

# UPCOMING EVENT!

The Embassy of Japan in collaboration with UP Arts  
PRESENTS

## JAPANESE POP CULTURE WEEKEND

At the Lier theatre, Hatfield Campus, University of  
Pretoria

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday, 16th November 2018 (Lecture + Documentary + Film Screening)</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>14h30</b>	<b>Lecture by Dr. Cobus van STADEN from WITS Media Studies</b>
	<b>15h15</b>	<b>Never-Ending Man: Hayao Miyazaki - an NHK World Japan documentary film (72min) (2016)</b>
	<b>17h30</b>	<b>Spirited Away (125 min) (2001)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday, 17th November 2018 (2 Film Screenings)</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>11h00</b>	<b>Thermae Romae (108min) (2012)</b>
	<b>14h00</b>	<b>POP IN Q (95min) (2016)</b>

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# FILM SCHEDULE AND TIMES

Fri	20:00	It's a Beautiful Life - IRODORI - 人生、いろどり
Sat	14:00	SURVIVAL FAMILY - サバイバルファミリー
	17:00	The Complex - クロコリ団地
Sun	14:30	Genius Party Beyond



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25<sup>th</sup>

## JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL



FREE ENTRANCE

Movie tickets will be available at the  
box office one hour before the start  
of each show

Co-organised by the Embassy of  
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2018 SCHEDULE  
V&A Nouveau – Cape Town  
November 2,3 & 4 (Fri - Sun)

Rosebank Nouveau – JHB  
November 9,10 & 11 (Fri - Sun)



## Genius Party Beyond



**TITLE:** Genius Party Beyond  
**CAST:** Arata Furuta, Akiko Suzuki, Shōko Takada  
**DIRECTOR:** Masahiro Maeda, Kōji Morimoto  
**RUNNING TIME:** 89 min  
**RELEASE DATE:** 2008  
**GENRE:** Animation  
**PG:** PG

### SYNOPSIS:

Containing shorts that couldn't be included in the original, Genius Party Beyond weaves five stories that are both deep and insightful named "GALA," "MOON DRIVE," "WANWA-THE DOGGY," "TOUJIN KIT" and "DIMENSION BOMB": the idea all life is relative in size, the consequences of an oppressive government, and how to deal with your darker desires, among others.

From the directors and artists of works such as Castle in the Sky, Spirited Away, Samurai Champloo, Porco Rosso, Evangelion: 3.0 You Can (Not) Redo and Akira, come a multitude of thought-provoking tales, to create a collection equalling the original in storytelling genius.

## SURVIVAL FAMILY - サバイバルファミリー



**TITLE:** SURVIVAL FAMILY - サバイバルファミリー  
**CAST:** Fumiyo Kohinata, Eri Fukatsu, Yuki Izumisawa, Wakana Aoi, Shinobu Yaguchi  
**DIRECTOR:** Shinobu Yaguchi  
**RUNNING TIME:** 117 min  
**RELEASE DATE:** 2017  
**GENRE:** Comedy  
**PG:** PG

### SYNOPSIS:

The Suzukis are an average household living in Tokyo. Even when the mother tries to make conversation, the father is focused on the TV, the son on listening to music, and the daughter on her smartphone's Social media. They're a typical family, together but divided. But one day, the Suzuki household encounters a crisis! When they wake up in the morning, all the electrical appliances have stopped! There are no phones with which to make contact, or trains to ride to work. They think they can get by putting up with it for just one day, until another day passes, and yet another.

What seemed to be a normal power outage is in fact, something much more... People are stripped of all convenience by the onset of this crisis. It's then that the father, Yoshiyuki makes the decision of a lifetime: "We're going to escape from Tokyo!"

Is there a future for the family in this world denied all electricity? Can a failure of a father protect his family? The curtain rises on the survival life of the Suzuki household!

## The Complex クロユリ団地



**TITLE:** The Complex クロユリ団地  
**CAST:** Atsuko Maeda, Hiroki Narimiya, Masanobu Katsumura  
**DIRECTOR:** Hideo Nakata  
**RUNNING TIME:** 106 min  
**RELEASE DATE:** 2013  
**GENRE:** Horror  
**PG:** PG

### SYNOPSIS:

Nursing student Asuka Ninomiya is awoken by a strange scratching sound coming from the apartment next door. After discovering her elderly neighbour dead, she is shocked to learn that many strange occurrences and deaths plague her apartment complex. Things worsen when the scratching returns, her family begins behaving oddly, and she is threatened by an apparition of the old man from next door. With only a cleaning man and a ten-year old boy on her side, Asuka is in a race not to become the next victim of the complex!

## It's a Beautiful Life - IRODORI - 人生、いろどり



**TITLE:** It's a Beautiful Life - IRODORI - 人生、いろどり  
**CAST:** Kazuko Yoshiyuki, Sumiko Fuji, Mie Nakao, Tatsuya Fuji  
**DIRECTOR:** Osamu Minorikawa  
**RUNNING TIME:** 112 min  
**RELEASE DATE:** 2012  
**GENRE:** Human Drama  
**PG:** PG

### SYNOPSIS:

In a small town with 2,000 people, of which more than half are over 60, everyone was living without hope or pride for the future. One day a young staff member at the agricultural cooperative suggests an idea of a food garnish business named "Leaf Business".

It is to make a profit from growing and selling wild plants that are used as garnish on Japanese dishes. The idea was mocked by people in the town, but three elderly women decide to give it a try to make a difference in their lives and their lonesome town.

Eventually, the "Leaf Business" grows into a 260 million yen business. The power of grannies gives courage and hope to the viewers!

## Ster-Kinekor V&A NOUVEAU



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