

# Japanese Film Evenings

**Christchurch Art Gallery  
Philip Carter Family Auditorium**

**No Booking required**

**Admission Free**

**Japanese with English subtitles**

5.30pm Doors Open & Complimentary tickets available

6.00pm Short Films

6.30pm Main Feature



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**Thu 11th April**

## Close-Knit

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*"Heart warming story of a family"*

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Suitable for Mature Audiences 16 Years  
and over. Note: Suicide references



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**Thu 18th April**

## Where I belong

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*"Can Shoto redeem himself?"*

**PG**

Parental Guidance recommended for  
Younger Viewers Note: Violence



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**Tue 7th May**

## NORIBEN - The Recipe of Fortune

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*"Home Cuisine"*

**PG**

Parental Guidance recommended for Younger  
Viewers Note: Violence & Coarse Language



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# Close-Knit

2017 / 127 minutes M

Rinko is a transgender woman with a heart of gold. She lives with her boyfriend Makio who accepts her for who she is. Suddenly Makio's lonely niece, Tomo, appears in their life and is initially confused about Rinko. This is the story of 60 days in the life of these three individuals who each find their own happiness.

*Director: Naoko Ogigami*

*Cast: Toma Ikuta, Kenta Kiritani, Rinka Kakahara*



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# Where I Belong

2016 / 108 minutes PG

Abandoned by his parents as a child, Shoto robs and assaults women & elderly people to get by. Fleeing from the police he arrives in a mountain village in Miyazaki Prefecture where he helps an injured elderly woman, Suma. She takes him in and as he becomes part of the local community, he begins to change.

*Director: Shinji Azuma / Cast: Kento Hayashi, Etsuko Ichihara, Mina Fujii, Kazuyuki Aijima, Katsuhiko Watabiki*



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# NORIBEN

**The Recipe of Fortune**

2009 / 107 minutes PG

Komaki and her young daughter Noriko return to her childhood home to make a fresh start. Finding work proves very difficult until the kindergarten lunch she made for Noriko becomes a huge hit so Komaki decides to open her own "bento" lunch shop.

*Director: Akira Ogata / Cast: Manami Konishi, Yoshinori Okada, Jun Murakami,*



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