

## FILM



# *Spirited Away*

*Saturday, August 19, 2023*

*from 7:00 – 9:00 pm*

*Concord Hall, 1407 Chapala Street,  
Santa Barbara*

- *In Person Only*
- *Film produced in 2001*
- *Free of charge but donations are appreciated*

Considered as one of the greatest films of all time, *Spirited Away*, won the Academy Award for the Best Animated Feature at the 75th Academy Awards. Written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki, the film tells the story of a 10 year old girl who is transported into the world of *Kami*; that is to say she entered the spirit world which ensouls and animates all that we call objective Nature. The young girl must find a way to rescue her parents who have been transformed into pigs by a witch, and then find a way back to the human world.

The film gives us a glimpse of the Japanese Shinto-Buddhist world of folklore while simultaneously addressing the values of traditional cultures and the values of consumerism, materialism and greed. The audience is also given an enriching portrayal of the soul of environmentalism. Much more is left to the imagination. It is a film to be enjoyed many times over.

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