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SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVAL Office
Kamiaoki 3-12-63, Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture

Past Winners at SKIP City International D-Cinema Festival Win Awards at Cannes Film Festival and Academy Awards

Established in 2004, the SKIP City International D-Cinema Festival (organized by Saitama Prefecture, Kawaguchi City, and SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Committee and others) aims to discover the next generation of filmmakers exploring new possibility for digital expression and support the development of new kind of audio-visual industry and this year marks the 8th edition. We are very pleased to announce that the past two winners at our festival were recently awarded respectively with the Grand Jury Prize at Cannes Film Festival and the Best Foreign Language Film at Academy Awards this year.

Grand Jury Prize – The 64th Cannes Film Festival

Director Nuri Bilge Ceylan – Winner of Best Picture at the Feature Length Competition in 2007

Nuri Bilge Ceylan from Turkey who won the Best Picture at the 4th edition of our festival won the Grand Jury Prize at the 64th Cannes Film Festival this year with his latest “*Once Upon A Time In Anatolia / BİR ZAMANLAR ANADOLU’DA*”. “*Climates / İklimler*”, which Ceylan wrote, directed, and starred in, portrays the psychology of a couple on the verge of a breakdown. Interweaving beautiful landscapes in different seasons, the film was praised for its evocative depiction of adult relationships. Though none of his films have been theatrically distributed in Japan, Ceylan was awarded the Grand Jury Prize twice at Cannes Film Festival as well as the FIPRESCI Prize and the Best Director.

Best Foreign Language Film - The 83rd Academy Awards

Director Susanne Bier – Winner of Best Picture at the Feature Length Competition in 2005

Susanne Bier from Denmark won the Best Picture at the 2nd edition of our festival for *Brothers* and her new film “*In A Better World*” won the Best Foreign Language Film at the 83rd Academy Awards this February. “*Brothers / Brødre*” is a touching portrait of human relationship and it was remade in Hollywood with the same title in 2009. Bier continues to direct critically acclaimed films and with her new film “*In A Better World*”, she hits her career high with the Oscar under her belt. The film is distributed by Long Ride and scheduled to open at Toho Cinemas Chante on August 13th with the national roll out to follow.

The festival alumni such as Nuri Bilge Ceylan and Susanne Bier have become highly acclaimed directors working internationally and our festival has been recognized as the springboard for new talent. We have received many submissions from all over the world this year and hope to discover new talent once again. Join us at the SKIP City International D-Cinema Festival 2011 to be held this fall!

The 8th SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVAL 2011

After careful considerations in regard to the lack of stable supply of electricity during the summer time due to The Great East Japan Earthquake, the festival has been pushed back to October.

Date: Saturday, October 8th 2011 – Sunday, October 16th 2011
Venue: Audio Visual Hall, SKIP City Sai-no-kuni Visual Plaza
(Kamiaoki 3-12-63, Kawaguchi City, Saitama)
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