

**2010**  
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**FILM SERIES**

**The Real and  
 Surreal in  
 Japanese  
 Contemporary  
 Film**

**All films are free and  
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Films start at 7pm in  
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**フラガール**



**20世紀少年**



**鴨川ホルモ**



**大  
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 人**

**舞妓Haaaan!!!**



**July 16 • *Hula Girls* (*Hula Gāru*)**

Directed by Sang-il Lee  
 2006 / 121 min. / 35mm / In Japanese with English subtitles.  
 First released in Japan in 2006, *Hula Girls* is based on a true story about a group of girls who save their small village with hula dancing. The film was nominated for twelve awards at the 2007 Japan Academy Awards and received five, including best film.

**July 23 • *Big Man Japan* (*Dai Nihonjin*)**

Directed by Hitoshi Matsumoto  
 2007 / 113 min. / 35mm / In Japanese with English subtitles.  
 Middle-aged and poverty-stricken, Masaru Daisato periodically transforms into a giant in order to defend Japan from invading monsters. This comedy is a clever spoof of super hero films.

**July 30**

***20th Century Boys 1: Beginning of the End*  
 (20-seiki shōnen: Honkaku kagaku bōken eiga)**

Directed by Yukihiro Tsutsumi  
 2008 / 142 min. / 35mm / In Japanese with English subtitles.  
 Based on a serial manga, this film features a group of young boys who wrote a book about fighting an evil organization. Thirty years later, their childhood prophecies come true.

**August 6 • *Maiko Haaaan!!!***

Directed by Nobuo Mizuta  
 2007 / 120 min. / 35mm / In Japanese with English subtitles.  
 A slapstick comedy written by the screenwriter of *Ping Pong*, this film features an office worker who is pursuing a *Maiko* (apprentice Geisha) in Kyoto.

**August 13**

***Battle League Horumo* (*Kamogawa horumō*)**

Directed by Katsuhide Motoki  
 2009 / 113 min. / 35mm / In Japanese with English subtitles.  
 Based on a best-selling fantasy novel, this combat/action/comedy film follows Akira Abe as he is accepted into Kyoto University and gets pulled into a club that battles an army of *oni* (spirits).

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