# **Nippon Connection Festival**

Nippon Connection, the largest showcase of Japanese cinema outside of Japan, comes to Yale! A cornucopian selection of the best works shown at the 2007 edition, held in Frankfurt, Germany, will be screened over two weeks, featuring major studio films, indie features and shorts, and experimental animation. Highlights include *Maison de Himiko*, the winner of the Nippon Connection Audience Award, a video feature by Sono Shion (*Suicide Circle*), *German* + *Rain*, one of the 10 best films of 2007 according to a major poll of Japanese film critics, and an outrageous "pink film" (soft adult movie).

Check the links to the Nippon Connection web site for info about each film or program.

## Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 PM

Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

#### INTO A DREAM (Yume no naka e)

Directed by Shion Sono (2005, 100 min., digital video, color) http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/digital/digital-intoadream-eng.html

## Sunday, January 27 at 7:00 PM

Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall Street

#### MAISON DE HIMIKO (Mezon do Himiko)

Directed by Isshin Inudo (2005, 130min., 35mm English subtitles) http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/cinema/cinema-lamaisondehimiko-eng.html

## Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 PM

Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

#### 7:00 PM IMAGE RINGS PRESENTS IMMORAL FILMS

- Mastif (Maschifu) Directed by Tetsuya Mariko (2006, video, 22 min.)
- Dear Ms. Ôgi (Haikei Ôgi Chikage sama)
  - Directed by Kenji Murakami (2006, video, 32 min.)
- How I Produced A Cherry Boy (Dotei wo prodyusu) Directed by Tetsuaki Matsue (2006, video, 32 min. English subtitles)

http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/digital/digital-imageringspresentsimmoralfilmseng.html

## **8:30 PM** GERMAN + RAIN (JÂMAN + AME

Directed by Satoko Yokohama (2007, 71 min., video, English subtitles)

http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/digital/digital-germanplusrain-eng.html

## Sunday February 3 at 7:00 PM

Henry R. Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

#### **7:00 PM** FLOWERS OF WASEDA

- Kû-Soku-Ze-Shiki Directed by hiichan (2004, Video, 5 min., English subtitles)
- Night Of Pig's Trotters (Tonsoku no yoru) Directed by Naoto Kaneko (2005, Video, 24 min., English subtitles
- Running Girl (Hashiru onna)
   Directed by hiichan (2003, Video, 4 min., English subtitles)
- Odinary People (Futsû no hitotachi)
   Directed by Hisashi Wakamatsu (2006, Video, 27 min. English subtitles)
- Karopa Ska Karopa Ska
  - Directed by Yukiko Nakane (2005, Video, 40 Min., English subtitles)

http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/digital/digital-flowersofwaseda-eng.html

## 8:45 PM OPEN ART

- Bones
   Directed by Shinsaku Hidaka (2006, video, 3:51 min.)

   The Naked Ape
   Directed by Daihiti Hashimoto (2006, video, 2 min.)
- The Goblin's Secret Directed byYuko Miyahira (2006, video, 7 min.)
   A Man Who Became an Undertaker
  - Directed by Shuhei Sibue (2006, video, 4:55 min.)
- Takashi's Seasons Directed by Takashi Kawashima J 2006, video, 15:45 min.)
- Deer Mode Directed by Junpei Mizokawa (2006, video, 1:20 min.)
- Bad Morning. Mama Directed by Daisuke Imai (2006, video, 4:09 min.)
- Magic By The Line Red And Blue Directed by Dino Sato (2006, video, 3:30 min.)
- Scrapland Directed by Dino Sato (2006, video, 5 min.)
   Piece
  - Directed by Yusuke Koyanagi (2006, video, 2:27 min.)
- The Microbe Directed by Biseibu 2 (2006, video, 4 min.)
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  - Directed by Shinya Sato (2006, video, 3:35 min.)
- White Matter Directed by Eiichiro Iyama (2006, Video, 7 min.)
- Input Output Directed by Tatsuya Iwakoshi (2005, video, 5:15 min.)

http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/digital/digital-openart-eng.html

# Sunday, February 10 at 7:00 PM

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#### UNCLE'S PARADISE (OJISAN TENGOKU)

Directed by Shinji Imaoka, 2006, 64 min., 35mm. (English Subtitles) Content advisory http://www.nipponconnection.de/ni-2007/filmbeschreibungen/cinema/cinema-unclesparadise-eng.html