



# Fortune Favors Lady Nikuko

Animation - Family - Drama  
2021 | Color | 97 min

**Director:** Ayumu WATANABE (*Children of the Sea*)

Original novel: Kanako NISHI (*Yellow Elephant*)

Cast: Shinobu OTAKE (大竹しのぶ)

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Natsuki HANAE (花江夏樹)

Riho YOSHIOKA (吉岡里帆)

Japanese title: 漁港の肉子ちゃん

Japanese release date: June 11, 2021



Nikuko is a chubby and cheerful single mother. She is overly devoted and always dates a loser who cheats on her and steals her money. She moves around with her daughter Kikuko each time she breaks up with her boyfriend, and now they live in a boat house in a town with a fishing port. Kikuko is an 11-year-old. She is mature and beautiful, not like Nikuko. Kikuko likes her mother but feels a bit ashamed. She adjusts her new environment smoothly, but always feels a bit uneasy about leaving again...

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## Hazard Lights (working title)

Drama

2021 | Color | approx. 110 min

**Director:** Hideo SAKAKI (*Disregarded People*)

Cast: Ken YASUDA (安田顕)

Yuki YAMADA (山田裕貴)

Japanese title: ハザードランプ

Japanese release date: 2022

Available for: Worldwide except for Japan

Sugai works as a driver at a chauffeur service company at night. On the night of a full moon weekend, he is told to pair up with a newcomer Kariya. Kariya is a mysterious young guy who gives a silly quiz to Sugai while they work.

Sometime later, a drag queen comes to the office and asks for Sugai, saying that someone is trying to kill him. Sugai actually has a past that he could never forget. His colleague tells him that on the night of a full moon weekend something bad would happen...





## Junretsuger (working title)

Comedy - Superhero  
2021 | Color | approx. 85 min

**Director: Hiroshi BUTSUDA** [1st feature]

Cast: Shota GOGAMI (後上翔太)

Yujiro SHIRAKAWA (白川裕二郎)

Ryohei ODAI (小田井涼平)

Kazuyoshi SAKAI (酒井一圭)

Japanese title: スーパー戦闘 純烈ジャー

Japanese release date: September 10, 2021

Available for: Worldwide except for Japan

The middle-age idol group Junretsu sings at public bathhouses all around Japan. They are not just stars for middle-age ladies. They are actually heroes "Junretsuger" who secretly fight with evils to protect the peace of the bathhouse.

Recently, there are a lot of missing reports of good-looking guys at public bathhouses. There is no sign of criminal cases, and the police do not do anything. However, Junretsu feels that there is something wrong with the incidents, and they start investigating by themselves...



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## Around the Table

Family - Drama  
2021 | Color | 104 min  
Director: Soushi MATSUMOTO  
[2nd feature]



## The Women

Drama - Suspense  
2021 | Color | 97 min  
Director: Nobuteru UCHIDA  
(*Love Addiction, Our Escape*)



## Restart

Drama  
2021 | Color | 81 min  
Director: Hiroshi SHINAGAWA  
(*Z Island*)



## Just the Two of Us

Drama  
2020 | Color | 104min  
Director: Keita FUJIMOTO  
[1st Feature]

## Documentaries



## SUMODO

~The Successors of Samurai~

Sports - Documentary  
2020 | Color | 104 min  
Director: Eiji SAKATA  
[1st feature]



The Past is Always New,  
The Future is Always Nostalgic  
Photographer Daido Moriyama

Art - Documentary  
2019 | Color | 108min  
Director: Gen IWAMA

## Dir. Anshul CHAUHAN's Film



## Kontora

Drama - Mystery  
2019 | B&W | 114min  
[2nd feature]



## Bad Poetry Tokyo

Drama - Crime  
2017 | Color | 116min  
[1st feature]

# Free Stone Productions Cannes 2021 Lineup - Masters' works

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## Nobuhiko OBAYASHI War Trilogy

War Trilogy by Nobuhiko Obayashi, a pioneering experimental filmmaker.



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### Casting Blossoms to the Sky

Drama | 2011 | Color | 160min

Cast:

Yasuko MATSUYUKI (松雪泰子)  
Masahiro TAKASHIMA (高嶋政宏)  
Natsuki HARADA (原田夏希)



### Seven Weeks

Drama | 2014 | Color | 171min

Cast:

Toru SHINAGAWA (品川徹)  
Takako TOKIWA (常盤貴子)  
Takehiro MURATA (村田雄浩)



### HANAGATAMI

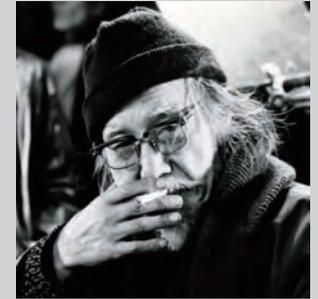
Drama | 2017 | Color | 169min

Cast:

Shunsuke KUBOZUKA (窪塚俊介)  
Honoka YAHAGI (矢作穂香)  
Takako TOKIWA (常盤貴子)

## Seijun SUZUKI Taisho Trilogy

An arthouse masterpiece collection directed by Seijun SUZUKI who died at 93, in 2017.



### Zigeunerweisen

Drama | 1980 | Color | 144min

Cast:

Yoshio HARADA (原田芳雄)  
Naoko OTANI (大谷直子)  
Toshiya FUJITA (藤田敏八)



### Kageroza

Drama | 1980 | Color | 139min

Cast:

Yusaku MATSUDA (松田優作)  
Michiyo OHKUSU (大楠道代)  
Katsuo NAKAMURA (中村嘉葎雄)



### Yumeji

Drama | 1990 | Color | 128min

Cast:

Kenji SAWADA (沢田研二)  
Tamasaburo BANDO (坂東玉三郎)  
Tomoko MARIYA (毬谷友子)

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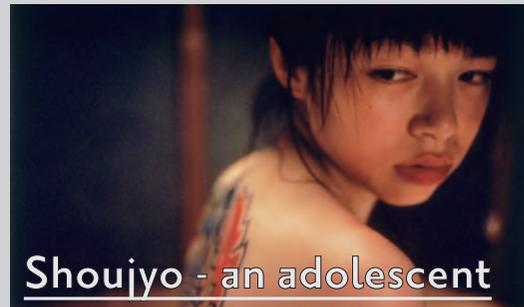


Actor-Director

## Eiji OKUDA 奥田瑛二

Eiji OKUDA began his film career as an actor in 1979, winning awards and critical notice for his work in Japan and at international festivals, including Kei Kumai's MT. ASO'S PASSIONS at the Montreal World Film Festival in 1990. He won numerous honors for his playing in such films as THE SEA AND POISON (1986) and DEATH OF A TEA MASTER (1989), including a Japanese Oscar for his performance in BO NO KANASHIMI (1994). He made his directorial debut in 2001 with SHOUJYO - an adolescent - (Venice film festival official selection in The International Critics' Week, winner of the Grand Prix at the Paris Film Festival, AFI and more) and followed that with RUNIN: BANISHED (2004). His A LONG WALK won the Grand Prize of the Americas at the 2006 Montreal Film Festival and more.

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Shoujyo - an adolescent

Drama | 2001 | Color | 132min  
Eiji OKUDA (奥田瑛二), Mayu OZAWA (小沢まゆ)

Tomokawa, a notoriously lazy policeman, spends his days teasing his friend Sukemasa, a retarded boy, cycling through the city and having affairs with married women. One day, he meets Yoko, a 15-year-old who offers to go to bed with him for money. The policeman becomes infatuated with her.

- Venice IFF Critics' Week (2001)  
- AFI Film Fest (2002) \*Grand Jury Prize



Runin: Banished

Drama | 2004 | Color | 149min  
Keiko MATSUZAKA (松坂慶子), Kazuhiro NISHIJIMA (西島千博)

In 1838, on the penal island Hachijojima. An ex-courtesan from the Yoshiwara pleasure district, Toyoguku, sent to the island for the crime of arson holds court over a motley chews of criminals and corrupt officials.

- Tokyo IFF (2004) \*Competition Section  
- Method Fest (2005) \*Best Feature Film, Festival Director Award



A Long Walk

Drama | 2006 | Color | 136min  
Ken OGATA (緒形拳), Saki TAKAOKA (高岡早紀)

When Matsutaro finally reaches retirement, he leaves home to resolve his life. Next door to his new residence lives Sachi, a girl who is abused by her mother. Matsutaro cannot bear to see the abuse any longer, and he takes Sachi on a trip.

- Montreal World Film Festival (2006)  
\*Grand prix of the Americas, FIPRESCI Prize, Ecumenical Prize



Out of the Wind

Drama | 2007 | Color | 123min  
Takao SASAKI (佐々木崇雄), Sakura ANDO (安藤サクラ)

A high school student Mariko is working hard at singing lessons in the choir as she aspires to become an opera singer. One morning on the way to school, Mariko is being harassed by some men, when she is rescued by their leader. When she sees him on her way home later that day by chance, Mariko asks him by way of making things up to her to become her body guard on her journeys home.

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### Director

## Momoko ANDO

安藤桃子

Born in Tokyo in 1982. Ando studied in England from high school and graduated from the Slade School of Fine Art, University College London. After studied filmmaking and working as an assistant director in New York, she made her debut film KAKERA: A PIECE OF OUR LIFE in 2010. In 2011, she published her first feature-length novel 0.5MM, and in 2014, she wrote and directed its feature film adaptation. She won numerous awards with it including the Shanghai International Film Festival Asian New Talent Award - Best Director and Best Script Award.

Currently moved to Kochi prefecture, Japan and organizing several culture projects including "Weekend Kinema M" and "Momoko Juku".

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College student Haru is stuck in an unfulfilling relationship with a boyfriend that's just not right for her. One day, Rico, a "medical artist" who makes prosthetic body parts, strikes up a conversation with her. Rico believes that gender has nothing to do with love. The two quickly become intimately involved...

## Kakera: A Piece of Our Life

Drama-LGBTQ | 2009 | Color | 107min

Cast: Hikari MITSUSHIMA (満島ひかり)  
Eriko NAKAMURA (中村映里子)  
Masahiko TSUGAWA (津川雅彦)

- Raindance Film Festival (2009)
- Stockholm International Film Festival (2009)
- Glasgow Film Festival (2010)
- Nippon Connection (2010)



Sawa works as a caretaker. One day she gets involved into unexpected events which have her lose her job and money. Not having a house to live and money to spend, she begins to hunt for her "clients" in the street, suggesting to take care of them as a sleep-in caretaker. She targets old men who seem having problems in their lives...

## 0.5mm

Drama | 2013 | Color | 196min

Cast: Sakura ANDO (安藤サクラ)  
Masahiko TSUGAWA (津川雅彦)  
Akira EMOTO (柄本明)

- Taipei Golden Horse Fantastic Film Festival (2015)
- Shanghai International Film Festival (2015)
- \*Asian New Talent Award Best Director & Best Script Award
- Udine Far East Film Festival (2015)