

# INSCRIPTION OF "FUJISAN" ON UNESCO'S WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Mount Fuji (Fujisan), has been inscribed on the World Heritage List at the 37th Session of the World Heritage Committee held in Phnom Penh in 2013.

The beauty of the solitary, often snow-capped, stratovolcano, known Mount Fuji, rising above villages and tree-fringed sea and lakes has long inspired artists and poets and been the object of pilgrimages.

Fujisan is about 100 km south-west of Tokyo and rises to 3,776 metres. The base of its southern slopes extends to the sea shores of Suruga Bay. Its representation in Japanese art goes back to the 11th century but 19th century wood block prints have made Fujisan become an internationally recognized icon of Japan and have had a deep impact on the development of Western art. The inscribed property consists of 25 sites which reflect the essence of Fujisan's sacred landscape.

In the 12th century, Fujisan became the centre of training for ascetic Buddhism, which included Shinto elements. On the upper 1,500-metre tier of the 3,776m mountain, pilgrim routes and crater shrines have been inscribed alongside sites around the base of the mountain including Senjō-jinja shrines, Dōji lodging houses, and natural volcanic features such as lava tree moulds, lakes, springs and waterfalls, which are revered as sacred.



Mount Fuji (Fujisan)  
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## LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN JAPAN

1. Buddhist Monuments in the Hōryū-ji Area (Nara Prefecture) [1993]
  2. Himeji-jo (Hyogo Prefecture) [1993]
  3. Yakushiji (Kagoshima Prefecture) [1993]
  4. Shirakami-Sanchi (Akita Prefecture) [1993]
  5. Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Ōsu Cities) [1994]
  6. Historic Villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama (Gifu Prefecture) [1995]
  7. Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome) (Minami-ku, Naka Ward, Hiroshima City) [1996]
  8. Ise Grand Shrine (Mie Prefecture) [1996]
  9. Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara (Nara Prefecture) [1998]
  10. Shrines and Temples of Nikkō (Tochigi Prefecture) [1999]
  11. Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryūkyū (Okinawa Prefecture) [2000]
  12. Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range (Mie, Nara and Wakayama Prefectures) [2004]
  13. Shiretoko Biosphere (Ishikawa Prefecture) [2005]
  14. Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape (Shimane Prefecture) [2007]
  15. Ogasawara Islands (Ogasawara Village, Tokyo) [2011]
  16. Hirazumi - Temples, Gardens and Archaeological Sites Representing the Buddhist Pure Land (Iwate Prefecture) [2011]
  17. Fujisan, Sacred Place and Source of Artistic Inspiration (Shizuoka Prefecture and Yamaguchi Prefecture) [2013]
- (3, 4, 13, 15 are properties of Natural Heritage)



Himeji Castle  
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## SCHEDULE

BROOKLYN NOUVEAU		PRETORIA	
DATE	12:00	14:30	17:00
5 Oct (Sat)	The Place Promised in Our Early Days	Hanryu Railway - A 15-minute Miracle	The Floating Castle
6 Oct (Sun)	Swing Girls	Wanko - The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog	

V&A NOUVEAU		CAPETOWN	
DATE	14:30	17:00	20:00
12 Oct (Sat)	The Place Promised in Our Early Days	Hanryu Railway - A 15-minute Miracle	The Floating Castle
13 Oct (Sun)	Swing Girls	Wanko - The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog	

GATEWAY NOUVEAU		DURBAN	
DATE	19 Oct (Sat)	20 Oct (Sun)	
19 Oct (Sat)	The Place Promised in Our Early Days (14:30)	Hanryu Railway - A 15-minute Miracle (17:00)	The Floating Castle
20 Oct (Sun)	Swing Girls (12:30)	Wanko - The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog (14:30)	

ROSEBANK NOUVEAU		JOHANNESBURG	
DATE	12:00	14:30	17:00
26 Oct (Sat)	The Place Promised in Our Early Days	Hanryu Railway - A 15-minute Miracle	The Floating Castle
27 Oct (Sun)	Swing Girls	Wanko - The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog	

MAPONYA MALL		SOWETO	
DATE	10:00	13:30	
31 Oct (Thur)	The Place Promised in Our Early Days	Swing Girls	

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26 October - 27 October  
ROSEBANK NOUVEAU (JHB)

31 October  
MAPONYA MALL (SOW)

## THE FLOATING CASTLE

**Title**  
The Floating Castle  
Mansai Nomura,  
Nana Eikura, Hiraki  
Narimiya, Tomomitsu  
Yamaguchi  
**Director**  
Shinji Higuchi  
**Running time**  
145 min  
**Release date**  
2012  
**Genre**  
Historical Drama  
**PG**



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In 1589, nearing the end of Japan's long years of civil war, with Toyotomi Hideyoshi one short step away from finally uniting the land under his rule, he sends a massive army north against the Hojo clan, his last enemy, the one stronghold he cannot take: Oshi Castle in the land of Boshu.

Called "the floating castle" because of the lake that surrounded it, it is under the command of one Naito Naomasa. Under Hideyoshi's orders, General Ishida surrounds the castle with a force of 20,000. Nagachika with only 500 cavalry unite with the common folk in stubborn resistance, retreating not one step even when Ishida resorts to the extraordinary measure of damming a river to flood them out. But, with victory in their grasp, outside events give the story a twist: no one would have ever expected.

## HANKYU RAILWAY - A 15-MINUTE MIRACLE

**Title**  
Hankyu Railway -  
A 15-minute  
Miracle  
**Cast**  
Miki Nakatani -  
Erika Toda -  
Nobuko Miyamoto  
Toshihige Miyake  
**Director**  
Toshihige Miyake  
**Running time**  
119 min  
**Release date**  
2011  
**Genre**  
Drama  
**PG 16**



"Hankyu Railway - A 15-minute Miracle" follows the lives of various people who commute on Hankyu Railway's Inazu Line - connecting the cities of Nishinomiya and Takarazuka in Hyogo prefecture. One of the commuters is Shoko, an office worker in her 30s who lost her boyfriend to a younger colleague. There's also a college student who is so easily persuaded by her no good boyfriend. Other commuters include a grandmother & granddaughter, a house wife, a female high school student and a female otaku college student. Although the train ride takes only 15 minutes between several stations, the lives of these commuters are changed as they interact with each other...



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## SWING GIRLS

**Title**  
Swing Girls  
**Cast**  
Juri Ueno, Shihori  
Kanjiya, Yuka  
Motokariya,  
Naoto Takemura  
and Kai Tani  
**Director**  
Shinobu Yaguchi  
**Running time**  
105 min  
**Release date**  
2004  
**Genre**  
High School Drama  
**Awards**  
Best Screenplay  
Award of the  
Japanese Academy  
- 2005  
**PG**



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A rural girl's high school in northern Japan, remedial math classes are being held during the summer break. Looking for a way out, Tomoko and two of her classmates volunteer to deliver lunches left behind by the school's brass band on the way to support the baseball team at a crucial game. However, when the band subsequently suffers about of food poisoning, Tomoko and her companions seize their chance to ditch summer school as

replacement musicians. Despite a severe lack of talent, they gradually succumb to the infectious rhythms of big band jazz and start to take their music seriously. Just as they are about to perform in public for the first time, the band members they replaced return and the rag-tops are bumped to the sidelines. However, this fails to dampen the girls' newfound spirit, and they take up part-time jobs and practice in the streets to achieve their dream of playing at the school's music festival.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Prominent Japanese Architect

- Mr. KENGO KUMA -

- will give lectures in South Africa:
  - 6 November (Wed) - University of Pretoria (15h00 - 18h00)
  - 7 November (Thu) - Center for Japanese Studies at GIBS (15h00 - 18h00)
  - 8 Nov (Fri) University of Cape Town (13h00 - 15h00)
- For more information: <http://www.za-emb-japan.gov.jp/>  
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## THE PLACE PROMISED IN OUR EARLY DAYS

**Title**  
The Place Promised  
in Our Early Days  
**Cast**  
Hidetaka Yoshino  
as Hiroki, Masato  
Hagiwara as  
Takuya, Yuka  
Nanri as Sayon  
Makoto Shinohi  
91 min  
2004  
**Director**  
Animation  
**Awards**  
Best Animation  
Film - Mainichi  
Film Concours -  
2005  
**PG**



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In an alternate timeline, Japan was divided after losing World War II. Hokkaido was annexed by "Union" while Honshu and other southern islands were under US sovereignty.

A gigantic yet mysterious tower was constructed at Hokkaido and could be seen clearly from Aomori (the northernmost prefecture of Honshu) across Tsugaru Strait. In the summer of 1986, three 9th-graders had made a promise that one day they'll build an aircraft and unravel the tower's mystery, but their project was abandoned after the girl, Sayuri Sawatari, began experiencing sleeping sickness and transferred to Tokyo for better treatment. Three years later, Hiroki Fujisawa accidentally found out that Sayuri had been in a coma since then, and he asked Takuya Shirakawa to help him find a way to revive her. What they don't know yet is that Sayuri's unconsciousness is somehow linked with secrets of the tower and the world.

## WANKO - THE STORY OF ME, MY FAMILY AND MY DOG

**Title**  
Wanko - The Story  
of Me, My Family  
and My Dog  
**Cast**  
Kumiko Asō, Miko  
Harada, Ken  
Mitsubishi  
**Director**  
Isamu Nakae  
**Running time**  
123min  
**Release date**  
2011  
**Genre**  
Family Drama  
**PG 10**



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The Miyama family lives on the small island of Miyakajima, where they run a small elementary school student Shin Miyama names their new barn puppy Rock. Shin absolutely adores Rock. In August, 2000, a devastating volcano erupts on the island. The Miyama family are forced to flee the island and in the process Rock goes missing. The Miyama family begin life anew in the city of Tokyo, but yearn for their home on Miyakajima with hope that Rock is still alive...



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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