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## **THE JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS TO CINEMAS IN 2021**

The **Japanese Film Festival (JFF)** in Australia makes a grand return to the cinema for its 25<sup>th</sup> year from **28 October to 5 December**, with a national tour in Canberra, Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

Screening at the new venue of Palace Cinemas in each city, the 2021 Festival program will feature an expertly curated selection of films, from the hottest newly-released feature titles alongside action, anime, drama, documentaries and much more. JFF 2021 will also screen a FREE Tribute Series of films by Shuji Terayama, one of Japan's most influential avant-garde film directors, in Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney as a part of the Festival program.

Plus, for seven days in November (15-21), a free online program of five films will be available for movie lovers and japanophiles from across Australia to enjoy from the comfort of home.

Full program to be announced on 16 September, sign up to the newsletter to stay up to date at: [www.japanesefilmfestival.net](http://www.japanesefilmfestival.net).

### **2021 Japanese Film Festival screening dates:**

**CANBERRA:** 28 October - 2 November  
Palace Electric Cinema & National Film and Sound Archives

**PERTH:** 4 - 7 November  
Palace Raine Square

**BRISBANE:** 11 - 21 November  
Palace Barracks & Palace James Street

**MELBOURNE:** 18 November - 5 December  
The Kino Cinema & Australian Center for Moving Images

**SYDNEY:** 25 November - 5 December  
Palace Cinemas Norton Street, Chauvel, Central, Verona

**ONLINE:** 15-21 November

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## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

### **ABOUT JFF**

The Japanese Film Festival (JFF) in Australia is an annual film festival that has been presented by The Japan Foundation, Sydney since 1997. In 2020 JFF Australia was held both online and in cinemas, reaching an Australian audience of over 43,000 people.

2021 marks the 25th year of JFF Australia, offering newly-released Japanese titles along with rare 35 and 16mm film screenings.

### **ABOUT THE JAPAN FOUNDATION, SYDNEY**

The Japan Foundation, Sydney is the Australian arm of the Japan Foundation, which was established by the Japanese government to promote cultural and intellectual exchange between Japan and other nations. It runs a diverse range of programs and events, including exhibitions, talk events, grant programs and Japanese language courses for all levels from beginner to advanced. The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 with a global network of 25 offices in 24 countries. The Australian office was founded in 1978.