

The 16th JFFLA2021 Press Release

Monday, October 4 to Sunday, October 10, 2021: Online Screening
Saturday, October 9 to Sunday, October 10, 2021: Real Venue Screening
LA Venue: Marilyn Monroe Theater
7936 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046

JFFLA was started to introduce Japanese culture and young talents through Japanese films, and also to deepen international cultural exchange. Last year, the festival went online only, and this year will be the 16th year, and with the help of many in the Japanese American community, we will have a hybrid of theatrical and online screenings. The films to be screened are all interesting, reflecting contemporary Japanese culture and the traditional Japanese spirit. In addition to films from Japan and the U.S., there are also films from Canada and Germany in the open call, allowing viewers to experience Japan from a variety of perspectives. Films dealing with Japanese history and high quality documentaries will also be screened. About 30 feature-length and short films will be shown online and at the LA venue, including the latest releases, environmental films, and heartwarming invited films.

All film are English or English subtitles.

<JFFLA 2021 screening films>



・ NANKURUNAISA ~everything will be all right~

Sachiko Nakata, the queen of Okinawan comedy, has passed away! This shocking story turned into a film called "Sachiko's Love Story". This is a rare opportunity to see a hilarious theatrical battle that will make you want to bow down to the fundamental power of Okinawan theatrical performance.

*main cast Masae NaKada will coming screening on Oct 9th.



· Love and the Grand Tug-of-war

A love story from the master filmmaker Kiyoshi Sasabe.

This is a story of love to make up your mind.

"What is family?" and "What is determination?" This is a story of love depicted through two people's love.



· Peaceful Death

Kawada, who is engaged in home medical care, is striving to do his best in the field of medicine every day, despite having some contradictions and conflicts in his mind. Then, he meets Onuki, a patient with terminal lung cancer. Onuki's daughter, Tomomi, chose to be a "painless home doctor" instead of being hospitalized. In the end, however, Toshio continues to suffer and dies.



· Microplastic Madness マイクロプラスチック・ストーリー

An inspiring feature documentary with a powerful youth "take action" message!

Microplastic Madness is an optimistic take on the local and global plastic pollution crisis as told through a refreshing urban youth point of view with an inspiring take action message.

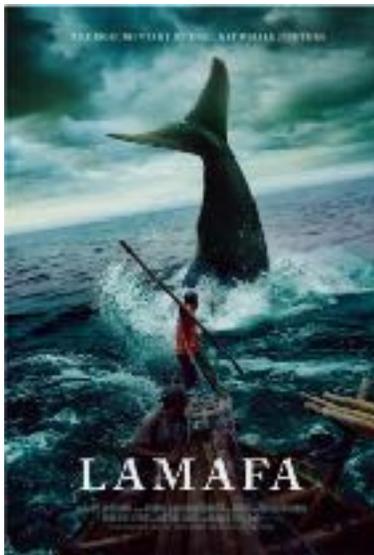


• A Down Town Doctor

A documentary film of the daily life of a town doctor in Amagasaki, where the house is the in-patient room and the town is the ward.

What kind of image do you have of the words "town doctor" and "home healthcare"?

Do you think they wear white coats, have beautiful nurses, carry large bags, and are somewhat domineering?



• LAMAFA くじらびと

• In a volcanic island in the Savu Sea, Indonesia. The Lamalerans: a tribe of 1,500 people who are the world's last subsistence whalers. They have survived for half a millennium by hunting whales with bamboo harpoons and handmade wooden boats powered by sails of woven palm fronds.

* Theatre screening only



• String

Based on a true story, a Japanese homeless man who used to be a shamisen master in the past tries to get back on his feet in Los Angeles. His traumatic past, however, haunts him again and things go out of his hands.

* main cats Naoyuki Ikeda will coming screening on Oct.10



• Hank and Jolene

When Hank, a likable recluse, meets a Madagascar hissing cockroach, an unconventional relationship blossoms - A love story 300 million years in the making.

*main cats Edward Buchanan, Saki Miata, Shinichiro Okano will coming screening on Oct.10.



• Prayer: Figments of Nagasaki

Nagasaki, 1957. Twelve years after the second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki and destroyed the Urakami Cathedral. Two devout Catholic women bearing heavy physical and emotional scars from the war secretly gather fragments of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue at the ruins of the church before they are relocated by city developers. Their struggles lead to a miracle on Christmas Eve.

More films feature or short ! Please check our web site: www.JFFLA.org

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For the safety of our volunteers and guests, JFFLA will require all volunteers, visitors, guests, and media to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination or negative test results within 72 hours. The venue will be disinfected during changeover and masks will be distributed to those who need them. It is also mandatory to wear masks in the LA venue.

- Advance ticket \$10 until Oct3. Ticket price change to \$12 from Oct. 4-10.
- The red carpet and award ceremony will be held at the LA venue from 6:00 pm on the Oct.10th.
- Ticket and Schedule More info www.jffla.org