

29th #TIFF to Celebrate Two Iconic Directors

Description

The Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF) is pleased to announce that it will be highlighting the work of **two iconic directors: Mamoru HOSODA and Shunji IWAI** at the 29th TIFF, running October 25 – November 3, 2016.



This year's Animation Focus will shine a spotlight on Mamoru HOSODA, the brilliantly inventive director whose *Summer Wars* (09) and *Wolf Children* (12) were local and international hits, and whose latest masterpiece, *The Boy and the Beast* (15), became the highest-grossing local film at the Japanese box office in 2015, as well as being distributed in nearly 50 territories overseas. Hosoda's universal themes and storytelling genius have attracted all-age audiences worldwide and his devoted fan base continues to expand with each exhilarating new release.

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TIFF's Japan Now section, following his recent experiences in Hollywood and in animation, the Director in Focus will be internationally acclaimed creator **Shunji IWAI**, whose groundbreaking style and youth-focused vision are known as the "Iwai Aesthetic." From *Love Letter* (95), which put him on the world stage, through the enduringly acclaimed *All About Lily Chou-Chou* (01) and *Hana and* (16), to his latest masterpiece, *A Bride for Rip Van Winkle* (16), Iwai's films have continued to be in a class all their own, each a mesmerizing work of transcendent power, applauded across the globe by fans and critics alike.

The 29th TIFF will take place from October 25 – November 3, 2016 at Roppongi Hills and other Venues in Tokyo.

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