

Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA) announces Special Program & Program Selection at Nippon Connection in Frankfurt, Germany

Screening Japan's 6 short films including
 Grand-Prix and Japan Category Best Short Award winners
 on May 30, May 31, and June 2



Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA) proudly announces the collaboration screening with the film festival "Nippon Connection" in Frankfurt, Germany will be held on May 30, May 31, and June 2.

A total of 6 short films are curated under the theme of "Crossing Borders" and include SSFF & ASIA 2023 Grand-Prix, George Lucas Award winner "The Bridge" by Izumi Yoshida, Japan Category Best Short Award winner, "Seen" by Shinji Hamasaki, an actress Tao Tsuchiya's directorial debut "Prelude", Japan category nominee "Huyuko's summer" by Shinichiro Kanagawa, "Teleporting" which is directed by four Japan and Korean women and "NEO PORTRAITS", co-produced by SSFF & ASIA with NTT, which depicts the changes in life and values caused by technological innovation, starting with AI.

Florian Höhr, a programmer of Nippon Connection commented "We at Nippon Connection are proud to be working with the renowned Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia to present six films from the festival's strong and diverse line-up. It's a wonderful opportunity for our German audience to discover new and promising talent from Japan and beyond."

◆「Nippon Shorts: Crossing Borders」 Thu, May 30 from 9:30pm

Screening "Teleporting" by Arum Nam, Chifumi Tanzawa, Nana Noka, Ohyeon Kwon/

<https://db.nipponconnection.com/en/event/1490/nippon-shorts-crossing-borders>

◆「SSFF & ASIA Special」 Fri, May 31 from 8:00pm

Screening "Prelude" by Tao Tsuchiya, "Seen" by Shinji Hamasaki, "Huyuko's Suumer" by Shinichiro Kanagawa, and "NEO PORTRAITS" by GAZEBO

<https://db.nipponconnection.com/en/event/1572/short-shorts-film-festival-asia-special>

◆「Animation Across Borders – A Selection Of Independent Shorts」 Mon, June 2 from 11:30am

Screening "The Bridge" by Izumi Yoshida

<https://db.nipponconnection.com/en/2024/section/3/nippon-animation>

<Screening Titles>

「Nippon Shorts: Crossing Borders」 Thu, May 30 9:30pm

@ Mal Seh'n Kino: Adlerfluchtstraße 6, 60318 Frankfurt am Main



『Teleporting』

Director : Arum Nam, Chifumi Tanzawa, Nana Noka, Ohyeon Kwon/
22:33/ Japan•Korea / Documentary / 2022

Story : Kitty and Tommy living in Korea, Mia and Emma living in Japan. They are unable to meet in person due to COVID-19. However, they became friends through Internet. Teleporting into each other's lives through the online screen. Can we imagine different realities through new connections?

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『Prelude』

Director : Tao Tsuchiya /24 : 35 / Japan / Drama/ 2023

Story : Ayuka, her grandfather, her mother, and her best friend Momoko also all live with painful memories.



『Seen』

Director : Shinji Hamasaki /23:37/ Japan / Drama /2022

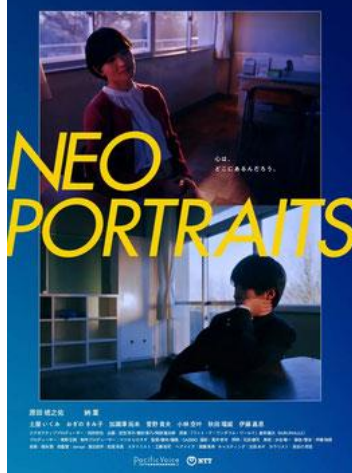
Story : A love story based on Ryunosuke Akutagawa's short story "The Nose." Tatsuya, a man afflicted with a nose complex, meets Fumi, a reclusive woman with an eye patch. Both burdened with their emotional scars, the two find themselves drawn to each other.



『Huyuko's Summer』

Director : Shinichiro Kanagawa /20:00/ Japan / Drama /2023

Story : Girls spend their time idly, end up in a field of sunflowers in full bloom, where they come to a crossroads.



『NEO PORTRAITS』

Director : GAZEBO /19:51/ Japan / Sci-Fi Drama /2023

Story : A story of rural Japan in the near future. "Cutting-edge technology" and "things that haven't changed" coexist in this depopulated town. Takumi, an eighth-year junior high school student, felt it strange that the adults in his town treated the android made in his mother's image as the real thing. However, only Hana, his homeroom teacher, was different from the other adults.

「Animation Across Borders – A Selection Of Independent Shorts」
Mon, June 2, 11:30am @NAXOS Cinema Waldschmidtstraße 19,
60316 Frankfurt am Main



『The Brideg』

Director : Izumi Yoshida /22:30/ Poland / Animation /2022

Story : The film's inspired by events of the year 1920 that'd brought two nations closer: Poland and Japan. The story is told from a 10-year-old boy's perspective, showing the history of orphans who lost their families and had to rush into manhood to fight for their lives.

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Started in 2000, the world's largest festival of Japanese cinema will showcase around 100 short and feature films at eight venues. The Japanese culture will also be explored through the extensive culture program, reflecting Japan's musical, culinary, and artistic diversity.

The Nippon Connection Film Festival presents works by both established filmmakers and emerging directors. <https://nipponconnection.com>

Tetsuya Bessho, an actor and member of the American Actors Guild (SAG), founded the American Short Shorts Film Festival in 1999 with the aim to introduce short films, which he had discovered in the United States, as a new visual genre to Japan. In 2001, the name was changed to Short Shorts Film Festival (SSFF), and in 2004 it was certified as an Academy Award-recognized film festival.

Also, in the same year, "Short Shorts Film Festival Asia (Co-hosted by SSFF ASIA: Tokyo)" was born with the aim of disseminating new visual culture from Asia and nurturing up-and-coming young filmmakers. We are holding a film festival under the collective name "SSFF & ASIA".

In 2018, to commemorate the film festival's 20th anniversary, the Grand Prix award became the George Lucas Award, named after director George Lucas. In January 2019, the "Short Shorts Film Festival in Hollywood" was held to commemorate the festival's 20th anniversary. Also in 2019, four competitions, and from 2022, five competitions, including the Animation Competition, have acquired the right to be eligible for nomination at the following year's Academy Awards® in the short film category. SSFF & ASIA will continue to support young creators through the film festival.

<https://www.shortshorts.org/index-en.php>

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