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NIPPON NIGHTS #13: HAUSU (HOUSE)

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A demonic possession has never been as surreal, beautiful or intoxicating as it is in Nobuhiko Ôbayashi's **HAUSU (HOUSE)**. A huge hit in Japan in the late '70s, HAUSU was unseen in America until just a few years ago, where it continues to shock and delight audiences.

While HAUSU may start as you might expect, with a schoolgirl and her six friends setting off to vacation at a distant aunt's curiously creepy house, it ends unlike anything you've ever seen, escalating into a frenetic cacophony of color, sound and intensely psychedelic special effects. Combining the glowing acrobatics of a Hong Kong action movie, the blood-drenched atmospherics of Italian horror, the rhythms of a Japanese schoolgirl comedy and a disjointed, handmade sensibility all its own, the film has a surprise - sometimes a scary one, sometimes a funny one - around every corner. Whether you're a J-Horror buff or deeply squeamish, you'll find something to love.

Directed by Nobuhiko Ôbayashi. 1977. Japan. 88 min. HD Digital.

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