

## SHORTSHORTS FILM FESTIVAL & ASIA 2021

Academy Awards® Accredited and One of Asia's Biggest International Short Film Festival

**Announcing the Jurors of the CG ANIMATION COMPETITION  
 Designer and artist Tomoe Shinohara, Film director Ken Ochiai,  
 and Digital Hollywood University President, Doctor of  
 Engineering, Tomoyuki Sugiyama  
 select the Best Short Award out of 733 submissions from 73  
 countries & regions around the world.**

30 selected short films will be screened, including the 93rd  
 Academy Award for Animated Short Film nominated "YES-PEOPLE."

The Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2021 (SSFF & ASIA), Asia's one of the biggest international short film festivals along with Digital Hollywood Co., Ltd. (head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President and CEO: Takeshi Yoshimura, President: Tomoyuki Sugiyama), which operates IT & digital content schools, universities, & graduate schools will present the CG Animation Competition.

This year the CG Animation Competition received 733 submissions from 73 countries & regions around the world. This year, three jurors will select the Best Short Award; Tomoe Shinohara (designer and artist), Ken Ochiai (film director, associate professor at Digital Hollywood University), and Tomoyuki Sugiyama (President and Doctor of Engineering, Digital Hollywood University).



Ken Ochiai (Director & associate professor,  
 Digital Hollywood University)



Tomoe Shinohara  
 (Designer, Artist)



Tomoyuki Sugiyama (President,  
 Digital Hollywood University)

In addition to the 28 nominated shorts, the CG Animation Program including the 93rd Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film winning "YES-PEOPLE," and the Digital Frontier Grand Prix 2021 Best CG Animation Award winning short film "Adarnia: A Sci-fi Short Film as a Special Invitation short," will start screening on Friday, June 11 at online and Tokyo Venue.



93rd (2021) Academy Award for Best Animated  
 Short Film, "YES-PEOPLE"

Director: Gísli Darri Halldórsson



Digital frontier Grand Prix 2021 「Best CG Animation Award  
 (Adarnia : A Sci-fi short film)

Director : Clemhyn Escosora

Among the nominated shorts, there were themes of current social issues such as the environmental destruction of our Earth, racial issues and the pandemic, shut-ins and sustainability and the future of space and robots. As only CG animation can depict, the world and beyond now and in the future.

## Tomoe Shinohara (Designer / Artist)

Graduated from the fashion design course of the junior college department at Bunka Fashion College (currently Bunka Gakuen University). Shinohara made her debut as a singer in 1995 and has built a prolific career as a TV, movie and stage actor. She has worked with various renowned companies to launch collaborative products as an illustrator and has also been working as a costume designer for many Japanese artists for their album covers and concerts. Shinohara established a creative studio named "STUDEO" with an art director, Tatsuki Ikezawa in 2020 and in that summer, she had a solo exhibition entitled "SHIKAKU – picture transforming costumes," which consists of her works including costumes that were recreated through the idea of sustainability and made by using the whole textiles which would have been disposed of in the end.



## Ken Ochiai (Film Director)

Ken Ochiai made his first film at age 12, running around the streets of Tokyo with little knowledge, but a lot of passion. Ochiai graduated from USC with a BA in film production and received his MFA from AFI in directing. To date, Ochiai has written and directed five theatrical feature films and more than 30 short films, commercials, and music videos and won numerous awards including the Special Jury Prize from the Directors Guild of America, the Governor of Tokyo, Minister Award from Japan, and the Grand Remi Award at the Houston International Film Festival. His second feature film, UZUMASA LIMELIGHT, was released in North America in 2015, and was shortlisted for the Golden Globes. The film won many accolades including the Chevel Noir (Best Picture) and Best Actor at the Fantasia International Film Festival, the Crystal Heart Award at the Heartland Film Festival. Recently, Ochiai's 4th feature, SAIGON BODYGUARDS was announced to be remade by Universal Pictures, starring Chris Pratt, Produced by Russo Brothers. Ochiai will join the project as executive producer.



## Tomoyuki Sugiyama (President, Digital Hollywood University)

Tomoyuki Sugiyama was born in 1954 in Tokyo. From 1987, Sugiyama spent three years as a visiting scholar at MIT's Media Laboratory, and took up posts including Junior Lecturer at Nihon University before establishing Digital Hollywood in 1994. The school would go on to expand and establish both undergraduate and graduate programs, which are now administered by Digital Hollywood Corporation, an organization established under legislative reforms enacted in Japan. In 2011, Digital Hollywood University joined with the Shanghai Conservatory of Music to establish a digital media arts school in China, which is also headed by Sugiyama. Sugiyama works as a member of the Prime Minister of Japan's Cabinet Special Committee that looks into issues related to strengthening the creation of new intellectual property in Japan.





**Digital Hollywood  
DIGITAL FRONTIER GRAND PRIX 2021  
Best CG Animation Award**

**Global  
Streaming  
Online &  
Tokyo**

『ADARNIA: A sci-fi short film』  
Director : Escosora Clemhyn / Japan / 10:47 /SF

A mysterious biker being chased by officers throughout the outskirts of the city called Adarnia.



**Special Screening  
The 93<sup>rd</sup> Academy Awards Nominated**

**Streaming  
Japan Only  
& Tokyo**

『Yes-People』  
Director : Gísli Darri Halldórsson / 8:35 / Iceland / Animation / 2020

One morning an eclectic mix of people face the everyday battle - such as work, school and dish-washing. As the day progresses, their relationships are tested and ultimately their capacity to cope.



**[CG Animation Competition]  
Environment & Human Health**

**Global  
Streaming  
Online &  
Tokyo**

『Sad Beauty』  
Director: Arjan Brentjes/Netherlands/9:50/  
Animation/2020

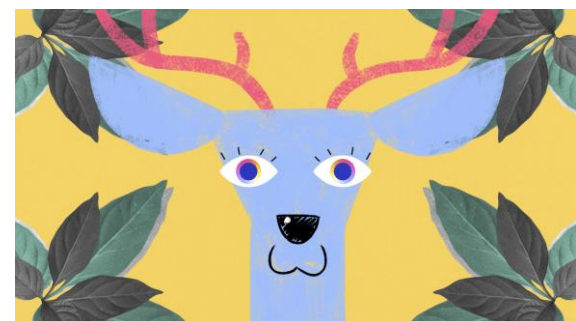
In a heavily polluted world, a young woman mourns the disappearance of animal species. When she falls ill due to a bacterial infection, nature appears to send her a message in her hallucinations.



**Global  
Streaming  
Online &  
Tokyo**

『Sugar - A Bittersweet Journey』  
Director; Ilya Landshut/7:31/Germany /SF/2020

"Sugar - A Bittersweet Journey" tells the story of an extraterrestrial exploring the universe for sugar in order to rescue his beloved planet.



**Global  
Streaming  
Online &  
Tokyo**

『Yello』

Director : King Yaw Soon / 0:04:54 /USA/Animation / 2020

In this colorful and moving animated documentary, a woman takes us through her emotional process after a racist encounter at the airport, offering an honest look at fear and connection in an era marked by uncertainty.

## 【Short Shorts Film festival & Asia 2021 - Details】

- Festival President : Tetsuya Bessho
- Festival Ambassador : LiLiCo (Movie Commentator)
- Festival Dates : June, 11th (Fri) ~ June 21st (Mon)  
    ※Online Theater from April 27th (Tues) ~ June 30th (Wed)
- Venues : Online Venue &  
    Omotesando Hills SPACE O  
    iTSCOM STUDIO & HALL, Futako-Tamagawa Rise,  
    Shibuya Stream TORQUE SPICE & HERB, TABLE & COURT  
    Akasaka Interconference (Akasaka Intercity AIR)  
    ※Schedules will vary for each venue
- Fee : Free screenings/Free online screenings ※Paid events tentative  
    ※05/12 (Wed) Reservations open
- For information : 03-5474-8844
- Official website : <https://www.shortshorts.org/2021>
- Organization : The Committee for Short Shorts
- ※Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the above all subject to change



In order to combat Covid-19 and other infectious diseases, the film festival requires visitors to wear masks, have their temperature checked, observe cough and sneeze etiquette, seating will be spaced for social distancing. In addition, all festival & venue staff will be required to wear masks. Alcohol disinfectant will be installed & doorknobs and chairs will be disinfected, along with regularly timed ventilation. For other infectious disease countermeasures, details will be posted on the website.

## 【PRESS INQUIRY】

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## 【Stills are available here】

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