

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL IN THE FAROE ISLANDS

at Kongshøll, University of the Faroe Islands, Vestarabryggja 15, FO-100 Torshavn
-Saturday 20 August-

13:00 Welcome

Ambassador Manabu MIYAGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Denmark
Dr. Chik Collins, Rector of the University of the Faroe Islands

13:10- Her Sketchbook

Masaya Ozaki / 2017 / 106 min

Mami rarely leaves home since she dropped out from middle school. She has been escaping reality by immersing herself in copying her favorite manga and illustrations in her room full of books and comics. Her father, Eisuke, worries a lot about her ever since he divorced with her mother, Mika.

One day, Eisuke finds Mami a part-time job as a video game tester to find and report bugs in the company's products. She accepts, thinking she can stay isolated from other people, until her colleague, Ryotaro, finds out her talent for drawing pictures.

By getting involved with new people and society, Mami tries to step out into a new world, but after years of mimicking other people's works, she is unable to create something of her own...



15:15- Ride Your Wave

Masaaki Yuasa / 2019 / 96 min

Hinako, a girl who loves surfing, moves to a seaside town. After a fire, she meets Minato a firefighter. But Minato drowns while out surfing alone and comes back to her in the form of water. As everyone else gets over Minato's death and tries to move on, Hinako comes to depend on his spirit.



17:00- The Past is Always New, The Future is Always Nostalgic: Photographer Daido Moriyama

Gen Iwama/2019/ 112min

Daido Moriyama, age 81, is still active as an artist. He is probably the most prominent and the last charismatic figure in the world of photography. He received numerous awards worldwide including the Infinity Award for Lifetime Achievement from the International Center of Photography in New York (2012) and Hasselblad Foundation International Award in Photography (2019). He nonchalantly transcends art, fashion, and design, and is loved and respected all over the world.

This documentary follows Moriyama, "the king of the street snapshot", and reveals how his works are born.



19:00- Reception with Japanese Sake and Snacks

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13:00- Tröllabeiggi

Gudmund Helmsdal / 2020

Once upon a time in the Faroe Islands, two lone brothers struggle to save the family farm and their relationship after the sudden loss of their older brother.



13:30-Osaka Hamlet

Fujio Mitsuishi/ 2009/ 107min

OSAKA HAMLET is based on a manga by the same name, which was published by Manga Action between 2005 and 2006, and has been awarded several prizes. Among them the Bunkacho Media Geijutsu Sai (Agency for Cultural Affairs Media Arts Festival) Excellent Prize and the Osamu Tezuka Short Work Award. It's a heartwarming story of a few ordinary people living in downtown Osaka, and their everyday relationships and struggles.



15:30- Round Trip Heart

Yuki Tanada/ 2015/ 97min

Road movie about the Romance Car limited express train operated by Odakyu Railways between Shinjuku and Hakone. Director Tanada Yuki's Mourning Recipe was an official selection at the 37th Montreal World Film Festival. Hachiko (Oshima) works as a train attendant on the Romance Car and meets a suspicious passenger (Okura Koji) who claims to be a film producer. The guy happens to see a letter from her estranged mother, which leads to a sojourn to seek out her mother in Hakone.



10 Years with Hayao Miyazaki Ep.1 of 4



17:10- 10 Years with Hayao Miyazaki

Ep.1 Ponyo is Here

NHK World Japan Documentary/2019/49 min

An exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the genius of Japan's foremost living film director, Hayao Miyazaki -- creator of some of the world's most iconic and enduring anime feature films. Miyazaki allowed a single documentary filmmaker to shadow him at work, as he dreamed up characters and plot lines for what would become his 2008 blockbuster, "Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea." Miyazaki explores the limits of his physical ability and imagination to conjure up memorable protagonists. This program is the first of a 4-part documentary, "10 Years with Hayao Miyazaki."

18:00- 5 Centimeters per Second

SHINKAI Makoto / 2007 / 65 min

Takaki and Akari became best friends after transferring into the same elementary school. However, the two are separated following their elementary school graduation. As they placed their feelings for each other behind them, time simply passed by. Then one snowy day, Takaki is about to be reunited with Akari. As he sits on the train from Tokyo, memories of the past rush through Takaki's head, his meeting time with Akari drawing ever closer. Join Takaki on a journey into three interconnected tales of love and lost innocence that span the minutes and months of their lives.



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