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**FESTIVALS
AND EVENTS
JAPAN 2020**

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ABOUT JAPANESE CINEMA

IN UK

- **Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme:**

<https://www.jpff-film.org.uk>

Venue: multiple, UK Tour

When: UK tour in February

The Japan Foundation runs an annual tour of Japanese contemporary cinema each February

- **Japanese Avant-garde and Experimental Film Festival:**

<https://jaeff.org/2019%3A-nation>

Venue: Barbican, London

When: 20-22 Sept 2019.

Independent event from Barbican. Examining national identity, cultural memory and perceptions of history through a programme of repertory cinema and contemporary experimental short film.

- **A Season of Japanese Cinema – Manchester Film Weekender:**

<https://www.manchesterfilmweekender.org.uk/films>

<https://www.manchesterfilmweekender.org.uk/mfw-2020/programme>

Venue: Altrincham Little Theatre, Altrincham

When: From 8 Sept 2019 to 23 Feb 2020

Altrincham Little Theatre hosts a season of Japanese Cinema (9 Sunday films) + Manchester Film Weekender from 31 Jan to 2 Feb 2020, dedicated to Japanese Cinema

- **Satori Screen:**

<https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/site/search?combine=satori+screen>

Venue: QUAD, Derby

When: monthly

QUAD's monthly night bringing rare opportunities to see East Asian cinema on the big screen.



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- **Japanese Film festival in Edinburgh:**

https://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/SeasonCulture/EVENT/Month/201902/01-08_JapaneseFilmFestivalEdinburgh.htm

Venue: university of Edinburgh

When: 1st Feb and 8th Feb 2019

Organized by The Consulate General of Japan in Edinburgh, in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh and the Japan Foundation.

- **London East Asia Film Festival:**

<https://www.leaff.org.uk/>

Venues: multiple venues across central London

When: from 24 Oct to 3 Nov 2019.

Festival organized since 2015 to bring a much wider, eclectic and diverse programme of films from over 13 East Asian countries.

- **Lincoln Japan Festival:**

<http://www.japanfestival.co.uk/>

Venue: Blueprint Foundation, Lincoln

When: February

Run by Blueprint Foundation (Lincoln touring network/Flix)

- **Kotatsu Japanese Animation Festival:**

<http://www.kotatsufestival.com/>

Venue: multi, Cardiff and Aberystwyth

When: Festival in October

Welsh based Japanese animation festival, with activities and workshops.

- **Manchester Animation Festival:**

<http://www.manchesteranimationfestival.co.uk/>

Venue: HOME, Manchester

When: November

Manchester Animation Festival is the UK's largest Animation Festival dedicated celebration of the animated art form.



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- **Scotland Loves Anime:**

<https://www.lovesanimation.com/>

<https://www.alltheanime.com/>

Venue: Glasgow Film Theatre, Glasgow and Edinburgh Filmhouse, Edinburgh

When: October

- **London International Animation Festival:**

<http://www.liaf.org.uk/>

Venue: Multi - UK wide

When: Nov 29-Dec 8 2019

LIAF is a year-round celebration of animation with screenings and events UK wide. They focused on Japanese animation in 2012: <http://www.liaf.org.uk/2012/09/new-japanese-animation-the-calf-collective-15/>

- **Retrospective Anime's Human Machines:**

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2019/series/animes-human-machines>

Venue: Barbican

When: Sept 2019

A retrospective of 8 Japanese anime about the challenge man-machine + panel discussion

- **Early Japanese Animation:**

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2019/event/early-japanese-animation-pg-live-accompaniment>

Venues: Barbican

When: June 2019

A selection of rarely screened early Japanese animation (pre-war).



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IN JAPAN

- **Tokyo International Film Festival:**

<https://2019.tiff-jp.net/en/>

Where: Tokyo

When: Oct 27 - Nov 05 2019

This year the festival has a section called "Japanese Animation: The Evolution of Japanese Animation." From the first anime feature film (*The Tale of the White Snake*) to the newest big productions:

https://2019.tiff-jp.net/en/lineup/list.html?keyword=&departments=9&order_by=department_id

- **Rainbow Reel Tokyo (Tokyo International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival):** <https://rainbowreeltokyo.com/2018/en/>

Where: Tokyo

When: July

Festival founded in 1992 to encourage production of LGBT themed films.

- **Pia Film Festival:**

<https://pff.jp/en/>

Where: National Film Archive of Japan, Tokyo

When: September

Established since 1977. Launched many great Japanese directors.

- **Image Forum Festival Tokyo:**

<http://www.imageforumfestival.com/bosyu2019/en.html>

Where: Tokyo

When: September

Image Forum Festival is Japan's largest art film festival, and the largest dedicated to the screening of new experimental films, both in Japan and around the world.



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- **Kansai Queer Film Festival:**

<https://kansai-qff.org/2019/en/index.html>

Where: Kyoto and Osaka

When: September and October

The Kansai Queer Film Festival (KQFF) screens a wide range of films on the themes of gender, sexuality and equality from both Japan and all over the world.

- **Nara International Film Festival:**

<http://nara-iff.jp/en/>

Where: Nara

When: September

A biennial film festival held in Nara, Japan. It was started in 2010 by a filmmaker, Naomi Kawase.

- **Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival:**

<https://www.yidff.jp/>

Where: Yamagata

When: October

Asia's first international documentary film festival

- **Hiroshima International Animation Festival:**

http://hiroanim.org/index_en.php

Where: Hiroshima

When: August

The International Animation Festival Hiroshima is a biennial animation festival, founded in 1985.

Find a Guide to Japanese Film Festivals: <https://asianfilmfestivals.com/2019/02/15/guide-to-japanese-film-festivals/>



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To discuss any aspect of your project pitch, your ideas, or to ask a question about our seasons, please feel free to contact us at:

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About Major Programmes

Major Programmes is a 'cross FAN' project, led by Film Hub Midlands, to deliver two UK wide audience facing programme of creative, accessible, and culturally ambitious screenings and events annually.

Our two seasons for 2020 are BFI Blockbuster Japan 2020 in May - August and Film Feels Journey in Autumn.

What is the Film Audience Network?

The Film Audience Network (FAN) was set up in 2012, using funds from the National Lottery to support a stronger and more connected approach to growing audiences for British and international film on the big screen.

FAN is made up of eight regional and national Film Hub Lead Organisations (FHLO) providing a comprehensive geographic reach across the UK with the aim of increasing the breadth and depth of film available to audiences.

FAN is central to the BFI's commitment in BFI2022, its current five year plan, to giving everyone, everywhere in the UK the opportunity to enjoy and learn from the richest and most diverse range of great British and international filmmaking, past, present and future.

The priorities for Film Audience Network under BFI2022 are as follows:

Engaging audiences - maximising the number of audiences engaging with FAN activity and increasing the quality and cultural depth of their experience

Broadening film choice - increasing access to a wide range of independent British and international film for audiences – especially those outside London

Diversity - increasing the diversity of audiences engaging with FAN activity

Young audiences - boosting participation of 16-30 year olds in FAN activity

Screen heritage - facilitating greater access to archive content with a particular focus on national and regional collections



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