

Sunday 1 November ~
Wednesday 4 November 2020



日本映画祭 Japanese Film Festival

ADMISSION FREE

NO BOOKINGS - 178 Seats

VENUE:

Philip Carter Family Auditorium, Christchurch Art Gallery
Te Puna o Waiwetu 49 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch



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IN CHRISTCHURCH



In Japanese with
English subtitles

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1 Sunday
November

4.30 pm Complimentary tickets
available at venue

5:00 pm

Bento Harassment 今日も嫌がらせ弁当

2019 / 106 minutes TBC

"Heartwarming Family Story"

Single mother Kaoru and her daughter Futaba live on Hachijojima, an island resplendent with nature. When Futaba starts high school she enters a rebellious phase and gives her mother the silent treatment despite her attempts to communicate. Kaoru strikes back by making "chara-ben" lunches with food shaped like characters, which really annoys Futaba.

Director: Renpei Tsukamoto

Cast: Ryoko Shinohara,
Kyoko Yoshine



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3 Tuesday
November

5.30 pm Complimentary tickets
available at venue

6:00 pm

Mentai Piriri めんたいぴりり

2019 / 115 minutes TBC

"Laughter & Tears at Lucky Grocers"

Set in Fukuoka City during the 1950's, Toshiyuki and his wife Chiyoko run a small grocery store in the Nakasu district. Toshiyuki is enthusiastic about making mentaiko (seasoned cod roe). One day a girl in a ragged clothes attempts to steal from his store. She is his son Kenichi's classmate, Eiko, whose parents died, so he decides to help her...

Director: Kan Eguchi

Cast: Hanamaru Hakata, Yasuko Tomita, Soma Santoki, Haruka Masunaga, Hana Toyoshima



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2.00 pm Complimentary tickets
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2:30 pm

The Wonderland バースデーワンダーランド

2019 / 115 minutes TBC

"Enter into a fantasy world with Akane!"

Akane is a shy, young girl. On the day before her birthday the enigmatic and fabled alchemist Hippocrates suddenly emerges from the basement of an antique store with his apprentice Pipo. They request Akane to save their world and so Akane sets out on an adventure to save the parallel world "Wonderland".

Director: Keiichi Hara

Cast: Mayu Matsuoka,
Anne Watanabe, Kumiko Aso,
Masachika Ichimura



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2 Monday
November

5.30 pm Complimentary tickets
available at venue

6:00 pm

The Takatsu River 高津川

2019 / 113 minutes TBC

"Preserving Kagura Dance"

Beside the Takatsu River basin in Shimane Prefecture families are living in an area burdened by depopulation as they carry on the tradition of "Kagura", the Shinto music and dance said to be the roots of Kabuki drama. Manabu Saito operates a farm on a mountain and worries his son Tatsuya has been making a habit of skipping Kagura practice. Then Manabu learns his alma mater elementary school will be closed.

Director: Yoshinari Nishikori

Cast: Manabu Saito, Yoko Ohata



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4 Wednesday
November

5.30 pm Complimentary tickets
available at venue

6:00 pm

Finding Calico 先生と迷い猫

2015 / 107 minutes TBC

"Inspired by a True Story"

A drama inspired by the book "Mie the Stray: A Story of Community Cats and Shopping Street Revitalization". Kyoichi Morii, a grumpy retired school principal, lives alone after the death of his beloved wife. Mie, the stray cat his wife used to feed, visits him, but he shoos her away. When she suddenly fails to appear, he gets worried and decides to look for her.

Director: Yoshihiro Fukagawa

Cast: Issey Ogata, Shota Sometani, Kie Kitano



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