

# Free Japanese Movie

## The *Chicago Premiere* of **ALWAYS - Sunset on Third Street**

Winner of 13 Japanese Academy Prizes!!  
Best Picture - Best Director – Best Actor – Best Screenplay

**6:30 pm on Friday, February 23rd, 2007**

Japan Information Center Auditorium  
Consulate General of Japan at Chicago  
737 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1000  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Set in 1958, thirteen years have passed since the Second World War took its toll on Japan. The residents of san-chome (Third Street) go about their daily lives, with the incomplete Tokyo Tower looming over their neighborhood. Leaving her home, teenage Mutsuko (Horikita Maki) arrives in Tokyo to take a job at what she thought was a major automotive company but finds that she is employed by a small auto repair shop owned by Suzuki Norifumi (Tsutsumi Shin'ichi). Across the street, abandoned by his single mother, Yoshiyuki Junnosuke (Suga Kenta) is handed off first to Hiromi (Koyuki), who just left her shady life as a dancer to open a sake bar. She soon sends him off to Chagawa Ryunosuke (Yoshioka Hidetaka), a struggling writer who runs a candy shop and continues to be rejected as a serious novelist. As the young boy is inspired by his caretakers' stories he befriends Norifumi's son, Ippei (Koshimizu Kazuki) and together they dream of the hi-tech 21st century soon to come.

### About the Director

Takashi Yamazaki started his movie career as a visual effects engineer for the late Juzo Itami during the 1980's. In the year 2000 he began directing his own films. "Always" is his third film, following his feature length movies "Juvenile" and "Returner".

- ALWAYS – SUNSET ON THIRD STREET (ALWAYS – San-chome no Yuhi)
- Japan, 2005, color, 132 min.
- Director: Takashi Yamazaki
- Free Admission
- Seating is on a first-come, first served basis
- Call 312-280-0430 for more information
- \$7 parking with validation is available in the Olympia Center (161 E. Chicago Ave.)

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