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#ANIME NEWS: Top directors Hosoda and Iwai to take center stage at #TIFF

Description

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Animated works by director Mamoru Hosoda are to be showcased in the Animation Focus program at the 29th Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF), which will run from Oct. 25 to Nov. 3.

The festivalâ??s 2016 edition will also shine a spotlight on leading film director Shunji Iwai, who will provide the theme for the Japan Now section, which focuses on outstanding Japanese filmmakers.

Having celebrated its 30th anniversary last year, the TIFF, which was launched in 1985, is widely known as one of the leading film festivals held in Asia. In recent years, the festival has been putting extra emphasis on promoting Japanese culture trends including anime.

In 2014, the TIFF featured â??Evangelionâ?• anime creator Hideaki Anno in the Animation Focus program under the title of â??The World of Hideaki Anno.â?• The festival also covered the â??Mobile Suit Gundamâ?• robot anime franchise last year.

Known for many hit anime films such as â??The Girl Who Leapt Through Time,â?• â??Summer Warsâ?• and â??The Boy and the Beast,â?• Hosoda will be the third anime creator to be featured in the Animation Focus program.



â??The Boy and the Beastâ?• ((c) 2015 The Boy and the Beast Film Partners)

In addition to screening his recent films, the TIFF will also showcase Hosodaâ??s early works including â??One Pieceâ?• and â??Digimon Adventureâ?• to offer a retrospective look at his career and wide-ranging creative expertise.

The Japan Now section deals with filmmakers most worthy of promoting internationally at the moment.

Known for â??Love Letter,â?• his latest movie â??A Bride for Rip Van Winkleâ?• and other critically acclaimed films, Iwai is popular at home and abroad, particularly in Asia. He drew international attention with his animated feature film effort â??Hana and Alice,â?• in 2015.

His artistic abilities will be brought to light in the program.

Details of the TIFF will be updated at its official website at (http://2016.tiff-jp.net/en/).



To learn more about the latest developments in Japanese anime, visit the official site of Anime Anime (http://animeanime.jp/).

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