

## SCHEDULE

### WELLINGTON 23 - 25 OCT

<b>Fri 23 Oct</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Iwane: Sword of Serenity
<b>Sat 24 Oct</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	Almost a Miracle
	<b>2:30pm</b>	Samurai Cat
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Pecoross' Mother and Her Days
<b>Sun 25 Oct</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	A Beautiful Star
	<b>2:30pm</b>	A Banana? At This Time of Night?

### CHRISTCHURCH 1 - 4 NOV

<b>Sun 1 Nov</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	The Wonderland
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Bento Harassment
<b>Mon 2 Nov</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	The Takatsu River
<b>Tue 3 Nov</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Mentai-piriri
<b>Wed 4 Nov</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Finding Calico

### NEW PLYMOUTH 21 - 22 NOV

<b>Sat 21 Nov</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	Iwane: Sword of Serenity
	<b>3:00pm</b>	Almost a Miracle
	<b>5:30pm</b>	Samurai Cat
<b>Sun 22 Nov</b>	<b>10:00pm</b>	Pecoross' Mother and Her Days
	<b>12:30pm</b>	A Beautiful Star
	<b>3:00pm</b>	A Banana? At This Time of Night?

### AUCKLAND 27 - 29 NOV

<b>Fri 27 Nov</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	A Banana? At This Time of Night?
<b>Sat 28 Nov</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	Almost a Miracle
	<b>3:30pm</b>	A Beautiful Star
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Iwane: Sword of Serenity
<b>Sun 29 Nov</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	Stopmotion Animation Films by Takeshi Yashiro
	<b>3:30pm</b>	Not Quite Dead Yet

### DUNEDIN 12 - 13 DEC

<b>Sat 12 Dec</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	Iwane: Sword of Serenity
	<b>3:00pm</b>	Almost a Miracle
	<b>5:30pm</b>	Samurai Cat
<b>Sun 13 Dec</b>	<b>10:00pm</b>	Pecoross' Mother and Her Days
	<b>12:30pm</b>	A Beautiful Star
	<b>3:00pm</b>	A Banana? At This Time of Night?

## VENUE & TICKETS

Free Admission  
In Japanese with English Subtitles

### WELLINGTON

**Roxy Cinema (5 Park Rd, Miramar, Wellington)**  
**Booking required** at [roxycinema.co.nz](http://roxycinema.co.nz)  
\*Online booking fee applies

**[General Enquiries]**  
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### CHRISTCHURCH

**Christchurch Art Gallery (Montreal Street, Christchurch)**  
[christchurchartgallery.org.nz](http://christchurchartgallery.org.nz)  
**No booking required**

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### NEW PLYMOUTH

**Govett-Brewster Art Gallery (42 Queen St, New Plymouth)**  
[govettbrewster.com](http://govettbrewster.com)  
**No booking required**

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### AUCKLAND

**Academy Cinemas (44 Lorne Street, Auckland)**  
**Booking required** at [academycinemas.co.nz](http://academycinemas.co.nz)  
\*Online booking fee applies  
\*Booking open from Thursday 29th October

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### DUNEDIN

**Dunedin Public Art Gallery (30 Octagon, Dunedin)**  
[dunedin.art.museum](http://dunedin.art.museum)  
**No booking required**

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# JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL 2020



**Wellington**  
23-25 OCT  
**Christchurch**  
1-4 NOV  
**New Plymouth**  
21-22 NOV  
**Auckland**  
27-29 NOV  
**Dunedin**  
12-13 DEC

**FREE ADMISSION**



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## Samurai

### Iwane: Sword of Serenity

居眠り磐根



© 2019 "Iwane: Sword of Serenity" Film Partners

### Samurai Cat

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## Animation

### The Wonderland

パースデー・ワンダーランド



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2019 Birthday Wonderland Committee

### Stopmotion Animation Films by Takeshi Yashiro

八代健志監督ストップモーションアニメーション短編集



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Director: Katsuhide Motoki

Cast: Tori Matsuzaka

Year: 2019 Duration: 121min

The film adaptation of Saeki Yasuhide's samurai period novel series which has surpassed 20 million copies printed.

Director: Takeshi Watanabe  
Yoshitaka Yamaguchi

Cast: Kazuki Kitamura

Year: 2014 Duration: 100min

Humorous depiction of a masterless samurai at the end of the Edo Period whose heart is melted by an adorable white cat.

Director: Keiichi Hara

Cast: Mayu Matsuoka

Year: 2019 Duration: 115min

On the day before her birthday, a girl meets a mysterious alchemist who is on a mission to save the world.

Director: Takeshi Yashiro

Year: 2020 Duration: 105min

Award-winning director Takeshi Yashiro's stop motion films rarely screened outside of Japan. Lineup: Gon, the Little Fox/ Moon of a Sleepless Night/Norman the Snowman series.

## PLEASE NOTE

- We reluctantly reserve the right to change the schedule.
- At the time of printing the films have not been rated.
- Any necessary changes and classification will be advised on the websites of Embassy of Japan, Consulate-General of Japan in Auckland and Consular Office of Japan in Christchurch.

## Drama

### Pecoross' Mother and Her Days

ペコロスの母に会いに行く



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### The Takatsu River

高津川



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Director: Azuma Morisaki

Cast: Harue Akagi, Ryo Iwamatsu

Year: 2013 Duration: 113min

An adaptation of Yuichi Okano's essay manga, this film is a compelling drama about dementia and bonds with the past.

Director: Yoshinari Nishikiro

Cast: Masahiro Komoto, Naho Toda

Year: 2019 Duration: 113min

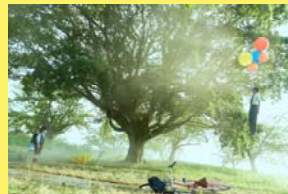
This drama portrays various people living in an area burdened by decreasing population as they carry on the tradition of "Kagura" Shinto music and dance which is said to be the roots of Kabuki.

## Drama

## Romance

### Almost a Miracle

町田君の世界



© Yuki Ando/SHUEISHA (c) 2019 "Almost a Miracle" Film

Director: Yuya Ishii

Cast: Taiga Hosoda, Nagisa Sekimizu

Year: 2019 Duration: 120min

A new type of main character, who is both extremely ordinary and universally lovable. Machida is a big-hearted lad whose compulsion to help everyone around him often gets him in trouble.

## Drama

## Sci-fi

### A Beautiful Star

美しい星



© "A Beautiful Star" Film Partners

Director: Daihachi Yoshida

Cast: Lily Franky, Kazuya Kameishi

Year: 2017 Duration: 127min

MISHIMA's unique sci-fi drama turns into an unconventional film in modern times. It portrays a family on Earth who come to believe that they are actually from other planets all of a sudden. A comical but bittersweet story of an extraterrestrial family.

## Drama

## Comedy

### A Banana? At This Time of Night?

こんな夜更けにバナナかよ 愛しき実話



© 2018 "A Banana? At This Time of Night?" Film Partners

Director: Tetsu Maeda

Cast: Yo Oizumi, Haruma Miura

Year: 2018 Duration: 120min

Afflicted by muscular dystrophy, Yasuaki Shikano doesn't let that slow him down. A charming and eternally positive man, he is determined to live an independent life and fulfil his dreams with the help of volunteers.

### Mentai-piriri

めんたいびりり



© 2019 "Mentai-piriri" Production Committee

Director: Kan Eguchi

Cast: Hanamaru Hakata

Year: 2018 Duration: 115min

Based on a true story about a man who created Fukuoka's famous local food, this film depicts people who struggle to survive the economic transition and growth in the post-war period.

### Finding Calico

先生と迷い猫



© 2015 Finding Calico Film Partners

Director: Yoshihiro Fukagawa

Cast: Issey Ogata, Shota Sometani

Year: 2015 Duration: 107min

A drama inspired by the beloved non-fiction book Mie the Stray: A Story of Community Cats and Shopping Street Revitalization.

### Not Quite Dead Yet

一度死んでみた



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Director: Shinji Hamasaki

Cast: Suzu Hirose, Ryo Yoshizawa

Year: 2020 Duration: 93min

After Nanase's father takes a drug that causes temporal death for 2 days. She is named the president of her dad's company. She must prevent her father's enemies from prematurely cremating him before he revives.

### Bento Harassment

今日も嫌がらせ弁当



© 2019 "BENTO HARASSMENT" Film Partners

Director: Renpei Tsukamoto

Cast: Ryoko Shinohara

Year: 2019 Duration: 106min

Ultimately a story of unconditional maternal love, Bento Harassment is a tale that reminds us not to give up on our loved ones even when life is not always