

The Japan Foundation presents

Summer Explorers!



12 Aug 2018
Courthouse Cinema
18 Aug 2018
Regent Street Cinema

Our popular Summer Explorers free film season returns!
From puppetoon animation to Samurai comedy, and a film version of Japan's mega hit TV drama,
we have something to suit all ages and tastes

Sunday, 12 August 2018: Courthouse Hotel Cinema - [19-21 Great Marlborough Street, London, W1F 7HL](#) (click for map)



[His Master's Voice](#) 2:00pm & 6:40pm (English subtitles)

Set in the Edo Period, Sadakichi (Nayuta Fukuzaki) returns home to take a holiday from his work after being bullied there. In order to cheer up their little son, his parents ask their gloomy looking neighbour, Taihei (Taihei Hayashiya), a former Rakugo storyteller, to give a performance for him. Sadakichi is deeply moved by his performance and hopes to become Taihei's apprentice.

Dir. Hiroyuki Itaya, 2014, 95min | Image: © His master's voice film partners



[Giovanni's Island](#) 4.15pm (English subtitles, PG)

In the aftermath of the most devastating conflict mankind had ever experienced, the tiny island of Shikotan became part of the Sakhalin Oblast. On the unhealed border in this remote corner of the world, friendship among children from two different countries timidly blossomed, striving to overcome language barriers and the waves of history. Inspired by true events.

Dir. Mizuho Nishikubo, 2014, 104min | Image: © Production I.G, Warner

Saturday, 18 August 2018 : Regent Street Cinema - [309 Regent Street, London, W1B 2UW](#) (click for map)



[Chieri and Cherry](#) 2.30pm (English subtitles)

The only friend Chieri has is a stuffed animal Cherry; it talks and plays with Chieri, and helps her go through life in place of her late father. When she visits her grandmother's house for her father's memorial, they find a stray dog giving birth to puppies, but a mean crow and strange monster come to steal them. Can Chieri and Cherry keep them safe?

Dir. Makoto Nakamura, 2015, 54min | Image: © Chieri and Cherry partners



[Cat Samurai](#) 3.50pm (English subtitles)

Masterless samurai Kyutaro Madarame (Kazuki Kitamura) is hired by a dog-loving gang to get rid of a rival gang's cat, being under the impression the cat has possessed the gang leader. The only problem - when Madarame comes face to face with the cat in question, he can't go through with it... and is now the target of both gangs! Hilarious comedy for both cat lovers and non-cat lovers alike.

Dir. Takeshi Watanabe and Yoshitaka Yamaguchi, 2014, 100min | © 2014 Neko Samurai Production Committee



[Oshin](#) 5.50pm (English subtitles)

In 1907, 7-year-old Oshin is traded for 60kg of rice and sent to work in a lumber shop. Suspected of theft by the owners, she runs away into the mountains during a blizzard. Found by the kind Shunsaku, Oshin learns how to read and write, and the importance of independent thinking. A remake of the biggest hit drama in Japanese TV history, Oshin retells the story of a woman whose patience and endurance helped her through a tough life.

Dir. Shin Togashi, 2013, 109min | © Oshin Film Partners

Booking: These screenings are free to attend but booking is essential. To book a place via Eventbrite, please visit the following links:





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