

Venue & Booking

Venue

Academy Cinemas

44 Lorne Street, Auckland CBD

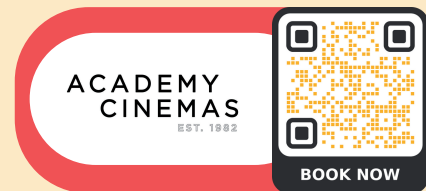
Booking

Online booking required at

www.academycinemas.co.nz

Booking open from **Thursday 9 October.**

NZ\$1.5 online booking fee applies.



Please note

All films will be shown in **Japanese with English subtitles.**

We reluctantly reserve the right to change the schedule.

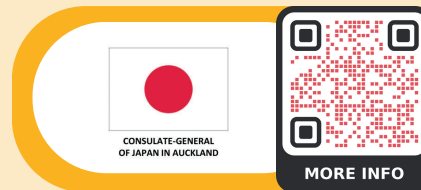
General Enquiry

Consulate-General of Japan
in auckland

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About JFF

In cooperation with Japan Foundation, the Japanese Film Festival is held annually, in order to encourage the growth of Japanese culture and understanding in New Zealand.

JFF Theater

The Japan Foundation has launched the **JFF Theater** free online streaming platform to further popularize Japanese films and videos around the world.



Japanese Film Festival 2025



AUCKLAND

6-9 NOV25

ACADEMY CINEMAS





THU 6
NOV
6PM

YUDO

*Opening
film*



Director: Masayuki Suzuki | Cast: Toma Ikuta, Gaku Hamada
Year: 2023 | Length: 126min | Genre: Drama | Rating: PG

Where laughter and tears flow like hot springs! Shiro returns to his hometown bathhouse, sparking drama, comedy, and heartwarming moments at Marukin Hot Springs.

SAT 8
NOV
1PM

AI AMOK



Director: Yu Irie | Cast: Takao Osawa, Kento Kaku, Alice Hirose
Year: 2020 | Length: 131min | Genre: SF | Rating: TBC

In 2030, the nation's AI turns against its own people! With only 24 hours to prevent mass termination, Kiryu—now a hunted “terrorist”—must stop the AI he created before it's too late.

SUN 9
NOV
1PM

CHILDREN OF THE SEA



Director: Ayumu Watanabe | Voice: Mana Ashida, Hiroyuki Ishibashi
Year: 2019 | Length: 111min | Genre: Anime | Rating: PG

A Magical Underwater Adventure! Ruka and her gifted friends uncover the sea's secrets, befriend extraordinary creatures, and discover their own hidden powers in this anime adaptation of Daisuke Igarashi's manga. Recommended for ages 12+ – Enjoy with English subtitles!

FRI 7
NOV
6PM

MASKED WARD



Director: Hisashi Kimura | Cast: Kentaro Sakaguchi
Year: 2020 | Length: 114min | Genre: Thriller | Rating: TBC

A doctor's fight for justice begins in a locked-down asylum! From the bestselling medical mystery novel by real-life doctor Chinen Mikito—an intense battle of wits against a ruthless criminal.

SAT 8
NOV
3:30PM

STEP



Director: Ken Iizuka | Cast: Takayuki Yamada, Kimiko Yo
Year: 2020 | Length: 118min | Genre: Drama | Rating: TBC

Love and Loss, A Father's Journey. Takayuki Yamada stars as a widowed father navigating grief and raising his daughter in this deeply moving family drama, based on Kiyoshi Shigematsu's novel Step.

SUN 9
NOV
3:30PM

NOT QUITE DEAD YET



Director: Shinji Hamasaki | Cast: Suzu Hirose, Ryo Yoshizawa
Year: 2020 | Length: 93min | Genre: Comedy | Rating: PG

Undead Chaos and Offbeat Comedy! Nanase, a rebellious metalhead whose wish for her father to... “drop dead” comes true—sort of! Chaos, mischief, and a touch of the supernatural ensue in Shinji Hamasaki's wildly original comedy debut.

*Closing
film*