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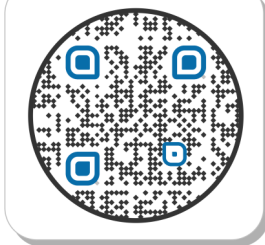
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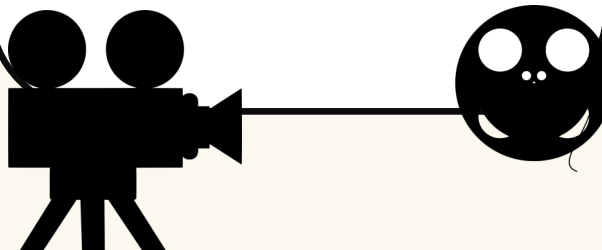
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### About JFF Plus

JFF+ is a website run by the Japan Foundation aiming to spread Japanese films overseas and where the online film festival is held.

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Tuesday 21 Nov 6pm

## Fortune Favors Lady Nikuko

漁港の肉子ちゃん



Director: Ayumu Watanabe Cast: Shinobu Otake, Cocomi

Year: 2021 Length: 97 min Genre: Drama, Animation Rating: TBC

Based on a 2011 novel by Kanako Nishi, **Fortune Favors Lady Nikuko** is a heart-warming and moving comedy-drama about an unconventional family and the bonds that they share in their sleepy seaside town. Brash single mother Nikuko is well-known for her bold spirit, much to the embarrassment of Kikuko, her pensive yet imaginative daughter. In contrast to her mother, Kikuko wants nothing more than to fit in as she navigates the everyday social dramas of middle school. Life in the harbor is peaceful until a shocking revelation from the past threatens to uproot the pair's tender relationship.

## Please Note

- ◆ All films will be shown in Japanese with English Subtitles.
- ◆ We reluctantly reserve the right to change the schedule.
- ◆ At the time of printing, the films have not been rated. Classification will be advised on the websites of Embassy of Japan, Consulate-General of Japan in Auckland and Consular Office of Japan in Christchurch.

Monday 27 Nov 6pm

## Cinematic Liars of Asahi-za

浜の朝日の嘘つきどもと



Director: Yuki Tanada Cast: Mitsuki Takahata, Kyotaro Yanagiya

Year: 2021 Length: 114 min Genre: Drama Rating: M

The movie theatre "Asahi-za" has a history of nearly 100 years. One day, a woman appears in front of the manager of "Asahi-za". She is there to keep the promise that she made to her high school teacher, of saving the condemned "Asahi-za". Believing there was no way to save the cinema, the manager had given up all hope. But a small "lie" sets the future of the cinema on a course that no one could ever have imagined...

Tuesday 28 Nov 6pm

## The Lone Ume Tree

梅切らぬバカ



Director: Kotaro Wajima Cast: Mariko Kaga, Muga Tsukaji

Year: 2021 Length: 77 min Genre: Drama Rating: PG

Tamako lives with her 50-year-old autistic son, Tadao. In their garden is a large ume tree, but branches sticking out over the sidewalk have brought complaints from their neighbours. One day, Tamako finds out a room is available in a group home for people with intellectual disabilities. After much thought, Tamako puts Tadao in the home, but confused by the sudden change, Tadao runs away. Meanwhile, Tamako decides to prune the ume tree branches...

Wednesday 29 Nov 6pm

## A Long Goodbye

長いお別れ



Director: Ryota Nakano Cast: Yu Aoi, Yuko Takeuchi, Chieko Matsubara

Year: 2019 Length: 127 min Genre: Drama Rating: M

A party is held for the 70th birthday of their father, Shohei. What wasn't told to his daughters, who haven't all gathered together for a long time, is the fact that their strict father had contracted dementia. While being confused about the situation of their father losing his memory day after day, the family members reconsider their own situation by facing that reality.

## Venue & Booking

Christchurch Art Gallery  
Cnr Worcester Boulevard and Montreal St,  
Christchurch

No booking required

\*First come first served basis.

