

## 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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[www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp](http://www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp)

### 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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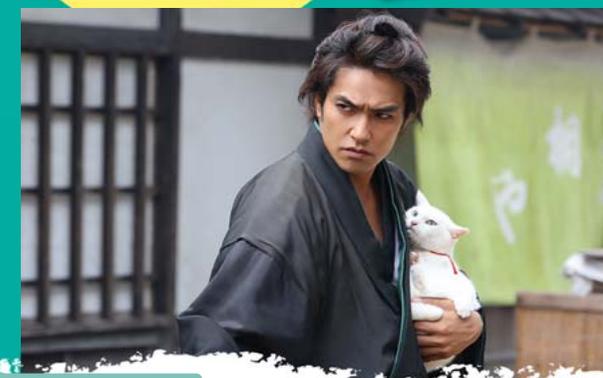


# JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL 2020



**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



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Samurai Cat

猫侍



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Animation

The Wonderland

バースデー・ワンダーランド



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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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**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.

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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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Drama

Romance

Almost a Miracle

町田君の世界



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

Drama

Sci-fi

A Beautiful Star

美しい星



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W N D

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 Nishikiori

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.

C

W N A D

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.

W N A D

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



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Mentai-piriri

めんたいぴりり



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Finding Calico

先生と迷い猫



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Not Quite Dead Yet

一度死んでみた



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Bento Harassment

今日も嫌がらせ弁当



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W N A D

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 fulfill his dreams with the help of volunteers.

C

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.

C

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.

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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.

C

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