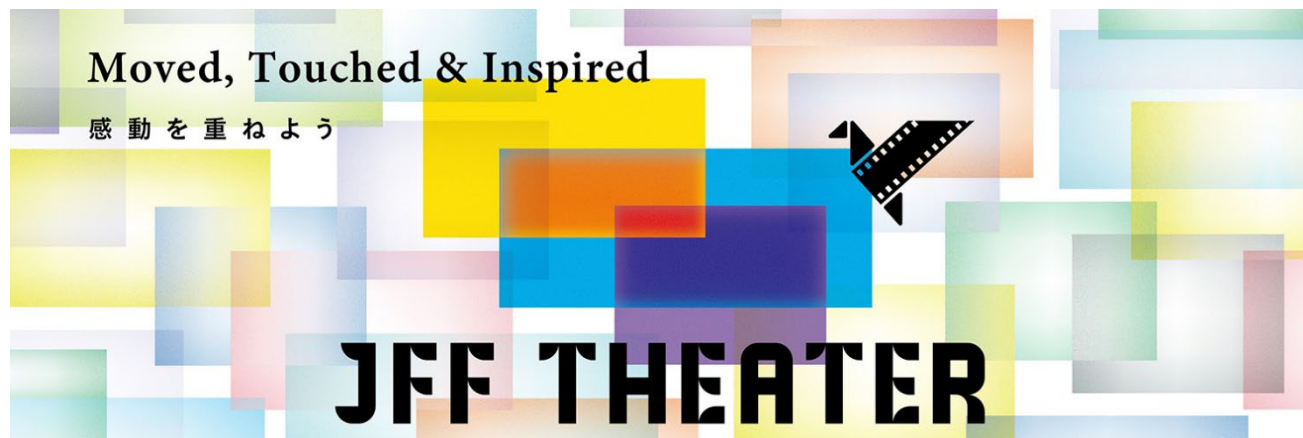


JFF Theater, a Platform for the Free Worldwide Streaming of Japanese Films, Opens Today



URL: <https://en.jff.jp/go.jp>

The Japan Foundation (JF) launched its new streaming website, **JFF Theater**, on August 1, 2024. JFF Theater distributes Japanese films and other works worldwide, with multilingual subtitles and all free of charge. With this website, JF endeavors to create a **platform where Japanese audiovisual works can be viewed anytime, anywhere**.

JF's online film-distribution projects, which have so far featured Japanese films and dramas, have been viewed more than 650,000 times in over 130 countries, demonstrating the high level of international interest in Japanese content. In response, JF has launched the **JFF Theater online streaming platform** as a way to further popularize Japanese **audiovisual** works around the world.

With the catchphrase **Moved, Touched & Inspired**, JF strives to serve as a bridge between Japan and the world, forging connections and inspiring exchanges between the audience.

What is JFF Theater?

- **Constant Streaming:** Enjoy frequent updates of the titles.
- **Diverse Selection:** A wide range of Japanese films, dramas, art-related works, and more.
- **Worldwide Streaming:** Tune in from anywhere in the world.*
- **No cost:** Simply register as a member to watch all content free of charge.
- **Multilingual:** Both the JFF Theater website and the subtitles are available in multiple languages.*

*The country/region of distribution and subtitle language may vary depending on the title.

The **lineup of opening films** is listed below.

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Details

Website: JFF TheaterURL: <https://en.jff.jp/jpf.go.jp/>**Host:** The Japan Foundation**Launch Date:** August 1, 2024, 10AM (Japan Standard Time)**Lineup :** Five films (see below). Regular replacements of titles will follow.**Usage Fee :** Free (member registration required)**Available Locations :** Worldwide (some countries/regions excluded depending on the film)**Website Languages and Subtitle Languages :** 19 languages (Japanese, English, Arabic, Burmese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, French, German, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Malay, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese)

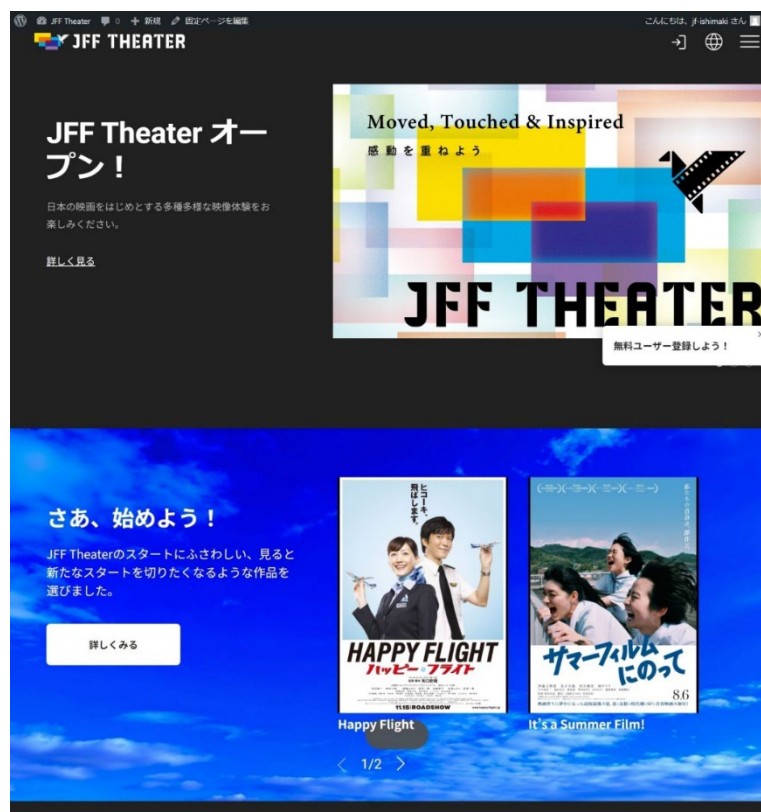
*The availability of all website languages will be at a later date.

*Some contents are not available in Japan.

*Some subtitle languages listed above may not be available depending on the film.

*The program, display and subtitle languages are subject to change without notice.

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Opening Films Lineup

Total of 5 works

Five of the most popular films from a past Japanese Film Festival Online have been selected for distribution from August 1 to October 31 (*It's a Summer Film!* and *SUMODO~The Successors of Samurai~* are available only until September 30).

1. Make A New Start!

We have selected titles that are perfect for the launch of JFF Theater. Watch and be inspired to embark on new beginnings!

It's a Summer Film!

Director: MATSUMOTO Soushi

Japan release date: 2021

"Let's make a movie together!" A girl passionate about samurai films and a boy full of mystery make a film together that transcends time and space.



Happy Flight!

Director: YAGUCHI Shinobu

Japan release date: 2008

Emergency on a flight from Tokyo to Honolulu! An ensemble film depicting on-the-ground staff, cabin attendants and pilots in action.



2. Anime to Rediscover

"It's a shame not to know this anime!" A gem of an anime film that you must not miss watching on JFF Theater.

Time of EVE the Movie

Director: YOSHIURA Yasuhiro

Japan release date: 2010

Do androids have souls? A moving animation that considers the nature of emotions through the interactions between humans and androids.



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3. Slice of Life in Japan

A selection of works that depict Japanese landscapes and the lives of Japanese people from diverse perspectives.

SUMODO~The Successors of Samurai~

Director: SAKATA Eiji

Japan release date: 2020

A film all about sumo—Japan's national sport. A documentary with rare access into the behind-the-scenes lives of famous sumo wrestlers.



Tora-san in Goto

Director: OURA Masaru

Japan release date: 2008

A documentary shot from 1993 and over 22 years chronicled a large family who make their living as udon noodle makers on the Goto Archipelago in Nagasaki Prefecture.



【Data Download】

Download image data, including logos and main visuals, here:

<https://jpffbm.box.com/s/ds323nnsudjnrvtzmqn9js5u9rbsp6i5>

• **JFF (Japanese Film Festival)**

In 2016, The Japan Foundation, as part of the JFF Asia-Pacific Gateway Initiative, established the Japanese Film Festival (JFF) with the aim to share Japanese cinema with 10 ASEAN countries and Australia. We have expanded to China and India in 2017, and then to Russia in 2018. In 2023, JFF was held in 10 countries with more than 120,000 participants. JFF is scheduled to be held again in 10 countries in 2024.



• **About The Japan Foundation (JF)** (<https://www.jpf.go.jp/>)

The Japan Foundation is Japan's only institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world. With the objective of deepening mutual understanding between the people of Japan and other countries/regions, our various activities and information services create opportunities for people-to-people interactions.

It has 26 overseas offices in 25 countries. It is active throughout Asia, Oceania, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and works closely with Japanese diplomatic missions and other related organizations in each country.

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