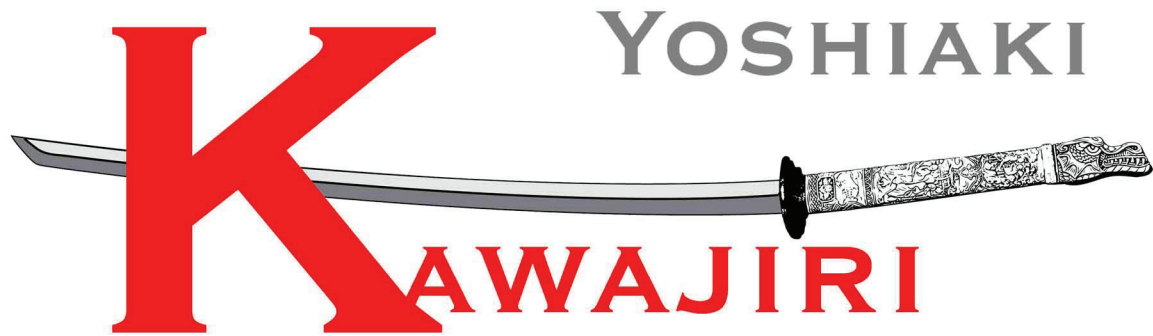


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Director

Yoshiaki Kawajiri joined Mad House Studios at the age of 22, where he made his directoral debut with “Lensman.” The dark supernatural crime drama “Wicked City” cemented his reputation for smart, edgy, and sexy animation in the Japanese anime style. He followed that success with two seminal anime film classics, “Ninja Scroll” and “Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust.” In each case, he took a pre-existing idea (the Jubei ninja legend and vampires) to make them uniquely his own as both a director and a writer. He did it again when the Wachowski Brothers sought Kawajiri to create his first crossover work: short anime films for the “Matrix” spinoff “The Animatrix.” “Highlander” is Kawajiri’s first feature-length American-produced film, taking the cult phenomenon and filtering it through his lens.

Filmography

- ✦ SF Shinseiki Lensman (1984)
- ✦ Wicked City (1989)
- ✦ Ninja Scroll (1995)
- ✦ Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust (2000)
- ✦ The Animatrix – “World Record,” “Program” (2003)
- ✦ Highlander: The Search For Vengeance (2007)