

# Japanese Movie Screening

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OF JAPAN  
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This Fall, the Japan Information Center invites you to a free film series that highlights the resilience of the Japanese people as they overcome the tragedy of the Great East Japan Earthquake. For four weeks beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>, every Wednesday we will show a film that grapples with the meaning of natural disasters, or highlights the culture of Tohoku, Japan, a region devastated by the 2011 tsunami. These films will enhance international understanding of the recovery in Japan, while also showing the strength, resolve, and grace of the Japanese people.

**Wednesday,  
September 19th**



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『ロックわんこの島』  
**Wanko- the story of me,  
my family, and my dog-**

This is a story of friendship and the indelible bond between a dog, a boy and his family. A miraculous story based on true events of a family torn apart by an unimaginable natural disaster. In 2008, a large-scale volcanic eruption forced all residents of Miyakejima, a small island on the Izu Peninsula, to evacuate to Tokyo. All except for one dog that was left behind and separated from his family...

Japanese w. English  
subtitles | Not Rated |  
123 min | 2011 | Directed  
by Isamu Nakae

**Wednesday,  
September 26th**



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『春との旅』  
**Haru's Journey**

Tadao, an elderly fisherman, lives in a lonely fishing village in Hokkaido with his granddaughter Haru. Having injured his leg, he cannot live without her help. When Haru loses her job as an elementary school nutritionist, she wants to move to Tokyo to look for new opportunities. Tadao is not pleased but begrudgingly agrees to accompany her on a journey through Tohoku in the hope that one of his estranged siblings will look after him.

Japanese w. English  
subtitles | Not Rated |  
134 min | 2010 | Directed  
by Masahiro Kobayashi

**Wednesday,  
October 3rd**



(C)NHK

『東北夏祭り』  
**Can You See Our  
Lights? -First Festival  
after the Tsunami**

Japanese summer festivals serve as a time to hold memorial services for the souls of the departed. Although some of the many places devastated by the disaster were unable to hold their colorful and passionate centuries-old festivals, the people of Rikuzen-Takada, Soma, Minami-Soma and some other cities decided to go ahead as usual. The program shows festival committee members busily repairing damaged floats and drums and encouraging the participation of dispersed former residents.

Japanese w. English  
subtitles | Not Rated |  
48 min | 2011 | Produced  
by NHK World

**Wednesday,  
October 10th**



(C)Éclair Production Committee

『エクレール・お菓子  
放浪記』 **Éclair**

Based on an autobiographical novel by Shigeru Nishimura, *Éclair* depicts the resilience and the kindness of ordinary people amidst the turbulent period during and after World War II. After losing his parents at a very young age, Akio lives his life wandering the streets, going in and out of the orphanage and the reformatory. After a police detective saves him from hunger by giving him his first sweet pastry, he begins to find solace in sweets and the will to live.

Japanese w. English  
subtitles | Not Rated | 105  
min | 2011 | Directed by  
Akio Kondo

All screenings will take place at **6:30 p.m.** at **JIC Hall**  
located at **737 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611.**  
For more information please call 312-280-0430

