Wednesday 15 March ~ Friday 17 March 2017



日本映画祭 JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL _ _ Watch Japan Unfold _ _ _

ADMISSION FREE, NO BOOKINGS - Big Venue 500+ Seats

VENUE: Charles Luney Auditorium St Margaret's College 12 Winchester Street, Christchurch

6.00 pm Complimentary tickets available at venue 6.05 pm Short Cultural Films 6.30 pm Main Feature

In Japanese with English subtitles Classifications to be advised on Facebook

Wednesday March

6:30 pm [6.05 pm Short Cultural Films]

Twilight: Saya in Sasara トワイライト ささらさや

Parental Guidance recommended for younger viewers "Miraculous moments in small town Sasara"

Saya is left to care for her newborn son after her husband, Yutaro, dies in an accident. Yukari's concern for Saya means his spirit is restless, possessing other people to help her.

2014 / 115 minutes

Director: Yoshihiro Fukugawa / Cast: Yui Aragaki, Yo Oizumi, Aoi Nakamura

Adaptation of Tomoko Kano's fantasy mystery novel.

Thursday March

6:30 pm [6.05 pm Short Cultural Films]

The Letters 手紙

2006 / 121 minutes

"Touching story of a man trying to overcome his fate" Based on best-selling novel by Keigo Higashino.

Takeshi is serving a life sentence in prison for the crime he committed to save his brother, Naoki. Branded as a murderer's brother, Naoki's situation begins to change when he meets Yumiko.

Director: Jiro Shono / Cast: Takayuki Yamada, Tetsuji Tamayama, Erika Sawajiri



Friday March 6:30 pm [6.05 pm Short Cultural Films]

Pecoross' Mother and Her Days ペコロスの母に会いに行く

2013 / 113 minutes **Adult Themes**

"Convincing Drama about Dementia and the bonds with the past" Adaptation of Yuichi Okano's essay manga.

Yuichi is a widower living in Nagasaki devoted to his elderly mother Mitsue, manga and music. When Mitsue develops dementia, he reluctantly places her in a nursing home. Being with idiosyncratic residents, her memories gradually lead her to retrace her past.

Director: Azuma Morisaki / Cast: Ryo Iwamatsu, Harue Akagi, Kiwako Harada, Ryo Kase



