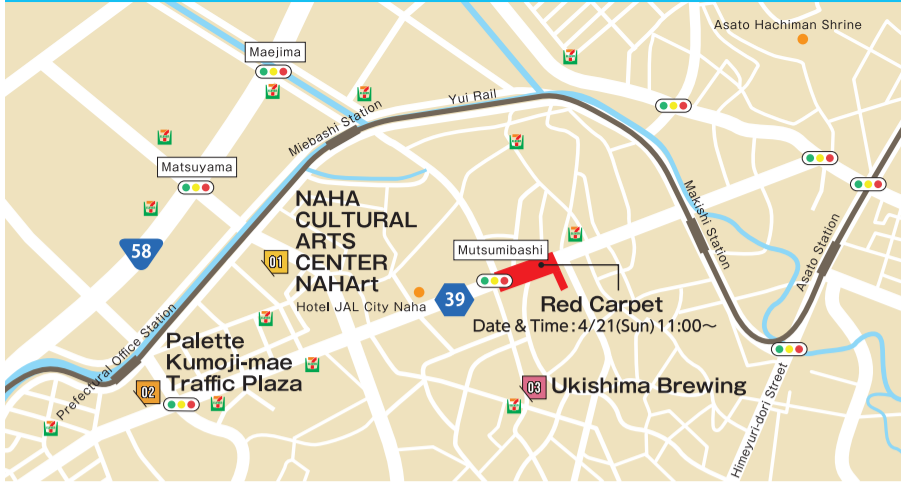
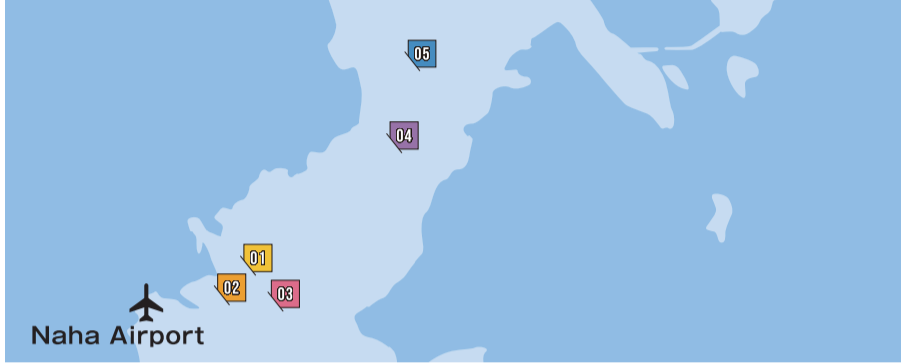


MAP A: Kokusai-dori Area



MAP B: Okinawa Region



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16th OKINAWA INTERNATIONAL MOVIE FESTIVAL CINEMA & EVENT SCHEDULE

This year's main screening venue is the NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt

NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt

4/20 Sat

(NAHArt Small Theater)	(NAHArt Large Studio)	(NAHArt Small Studio)	(NAHArt Large Theater)	(NAHArt Lobby)	Theater Donut (1st Floor Theater)	LAUGH & PEACE Town (Palette Kumoji-mae Traffic Plaza)
11:40~ Special Invitation Phonix Wings Stage greeting (AKINA, Yoshito Kobashigawa, Youko Oshiro, Misuzu Mae-shiro, Chigusa Yamauchi, Tsukushi Hourai, Tsukasa Kishimoto(Director)) ■ Paid admission	11:00~ Okinawa Movie Special 8 mm Okinawa Revived in Digital Stage greeting (Hayashi Toma, Tsutomu Makiya, Itsuji Itoa (Special Guest)) ■ Free admission	10:50~ Special Screening Whale Island Tokunoshima Stage greeting (Rei Fujizono, Kana Nonaka) ■ Free admission The song of Ttumugi Stage greeting (Kana Nonaka) ■ Free admission	13:10~ Special Screening Challenge of the Comedians! Up Close and Personal with Yoshimoto in the Shanghai International Comedy Festival! ■ Free admission	12:50~ Event BS Yoshimoto "Rediscovered! Found Tales" Collaborative Project VTR Screening & Kamishibai Live Performance Cocorico Naoki Tanaka, Orion League ■ Free admission	14:00~ Movie Festival Collaboration Yuntaku Film Festival Collaborative Project (Screenings with Audio Guides & Japanese Subtitles) at Theater DonutA Woman Who Acts ■ Free admission Such a Night of Chrysanths Lights ■ Free admission Bullfight Girl ■ Free admission Talk event (Shinichi Miyajima, Soichi Takayama, Ayumi Oya)	11:00~ Event Okinawa Laugh & Peace Entertainment School Performance Stage:Yoshimoto Tokaji Daiko, Entertainment School Students, YAMANEKO NO MIKOTO ■ Free admission 13:00~ Event Okinawa Idol Stage OBP, Solseamery ■ Free admission
14:40~ Special Invitation Almost 40 Stage greeting (Nao Toyama, Eri Murakawa, Seiko Iwaido, Mao Miyazato, Koto Nagata (Director)) ■ Paid admission	13:30~ Special Invitation Voices of loved one Stage greeting (Takeo Nakahara, Chikako Kaku, Yuna Yamaki, Yoshiyuki Fuji (Director)) ■ Paid admission	15:30~ Special Invitation A Time to Fly *Thailand Stage greeting (Saksiri Koshpasharin(Director), Hanazumi (Thailand-based comedian) Guest: MindaRyn) ■ Paid admission	14:00~ Event Shima Love Festival Social Business Contest Powered by Yunus Social Business Stage greeting (Garage Sale) ■ Free admission	13:50~ Event BS Yoshimoto "Rediscovered! Found Tales" Collaborative Project VTR Screening & Kamishibai Live Performance Cocorico Naoki Tanaka, Orion League ■ Free admission	15:00~ Event All-Island Comedy LIVE Special Hatsukoi Cro-Magnon, Cassis Orange, Lip Service, Shinichiro Chinenda, Propane 7, Shinto-suke, Orion League, Hana Flower, Kyan Merv, and others ■ Free admission	
16:40~ Special Invitation Symphony of Smoldering Chaos Stage greeting (Masato Wada, Shinsuke Tatsukawa (Director)) ■ Paid admission	16:30~ Local Origination Movie Eternal Anthriums Stage greeting (Juri Kawasaka, Masao Yoshii, Tomohiro Sasamori (Director)) ■ Free admission The Mansion Deity Stage greeting (Natsume Mito, Yasuaki Genda (Director)) ■ Free admission	18:10~ Special Invitation Roman Peony *Indonesia Stage greeting (Genki Sadamatsu (Sokorahen Genki/Indonesia-based comedian), Alfrits John Robert (Director), Rino Chandra W (Director of Photography), Daniel Clift (Music Director)) ■ Paid admission, PG-12		14:50~ Event BS Yoshimoto "Rediscovered! Found Tales" Collaborative Project VTR Screening & Kamishibai Live Performance Cocorico Naoki Tanaka, Orion League ■ Free admission	17:30~ Event A.rik & SOL ENJIN Session ENJIN: A.rik, SOL ■ Free admission	
19:20~ Movie Festival Collaboration The Applause Cannot Be Heard Stage greeting (Yoshimi Tokui (Director)) ■ Free admission FUCHIISHI Stage greeting (Kenichi Abe) ■ Free admission	18:40~ Special Invitation Yuko Side B, and hereafter Stage greeting (Yourei Yanagi, Michiru Seto, Nobu Morimoto, Masato Oki, Kiichi Kitayama, Takashi Toyoda, Tomizo Nobe, Tatsunori Sato (Director)) ■ Paid admission, PG-12			15:50~ Event BS Yoshimoto "Rediscovered! Found Tales" Collaborative Project VTR Screening & Kamishibai Live Performance Cocorico Naoki Tanaka, Orion League ■ Free admission		

*Ticket exchange starts 30 minutes before, and doors open 20 minutes before each movie screening.

NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt

4/21 Sun

(NAHArt Small Theater)	(NAHArt Large Studio)	(NAHArt Small Studio)	(NAHArt Large Theater)	LAUGH & PEACE Town (Palette Kumoji-mae Traffic Plaza)	Tenbusu Plaza	Kokusai-dori Street
13:50~ Local Origination Movie Ai wo Tateru ~Stand for Love~ Stage greeting (Ruka Matsuda, Kazumasa Yamauchi, Yuto Iwata, Chiaki (Hibiscus Party), Kazuhiro Taira (Director)) ■ Free admission	13:40~ Special Invitation watashigaorenjinsei Stage greeting (Ayame Goriki, Hiroyuki Onoue, Nao Hoshino, Mitsuki Kimijima, Rina Kondo, Yuji Nakamae (Director)) ■ Paid admission	13:20~ Local Origination Movie Thank You, Gateway To The World Stage greeting (Misa Shimizu) ■ Free admission		11:30~ Event BIG ECHO Presents: Open Mic Karaoke Stage ■ Free admission	10:30~ Opening Ceremony 11:00~ Red Carpet ■ Free admission	
15:10~ Animation Love Live! Nijigasaki High School Idol Club NEXT SKY Stage greeting (Aguri Ohnisi) ■ Free admission	16:10~ Event New Work Announcement Event with Director Toshiyuki Teruya Speakers: Toshiyuki Teruya and others ■ Free admission	14:50~ Animation Vampire Dormitory Stage greeting (Kana Ichinose, Ema Toyama (Author)) ■ Free admission		14:00~ Event Hai Sail Song and Town Pride Okinawa Grand Prix ■ Free admission		
16:40~ Okinawa Movie Special THE LAST HERO AMAWARI Stage greeting (Rino Higa, Takara Sakumoto) ■ Free admission	17:50~ Animation Entanime ① BOKU HA YAH-NEKO ② Sea otter from Star X ③ ME & MY FUNNY BOSSES Stage greeting (Jungle Pocket, Chika Kagura, Kazumasa Nakamichi (Director)) ■ Free admission	16:50~ Special Screening RoOT Stage greeting (Rio Teramoto) ■ Free admission	18:00~ Event Ending Laugh & Peace LIVE Concert Garage Sale (MC), Kazufumi Miyazawa, Kariyushi58, Haruka Oyakawa, MindaRyn, and others ■ Free admission	16:00~ Event SO.ON project Special LIVE in Okinawa YAMANEKO NO MIKOTO (Opening act), SO.ON project ■ Free admission		

*Please be advised that speakers and content are subject to change without notice.

Special Invitation / 8 Works

This lineup features works that will be screened for the first time in Japan or Okinawa at the festival, introducing new and unreleased works to the people of Okinawa ahead of their public release.

Special Screenings / 4 Works

This project allows for a deeper enjoyment of video content across genres and features introductions to a variety of content, including close-up footage of Yoshimoto comedians challenging themselves at a comedy festival in Shanghai.

Animation / 5 Works

These are special screenings of world-renowned works of animation made in Japan, including movies, TV shows, and YouTube content, regardless of genre.

Okinawa Movie Specials / 2 Works

This project introduces the scenery, culture, and customs of Okinawa through video. It introduces selected Okinawan films set in Okinawa. As a regular project, it features a screening of 8 mm Okinawa Revived in Digital, which restores and digitizes movies shot by the common people of Okinawa.

Local Origination Movies / 4 Works

This project realizes the passionate desire to share the various charms of the towns we live in with the nation and revitalize the region through film. Together with local residents, we create films, sharing the fun, joy, and our love for local areas, and screen the resulting films to introduce viewers to various landscapes across Japan.

Movie Festival Pre-Event: Shuri Theater Feature / 3 Works

Ahead of the festival, a pre-event will be held at Ukishima Brewing, featuring documentary films set in the Shuri Theater, which was Okinawa's oldest existing movie theater until it was unfortunately demolished in 2023 due to aging. This lineup of films introduces the movie theater that was loved not only by film fans but also by many others.

Movie Festival Collaboration / 5 Works

This lineup introduces a selection of unique works from vibrant festivals and projects, including the Yuntaku Film Festival, where movies produced in Okinawa are equipped with audio guides & Japanese subtitles so that the movies can be enjoyed by both people with and without visual or hearing impairments and the Beppu Short Movie Project, where some of Japan's leading film directors create their own original short films in a relay format with Beppu City as the setting.

Movie Screening Ticket Information

Screenings at the NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt (Small Theater / Large Studio / Small Studio)
 Price/non-reserved seating: ¥1,000 (tax included) *Prices are the same for advanced and same-day tickets

Paid Screenings

*Free admission to viewings for preschool-aged children sitting in their guardian's lap (some age restrictions apply). *ID verification may be requested on-site. *Changes of refunds are not permitted, and tickets are only valid for their listed dates. Speakers and other details are subject to change. *The resale or transfer of tickets to third parties for profit is prohibited. *Unauthorized recording, filming, photography, and streaming are prohibited. *Re-entry is not permitted after exiting. *For wheelchair viewing, please contact the FANY Ticket Inquiry Hotline at TEL:0570-550-100 (10:00-19:00/year-round) before purchasing tickets. <Where to purchase tickets> WEB: FANY Ticket/In-store Purchase: FamilyMart in-store multipurpose copy machines <Ticket inquiries> FANY Ticket Inquiry Hotline, TEL:0570-550-100 (10:00-19:00/year-round)
 ★Same-day tickets will only be sold at screening theaters. Tickets will not be sold once the planned number of advance tickets has been reached.


Free Screenings and Admission

■ Non-paid screenings and other events at the NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt (Small Theater / Large Studio / Small Studio) ■ Price: Free (non-reserved seating)
 <Precautions on Attending the Festival>
 Admission is free. However, tickets (advance registration) are required for viewings. A FANY ID account is required to apply for advance registration. *Same-day distribution of tickets will only occur if there are seats remaining following the end of advance ticket reservations.

■ Ukishima Brewing screenings
 April 19 (Fri), starts at 19:00 / Movie Festival Pre-Event Shuri Theater Feature ■ Price: Free
 *Advanced reservations not accepted. *Please order at least one menu item per person. *For inquiries, call 098-917-5123

■ Theater Donut Screenings
 April 20 (Sat), starts at 14:00 / Yuntaku Film Festival Collaborative Project ■ Price: Free
 <Ticket Reception> For reservations, call Theater Donut at 070-5401-1072. Reservations can also be made in the comment section of the official blog or by sending a DM on official social media accounts and are limited to the first 24 reservations.

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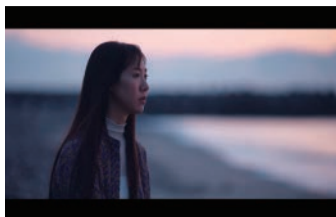


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Special Invitation / 8 Works

Almost 40

Shiori, a writer living in Osaka, breaks up with her boyfriend just before turning 40. Unable to genuinely share in her friends' small joys, she passes her time in a period of stagnancy to avert her gaze from her own sorrow, and during this time, she begins to examine what she should cherish in life



©Almost40 Film Partners

●Director: Koto Nagata
●Cast: Nao Toyama, Seiko Iwaido, Long Mizuma, Eri Murakawa, Tomoki Kimura, Yohei Kehata, Shiba Hirofumi, Akie Asaka, Masami Horiuichi

Voices of loved one

A visually impaired photographer, burdened by disillusionment, finds refuge in an old photo studio nestled within the meadows of Hokkaido. One day, he tends to a girl outside the studio and discovers she's a student on a rural exchange program with her own emotional scars... This is a tale of rejuvenation that unfolds against the backdrop of Tokachi's natural landscapes and a quaint photo studio.



©Warabi

●Director: Yoshiyuki Fuji
●Cast: Takeo Nishikawa, Yuna Yamaki, Chikako Kaku, Isao Hasizume, Takayasu Komiya, Nasubi, Nobuyuki Katsube, Kiyomi Tanigawa

watashigaorenojinsei

In the midst of the pandemic, Kaori Hara faces the bleak reality of being laid off when a twist of fate causes her to swap bodies with her neighbor, Daisuke Nakayama. The two then strive to maintain each other's lives while wondering if it will ever be possible for them to return to their original selves...

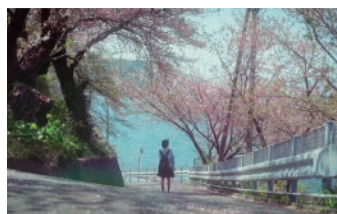


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●Director: Yuji Nakamae
●Cast: Ayame Goriki, Hiroyuki Onoue, Jingi Irie, Nao Hoshino, Shizuka Nakamura, Moro Morooka, Keisuke Horibe

Yuko Side B, and hereafter

This human drama captures the journey of a young girl coming of age as the daughter of a yakuza member. Amidst her tumultuous upbringing, she constantly questions what ordinary happiness is while navigating her complex environment. Set in a town that's neither urban nor rural, the story explores the ways in which she adapts and grows.



©"Yuko Side B, and hereafter" friends club

●Director: Tatsunori Sato
●Cast: Michiru Sato, Yanagiyuri, Kozo Takeda, Nobu Morimoto, Makoto Shinada

Okinawa Movie Special / 2 Works

THE LAST HERO AMAWARI

Following the demise of the legendary hero Sho Hashi, and the untimely deaths of his successors, the Ryukyu Kingdom once again finds itself on the brink of decline. In these turbulent times, Amawari, who was born among the common folk, confronts the oppressive regime with the support of his allies and rises to become the Lord of Katsuren. However, his ensuing prosperity leads him into conflicts with the Shuri royal court...

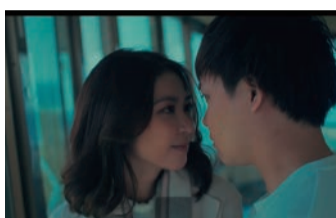


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●Director: Gosuke Tsuchida
●Cast: Takara Sakumoto, Takara Sakumoto, Rino Higa, Takayuki Yamada

Roman Peony

This story unfolds around Kenji, who was involved in the film adaptation of a novel in Indonesia; Clara, who came to Japan in pursuit of her employer; and Miu, who has harbored feelings for Kenji since childhood. It captures the conflicts and heartache each of them holds as their lives intersect against the backdrop of Hokkaido.



©Connection Film

●Director: Alfrids John Robert
●Cast: Jessica Veranda, Genki Sadamatsu, Hitomi, Hilda Ignatia, Diera Nathania, Suguru Misao, Hamada Daisuke, Seto Putrondaru

A Time To Fly

Based on a true story, this movie follows Mong Thongdee, a young boy hailing from the mountainous region of Northern Thailand who won a Thai paper airplane contest. Fueled by his ambition to compete in Japan, the narrative showcases how the Thai community and nation at large come together, advocating for exceptional governmental support to turn the boy's dream into reality.



●Director: Saksiri Koshpasharin
●Cast: Suphach Tawagun, Maneerat Kamoun, Trisanu Soranun, Marinda Halpin, Pongpun Suwee, Anirut Kayensee, Sunthari Chotipun, Kantawit Ochawat

Phonix Wings

Themed around the 2019 fire that destroyed Shuri Castle, this anthology brings to life two stories set against the backdrop of the Ryukyu Kingdom's ancient capital as portrayed by director Tsukushi Kishimoto, who continues to capture the Okinawa region in films such as The Man Who Changed Okinawa, Okinawan Blue, and 10ROOMS.

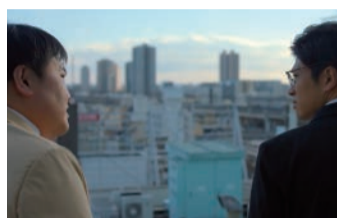


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●Director: Kishimoto Tsukasa
●Cast: AKINA, Yoshito, Oshiro Youko, Aragaki Masahiro, Shiroma Yayoi, Maeshiro Misuzu, Hourai Tsukushi

Symphony of Smoldering Chaos

Gathered at a regional theater in Omiya, Saitama, The Omiya Seven is a diverse group grappling with their individual struggles, setbacks, ambitions, and jealousies. Yet, through it all, they remain dedicated to their craft, continuing to engage in comedy with sincerity and determination... "If it gets a laugh, that's enough."



©Symphony of Smoldering Chaos Production Committee

●Director: Shinsuke Tatsukawa
●Cast: Masato Wada, Ryusuke Komakine, Nagiko Tsuji, Yoshimi Tokui, Miru Nagase, Yoshinori Okada

8 mm Okinawa Revived in Digital

This event offers a unique historical entertainment experience by showcasing rare 8 mm films captured by everyday individuals during the post-war reconstruction era. It provides commentary on the state of Okinawa at that time, juxtaposing these with its modern-day scenery. Utilizing web mapping technology, attendees are invited to explore and appreciate the remarkable transformation of Okinawa's landscape.



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●Speakers: Tsutomu Makiya, Hayashi Toma

Special Screenings / 4 Works

Challenge of the Comedians! Up Close and Personal with Yoshimoto in the Shanghai International Comedy Festival!

Get an exclusive look at the Yoshimoto comedians' special performance at the 9th Shanghai International Comedy Festival 2023, held in Shanghai, China, in November 2023. This feature provides a comprehensive behind-the-scenes view of the event, capturing not only the actual performance but also fully documenting the nail-biting rehearsals and backstage hustle.

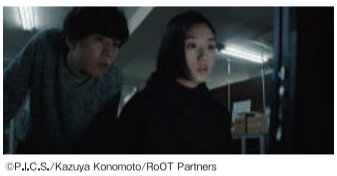


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●Cast: Aki, Yumi Suenari, Tadashi Nishikawa, Tomonori Jimai, 10 Dollars, Tonikaku Akarui Yasumura, Dansei Buranko

RoOT

A mismatched pair of detectives set out on a straightforward investigation into a taxi driver's strange behavior, but their supposedly simple mission ends up being anything but... Emerging from the universe of the Odd Taxi anime, this live-action drama plunges viewers into a deep, ensemble-driven "human" mystery that's difficult to escape once you've entered its grasp.

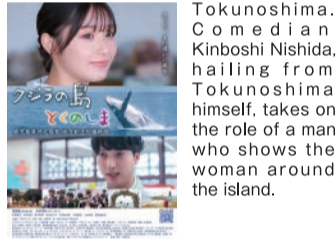


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●Director: Takafumi Tsuchiya
●Cast: Yuami Kawai, Ryota Bandou, Daisuke Kuroda, Atsushi Shinohara, Syujiro Masa, Masaki Miura, Ikkei Watanabe, Takashi Matsuo

Whale Island Tokunoshima

Shot entirely on Tokunoshima in Kagoshima Prefecture with the cooperation of its three towns (Amagi, Isen, and Tokunoshima), this film stars Reika Fujiwara (a Kagoshima native and former AKB48 member) as an island-loving woman who relocates to Tokunoshima.



©2023 Short Movie Whale Island Tokunoshima Production Committee

●Director: Takafumi Ohashi
●Cast: Rei Fujizono, Kinboshi Atsuhiro Nishida

The song of Tsumugi

Tsumugi, who dreams of being a musician, relocates from Tokunoshima to Tokyo, only to receive news of her grandmother Mikiko's passing back home. While grieving, Tsumugi discovers Mikiko's diary, which chronicles the precious and irreplaceable days they had with each other.



©[The song of Tsumugi] CINEMA PROJECT

●Director: Kana Nonaka
●Cast: Kana Nonaka, Norie Masumoto, Daimon Dairaku

Events / 1 Work

New Work Announcement Event with Director Toshiyuki Teruya

Toshiyuki Teruya, a prolific film director known for his extensive portfolio of both feature and short films, will personally discuss his latest project at this event! He will share his passion for filmmaking and his deep love for his hometown of Okinawa, along with footage from his past works.



●Cast: Toshiyuki Teruya and others

Local Origination Movies / 4 Works

The Mansion Deity

Tohru, a schoolteacher newly assigned to Nishi Izu Town, finds himself caught in the whirlwind of his demanding job, leading to a life of erratic schedules. His routine takes a turn for the extraordinary when Hanachan, a Tsukumogami (a spirit inhabiting an old object), materializes in the teacher's housing he rents. The outcome of their unusual bond... sets the stage for a fantastical story that's both slightly magical and heartwarming.



©Nishizu Town Local Origination Movie The God of the Mansion Production Committee

●Director: Yasuaki Genda
●Co-director: Takeshi Sone
●Cast: Natsume Mito, Blend Ishii, Shinichiro Osawa, Kanpei Hazama

Thank You, Gateway To The World

Ayako, a member of the ground handling staff at Narita Airport, takes on the myriad frustrations and worries of a diverse clientele and always responds with a smile. Seeing her mother's dedication, Ayako's daughter Misora comes to appreciate the pride that comes with serving at Japan's gateway and recognizes the unique opportunities Narita presents for shaping the future.



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●Director: Yuki Saito
●Cast: Misa Shimizu, Rin Kataoka, Akito Matsuno, Toshihiro Yashiba, Kaoru Endo, Yuki Terauchi

Eternal Anthriums

Anri, a resident of Fukushima, boldly moves to Tokyo against her family's wishes to pursue a career in a video production company. When her job eventually brings her back to her hometown in Fukushima after a lengthy absence, she notices her once-distant brother behaving oddly. Set against the backdrop of Fukushima, this heartwarming comedy is portrayed through the lens of its protagonist's interactions with both laughter and emotion.

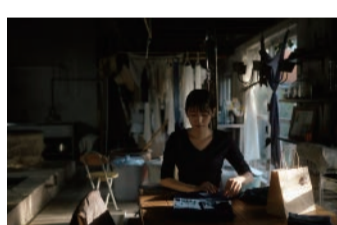


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●Director: Tomohiro Sasamori
●Cast: Juri Kawasaki, Masao Yoshii, Minobu Suzuki, Kosuke Inano, Godan Isomoto

Ai wo Tateru~Stand for Love~

Chika (played by Ruka Matsuda), who works at a family-owned indigo dyeing studio in Motobu Town, Okinawa, crosses paths with the wealthy Yuto (Kazumasa Yamauchi) through a dating app. In an effort to win Chika over, Yuto decides to apprentice at the indigo dyeing workshop, but unbeknownst to Chika, Yuto harbors a secret.



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●Director: Kazuhiro Taira
●Cast: Ruka Matsuda, Kazumasa Yamauchi, Yayoi Shiroma

Animation / 5 Works

Entanime

(1) BOKU HA YAH-NEKO (2) Sea otter from Star X (3) ME & MY FUNNY BOSSES

(1) The animated adaptation of the heartwarming 4-panel manga collection BOKU HA YAH-NEKO by Yoshimoto Kogyo's illustrator, Suguru Gahaku.
(2) A series about the Marine Creature Counseling Office, where various marine creatures come to consult a highly intelligent otter, with characters designed by Yoshimoto's illustrator, Suguru Gahaku.
(3) Imagine if your bosses were "Yoshimoto comedians"... Your days would be brimming with unexpected delights! A whirlwind of jokes and witty comebacks! Here's hoping this series becomes a small source of joy in your everyday life.

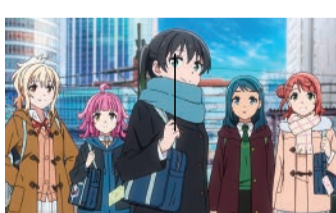


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(1) ●Director: Maho Ishida ●Cast: Akira Nagata, Izumi Ishii,
(2) ●Director: Hiroshi Namiki
●Cast: Chika Kagura, Riko Obara, Nao Shiraki, Oniyakko Tsubaki
(3) ●Director: Kazumasa Nakamichi
●Cast: Kensuke Fujita (Total Ten Bosch), Ryuji Akiyama (Robert), Naoki Inada (Einstein), Otake (Jungle Pocket), Hirohisa Ota (Jungle Pocket), Shinji Saito (Jungle Pocket), Kyon (Cotton)

Love Live! Nijigasaki High School Idol Club NEXT SKY

With the addition of Shioriko, Mia, and Lanzhu, the Nijigasaki High School Idol Club has expanded to 13 members. This time, under Shioriko's leadership, the club plans a school idol experience project to support the dreams of Ayla, a short-term exchange student with aspirations of becoming a school idol.



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●Director: Tomoyuki Kawamura
●Cast: Hinaki Yano, Aguri Onishi

Vampire Dormitory

Celebrating the 70th anniversary of Nakayoshi and the 20th anniversary of Ema Toyama's debut, this work introduces a stunning, yet penniless girl who finds herself in dire straits until she is taken in by Ruka, a vampire. She agrees to live in a boys' dorm and serve as his "food" source, under the condition that she disguises herself as a boy. Thus begins the perilous cohabitation of a crossdressing girl and her overly affectionate vampire dormmate!



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●Director: Nobuyoshi Nagayama
●Cast: Kana Ichinose, Shunichi Toki, Yuichiro Umehara, Wataru Hatano, Yusuke Shirai, Yuki Sakakihara

Movie Festival Pre-Events / 3 Works

(1) Ballet recital at the burnt-out site

Miyoshi Nanjo, a pioneer of Western dance in pre-war Okinawa, dedicated her life to promoting ballet in the region barely three years following the Battle of Okinawa. This is the century-long story chronicling her efforts and the dedication of her family to uphold her legacy.



©Ryuji Taira

(2) SyuriGekijoNostalgia

Shuri Theater, which was the oldest operating movie theater in Okinawa, changed with the times, transitioning into an adult film venue before making a fresh start as a cinema. However, the theater, faced a significant challenge when its third-generation manager unexpectedly passed away just a year into its new beginning. This short documentary portrays the history and future of Shuri Theater.



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(3) Document Kyushu SyuriTheatre A Miracle Movie Theater Remaining in Okinawa

Opening its doors just five years after the war, this venue not only served as a playhouse for Okinawan dramas but had also come to stand as the oldest existing movie theater in Okinawa. This film reflects on its 73-year legacy, exploring the cultural significance of the theater and the unwavering commitment of its owner, Mr. Kaneshiro, to preserving the Shuri Theater.



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(1)(2)(3) director: Ryuji Taira
●Cast: (1) Miyoshi Nanjo, Sachiko Nanjo, Hideo Yasumura, Tomoe Morita
(2) Masanori Kinjo
(3) Masanori Kinjo, Ryuji Taira, Ryo Hasegawa

Movie Festival Collaboration / 5 Works

Bullfight Girl

Based on the true story of Yukie Kudaka, a photographer who published a photo book called Togyu Joshi (Bullfighting Girls), this story depicts the emotional growth of the main character, who struggles to promote bullfighting and a young man who aspires to become a hoof trimmer. (With audio guide and Japanese subtitles)

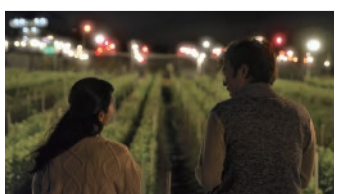


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●Director: Hitoshi Maehira
●Cast: Azusa Higa, Takara Sakumoto, Shinya Arakaki, Kanae Akamine, Tsuyoshi Kichise, Yuko Nakama, Mari Kudaka, Nozomi Yonamine

Such a Night of Chrysanthus Lights

Set in the fields of illuminated chrysanthemums in Yomitan Village, this human-interest comedy centers on Teppei, a young man working in agriculture, and Satsuki, his childhood friend who has just returned to their hometown. (With audio guide and Japanese subtitles)



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●Director: Sho Matsuda (Hatsuko Cro-Magnon)
●Cast: Minoru Yamashiro, Riho Tanahara, Yoshiki Kuba, Masahiro Arakaki

A Woman Who Acts

In Ogimi Village, Okinawa, Akira, once the exemplary head of a construction company, now faces his twilight years confined to a wheelchair, with only a short time left to live. By his side is Yoshiko, his much younger wife, and beneath the surface of their relationship lies a hidden drama... (With audio guide and Japanese subtitles)



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●Director: Toshiyuki Teruya
●Cast: Hikari Mitsushima, Toru Shinagawa, Akira Fukuhara, Mayumi Ueda, Izumi Kishaba, Tamako Miyagawa, Kyohel Higa, Chiaki (Syakari)

The Applause Cannot Be Heard

In the fifth installment of the Beppu Short Movie Project, Yoshimi Tokui takes on the roles of writer, cinematographer, and director for this short film. It follows a struggling stage actress who comes across a house conducting a funeral. As she passes, she mumbles, "That grandma, she's the star."



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●Director: Yoshimi Tokui
●Cast: Mayu Kishida, Naoko Hara, Mirai Oba, Kaira (Kaikinsho), Shokin (Kaikinsho)

FUCHIISHI

In the third installment of the Beppu Short Film Project, this short film directed by Takumi Saitoh centers on a journalist whose career takes a nosedive following a pivotal incident, landing him at Oita Airport to make his way back to his hometown of Beppu.



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●Director: Takumi Saito
●Cast: Kenichi Abe

Events

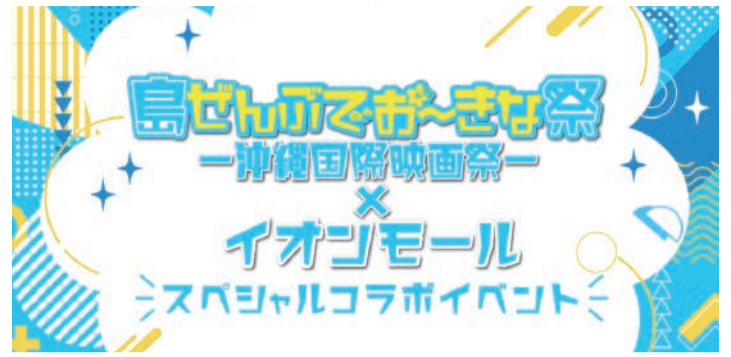
Shima Love Festival

Now in its third consecutive year, the Shima Love Festival Social Business Contest is a contest where participants present business plans aimed at using business solutions to solve social issues such as those related to poverty, education, and the environment in Okinawa. This year, seven groups who participated in the Shima Love Academy, which began in January to give shape to social business ideas, will present their business plans at the Shima Love Festival.



- Date & Time: April 20 (Sat), doors open at 13:30, starts at 14:00, ends at 16:30
- Venue: Large Theater, NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt Main Hall, Naha City
- Ticket: Free admission *Advance registration is required.
- Performers: Garage Sale (MC)

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Featuring many popular Yoshimoto comedians, this event will deliver a content-rich experience that includes a side-splitting live comedy show as well as a segment where you can win signed memorabilia!

LAUGH & PEACE LIVE supported by 7-ELEVEN Okinawa

The 16th Okinawa International Movie Festival concludes with the Laugh & Peace LIVE, a two-part live event where you can enjoy a variety of music across genres, generations, and borders. The first part features a live performance by Kariyushi58, an artist representing the film festival since its second year. The second part includes a live performance by young Ryukyu classical musicians active inside and outside Okinawa, produced by Kazufumi Miyazawa, and a live session with Miyazawa himself. The opening act will feature MindaRyn, a singer from Thailand famous for anime songs, making it a unique stage that blends Okinawan music and culture for one day only.

- Date & Time: April 21 (Sun), doors open at 17:00, starts at 18:00, ends at 19:40 (as planned)
- Venue: Large Theater, NAHA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER NAHArt Main Hall, Naha City
- Ticket: Free admission *Advance registration is required.
- Performers: Garage Sale (MC), Kazufumi Miyazawa, Kariyushi58, Haruka Oyakawa, MindaRyn, and others



LAUGH & PEACE TOWN

Located at the entrance of Kokusai-dori Street, Palette Kumoji-mae Traffic Plaza will host a variety of on-stage entertainment, including comedy, an idol performance, and karaoke. Additionally, there's a booth area filled with regional attractions and corporate information, allowing for a full day of fun!



- Date & Time: April 20 (Sat)-21 (Sun), 10:30-19:00
- Venue: Palette Kumoji-mae Traffic Plaza (1-1-1 Kumoji, Naha City)

4.20sat|Yoshimoto LAUGH & PEACE Town Performance Stage

- Part 1: Yoshimoto Tokaji Daiko
- Part 2: Okinawa LAUGH & PEACE Entertainment School & Yoshimoto After School Club Students
- Part 3: YAMANOKO NO MIKOTO
- Date & Time: April 20 (Sat), 11:00-12:20
- Ticket: Free admission



4.20sat|Okinawa Idol Stage

- Date & Time: April 20 (Sat), 13:00-14:30
- Ticket: Free admission

4.20sat|All-Island Comedy LIVE Special

- Date & Time: April 20 (Sat), 15:00-16:30
- Ticket: Free admission

4.20sat|A.rik&SOL ENJIN Session

- Date & Time: April 20 (Sat), 17:30-18:30
- Ticket: Free admission

4.21sun|BIG ECHO Presents: Open Mic Karaoke Stage

Following last year's great success, the Open Mic Karaoke Stage returns! If you love singing and want to sing your heart out, come to this special stage at the Okinawa International Movie Festival!!

- Date & Time: April 21 (Sun), 11:30-13:00
- Ticket: Free admission, open to the public
- *How to participate: Registration for participation will be held at the special stage from 11:00 on the day of the event. We're looking forward to receiving many entries.

4.21sun|Hai Sai: Song and Town Pride Okinawa Grand Prix

For this special project, mayors from all 41 municipalities in Okinawa Prefecture, or their appointed representatives, will promote their local specialty products with their proud singing voices and original performances, energizing all of Okinawa.

- Date & Time: April 21 (Sun), 14:00-15:30
- Ticket: Free admission, finalists from six municipalities

4.21sun|SO.ON project Special LIVE in Okinawa

A special live performance in Okinawa by selected members of the idol group SO.ON project, Japan's first idol group created in a high school class!

- Date & Time: April 21 (Sun), 16:00-17:00
- Ticket: Free admission

4.21sun| BIG ECHO Presents: Singing While We Go Karaoke Stage

Karaoke enthusiasts from BIG ECHO branches all over Okinawa will gather to heat up the final Laugh & Peace Town stage performance.

- Date & Time: April 21 (Sun), 17:30-19:00
- Ticket: Free admission

4.21 Sun. 11:00~ Kokusai-dori Street Red Carpet Event [Red Carpet] From Mutsumibashi to Tenbusu Naha

Request for Cooperation Due to Red Carpet Event
On the day of the event, traffic restrictions will be in place on Kokusai-dori Street. Please be aware of the information described below.

Traffic-Restricted Zone Due to Event

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, due to the 16th Okinawa International Movie Festival Naha Kokusai-dori Street Red Carpet event, traffic restrictions will be in place on Kokusai-dori Street as described in the map to the right. Significant traffic congestion is expected before and after the traffic restriction hours, and we ask for your cooperation in observing these restrictions.

The Red Carpet Event will air live for free on BS Yoshimoto!

April 21 (Sun), starting at 11:00@Naha City Kokusai-dori Street

- Station: BS Yoshimoto [Channel 265/Free Broadcast]-<https://bsy.co.jp/>
- Time: April 21 (Sun) 10:30-13:30 [Live Broadcast]



▲Please see QR code for more details.

