

**Hybrid festival with both physical and online screenings will be held.
President of the Jury for International Competition: Shinobu Terajima, Actress**
SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVAL 2022 (19th edition)
Full line-up announced!

To Press

SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVAL which started in 2004 in Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture, has been held every year as a "gateway for emerging talent" centered on the International Competition and the Japanese Film Competition (features and shorts). The festival launched the careers of Kazuya Shiraishi (*Lesson in Murder*), Ryota Nakano (*The Asadas*), Shinichiro Ueda (*One Cut of the Dead*), Shinzo Katayama (*Missing*) and many other directors who are leading the Japanese film industry as top runners and whose new movies audiences are looking forward to seeing.



The 19th edition will be held both at theaters and online from Saturday, July 16th to Sunday, in SKIP CITY, Kawaguchi City in Saitama, with the physical screenings for the first time in three years since 2019.

On Wednesday, June 15th, we held a press conference to announce the full line-up consisting of the titles of the whole line-up, with the attendance of President of the Jury for International Competition, Shinobu Terajima (Actress) and President of the Jury for Japanese Film Competition, Akiko Ashizawa (Cinematographer). The details are as follows.

Our festival will continue to discover new talent that will play a leading role in the future of cinema. We would appreciate it if you could share this information with your media.

Opening Gala

World Premiere of *Deadly School*

Brand-new film from Teppei Isobe, who won three awards at SKIP CITY



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The SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVALIDCF will return to in-person events for the first time in three years, and open with the latest film by Teppei Isobe, who won awards in three consecutive years with his *Who Knows about My Life* in 2018, *F is for Future* in 2019 and *Cornflakes* in 2020. The film is adapted from Kaoru Asakusa's popular play. The director vividly and wistfully portrays high school girls working hard for their school festival in this coming-of-age ensemble drama. The cast is full of promising actresses, including Miyuu Teshima Ryoka Neya, Karen Kurashima, Nagiko Tsuji, Mina Kuryu, Ayano Kudo and Natsuki Murata. The film will have its world premiere at the festival.

Charity Screenings -Hope for Ukraine-

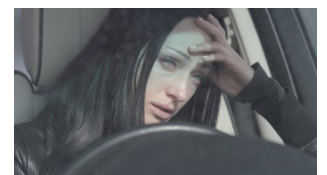
This Rain Will Never Stop* and *Love Me

Revival screenings of the two Ukrainian films, which were screened in the past editions

SKIP CITY has screened films from all over the world. This year, we will rescreen two Ukrainian films from the past International Competition sections, *This Rain Will Never Stop*, directed by Alina Gorlova and *Love Me*, directed by Maryna Er Gorbach and Mehmet Bahadir Er. Proceeds from this program will be donated to support humanitarian aid activities in Ukraine. We hope you will feel the spirit of Ukraine through the films and support the people there.



This Rain Will Never Stop
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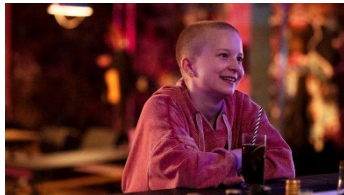
Love Me

International Competition

All films are Japan Premiere at least! (2 Asian Premiere and 8 Japan Premiere)

President of the Jury: Berlinale Silver Bear winning actress, Shinobu Terajima

Ten achievements by emerging filmmakers from around the world who have strived to find their voice under the difficult circumstances. All films are Japan Premiere at least!



Comedy Queen

Director: Sanna LENKEN
Sweden

Asian Premiere

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The Crossing

Director: Florence MIALHE
France, Germany, Czech Republic

Japan Premiere



Distant Thunder

Director: Takayuki OHASHI
Japan

Japan Premiere

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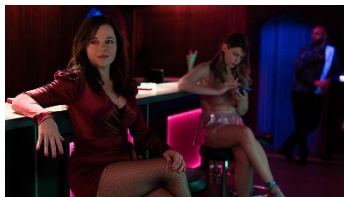


Farha

Director: Darin J. SALLAM
Jordan, Sweden, Saudi Arabia

Japan Premiere

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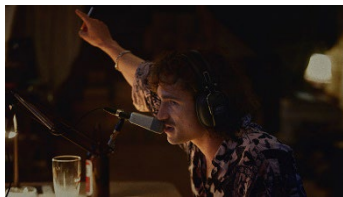


Her Way

Director: Cécile DUCROCQ
France

Japan Premiere

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Magnetic Beats

Director: Vincent Maël CARDONA
France, Germany

Japan Premiere



Queen of Glory

Director: Nana MENSAH
USA

Asian Premiere

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Softie

Director: Samuel THEIS
France

Japan Premiere

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Utama

Director: Alejandro LOAYZA GRISI
Bolivia, Uruguay, France

Japan Premiere

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Wild Men

Director: Thomas DANESKOV
Denmark, Norway

Japan Premiere

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Japanese Film Competition (Feature Length and Short Length)

6 feature films and 8 short films are nominated.

President of the Jury: Worldly-acclaimed cinematographer, Akiko Ashizawa

These challenging titles (10 World Premiere and 4 Japan Premiere) imply the new way of Japanese cinema!

(Feature Length Nominees)



All Summer Long

Director: Yuki HORIUCHI

Japan

World Premiere

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Blue-collar Psychics

Director: Daiki KOBAYASHI

Japan

Japan Premiere

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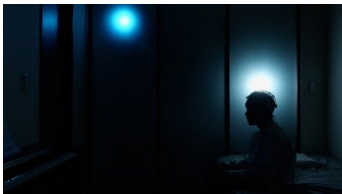


Double Life

Director: Enen YO

Japan, China

World Premiere



Journey

Director: Shogo KIRIU

Japan

World Premiere

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VATA

Director: Takeshi KAMEI

Japan, Madagascar

World Premiere

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The Waxing and Waning of Life

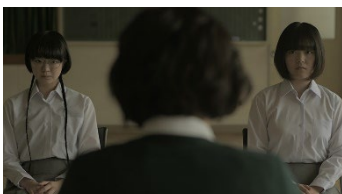
Director: Shota KOSEKI, Kentaro KISHI

Japan

World Premiere

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(Short Length Nominees)



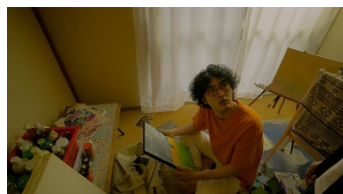
But It Did Happen

Director: Yuichi SUITA

Japan

Japan Premiere

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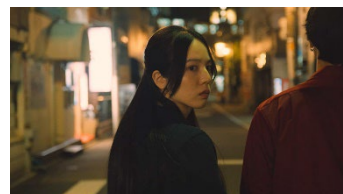


Similarity

Director: Kiichiro KIMURA

Japan

World Premiere



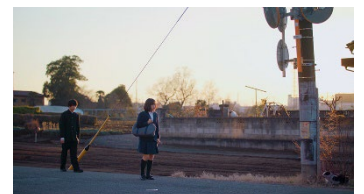
We're Dead

Director: Yusuke NORO

Japan

World Premiere

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Kitten

Director: Airi YAMAGUCHI

Japan

World Premiere

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3 Intestine Road, Fish Island

Director: Moe WAKABAYASHI

Japan

Japan Premiere

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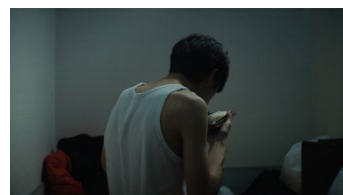
SWALLOW

Director: Mai NAKANISHI

Taiwan, Japan

Japan Premiere

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Storage Man

Director: Tatsuro MANNO

Japan

World Premiere

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Cool Breeze

Director: Minghui LU

Japan

World Premiere

What's New -Filmmakers Making Waves-

World Premiere screenings from the SKIP CITY nominated directors in the past editions

The program will show the latest films by past SKIP CITY selected filmmakers, including Teppei Isobe's opening film *Deadly School*; the souped-up second installment in the Euglena series by Mikiya Sanada; and the offbeat hoarder comedy by Takayuki Kayano, last year's Japanese Competition Best Picture and Audience Awards winner. All films will have their world premieres at this festival! Don't miss this opportunity to watch the hottest films before their theatrical release!



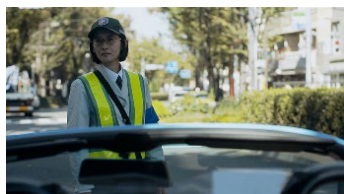
Hoarder on the Border

Director: Takayuki KAYANO

Japan

World Premiere

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Princess of Euglena

Director: Mikiya SANADA

Japan

World Premiere

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SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVAL 2022 (the 19th edition) Outline

Date:
Onsite: Saturday, July 16 - Sunday, July 24, 2022 (9 days)
Online: Thursday, July 21 - Wednesday, July 27, 2022 (7 days)
Screening Venue:
Onsite: SKIP CITY Sai-no-Kuni Visual Plaza Audio Visual Hall & Convention Hall, Media Seven, and more
Online: Special Site powered by Cinema Discoveries
Organizers: Saitama Prefecture, Kawaguchi City, SKIP CITY INTERNATIONAL D-Cinema FESTIVAL Committee, Saitama Visuals Volunteer Group
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