GONZA THE SPEARMAN (1986)
Directed by Masahiro Shinoda

Gonza is a handsome young samurai. He is a master of the spear. In order to advance as a samurai and make a name for himself in his community, Gonza must learn to perform a traditional tea ceremony. In order to gain access to the sacred tea scrolls, Gonza promises to marry the daughter of the woman who possesses them, even though he is already engaged to another woman.

126 min.
Japan

TABOO (1999)
Directed by Nagisa Ôshima

Set during the bakumatsu period, Taboo tells the story of Kano, a samurai in training at an elite school that seeks to defend the shogunate against reformist forces. Kano is a gifted swordsman but it's his striking good looks that have teachers and students vying for his attention. Tension mounts and conflicts break out.

100 min.
Japan/France/UK