KING AND THE CLOWN

왕의 남자
2005, 119 minutes
Director: Lee Jun-ik
Cast: Kam Woo-sung, Jun Jin-young and Lee Joon-gi

Saturday, August 25, 7:00 PM @ Cinema Village
Friday, August 31, 9:30 PM @ BAM Rose Cinemas

A taboo-shattering film that's been called Korea's *Brokeback Mountain*, *The King and the Clown* is a tale of two itinerant clowns. Under a death sentence for treason, the clowns' ability to make the King laugh is their last hope for a pardon. The pressure brings the two entertainers closer to expressing the film's homosexual subtext than Korean audiences are used to seeing depicted on the big screen. When the King takes to one of the clowns, desire, politics and blood begin to pull them apart.

Festivals and Awards

2007 Festival du Film Asiatique de Deauville—Jury Prize
2006 Blue Dragon Movie Awards—Best Original Soundtrack
2006 Korea Film Awards—Best New Actor (Lee Joon-gi)
2006 Chunsa Film Awards—Best Actor (Kam Woo-sung) and
2006 Grand Bell Awards— Best New Actor (Lee Joon-gi), Best Supporting Actor (Yoo Hae-jin) and Best New Actor (Kam Woo-sung)
2006 Paeksang Art Awards—First Prize and Best New Actor (Lee Joon-gi)

Director's Filmography

Radio Star (2006)—Director
Once Upon a Time on a Battlefield (2003)—Director

LIKE A VIRGIN

천하장사 마돈나 *North American Premiere*

2006, 116 minutes
Directors: Lee Hae-joon, Lee Hae-young
Cast: Ryoo Deok-hwan, Baek Yoon-sik, Lee Sang-ah and Kim Yoon-seok

Thursday, August 23, 8:50 PM @ Cinema Village
Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 PM @ IFC Center

Oh Dong-gu is going to be a model-perfect woman and the fact that he's currently a stumbling, pudgy man isn't going to stop him. To pay for his sex change surgery, the Madonna-impersonating Oh does the only farcically responsible thing he can do: he enters a wrestling competition.

Festivals and Awards

2007 Berlin International Film Festival—New Generation Selection
2007 Hong Kong International Film Festival—Global Vision Selection
2007 Deauville Pan Asian Film Festival—Official Selection
2007 Singapore International Film Festival—Official Selection
2007 Paeksang Arts Awards—Best Script
2006 Blue Dragon Film Awards—Best Script, Best New Director
2006 Korea Film Awards—Best New Director
2006 Korean Film Critics Awards—Best New Director