crime's brother and countless others, Takashi becomes the target of a manhunt filled with twists, double-crosses and explosive action.

From Wolves, Pigs and Men and Battles Without Honor and Humanity director Kinji Fukasaku, VIOLENT PANIC: THE BIG CRASH is a "cult film spectacle that pulls out all the stops" (Make Mine Criterion). Fast-paced, unrelenting and featuring a conclusion that ranks among the most legendary car chases in film, VIOLENT PANIC: THE BIG CRASH remains one of the most action-packed masterpieces of Fukasaku's career.



KINJI FUKASAKU BIOGRAPHY

KINJI FUKASAKU (1930-2003, Japan) began studying cinema after World War II, before switching to scriptwriting. After graduating in 1953, he joined Toei company as an assistant director. He made his directorial debut in 1961, directing *Drifting Detective: Tragedy in the Red Valley* and *Drifting Detective: Black Wind in the Harbor*, both starring Sonny Chiba. In 1973, he directed the groundbreaking yakuza film *Battles Without Honor and Humanity*, which spawned seven sequels and three spin-off films. After *Hokuriku Proxy War* (1977), he stopped making yakuza films. In 1993, he received a special Career Prize at Yokohama Film Festival. *Battle Royale* (2000) would become his most famous work. Also in 2000, IFFR devoted an entire programme section to his work. After his death in 2003, his son Kenta Fukasaku finished *Battle Royale II: Requiem*. That same year, he was awarded a Blue Ribbon Special Award and a Special Award by the Japanese Academy in celebration of his work.

Biography credit: IFFR



CAST

Takashi Yamanaka Michi Midorikawa Aiko Kuriyama Masuo Tezuka Mitsuo Seki Sakuji Hatano Katsuo Seki Tsunehiko Watase Miki Sugimoto Yayoi Watanabe Yūsuke Kazato Nenji Kobayashi Takuzo Kawatani Hideo Murota

CREW

Directed by Screenplay by

Music by
Cinematography by
Lighting by
Sound by
Art Direction by
Edited by

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