

**International Short Film Festival - Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2015**  
**Cinema Museum – Special Fall Screening Event –**  
**Enjoy international short films for free!**

**Short film based on the early life of street artist Shepherd Fairey has Japan Premiere.**  
**Venues: Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Andaz Tokyo 51F Andaz Studio**

Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA), a qualifying film festival for the annual Academy Awards® and one of Asia's largest international short film festivals, will hold "Cinema Museum – Special Fall Screening Event –" (Co-Organizer: Tokyo Metropolitan Government) in a tie-up with the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of Tokyo International Film Festival. The event will be held over two venues: Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum from October 14 (Wed) to 18 (Sun), and Andaz Tokyo 51F Andaz Studio from October 13 (Tue) to 16 (Fri).

Six short film programs will screen at this annual event aimed at spreading the word of short film and supporting up-and-coming filmmakers, including the SSFF & ASIA 2015 Grand Prix winner. There will also be Academy Awards® and Cannes Film Festival nominated works to look forward to.

What with one of the venues being an art museum, we have selected a program of art themed shorts to screen. This will include "OBEY THE GIANT," a film about famed street artist Shepard Fairey, the young man behind the infamous "OBEY" stickers visible in cities throughout the world, and creator of the iconic portrait produced in 2008 for the campaign trail of the USA's first black president. "A Brief History of John Baldessari," which features the American conceptual artist talking about his life and work, and "Kiki of Montparnasse," which focuses on one of the most prominent artists' muses of the early 20th-century avant-garde, will also screen in this international lineup.

※Further events and screening lineups will be announced shortly.

※Please use the form attached to request a press pass.

**SSFF & ASIA 2015 Grand Prix Winner!**  
**A story of two young Iranian boys.**



**"Cloudy Children"**

**Director: Reza Fahimi / Iran / 18:04 / Drama / 2014**

**Shepard Fairey, the young man behind the**  
**infamous "OBEY" stickers. Based on a true story**  
**about the artist's origins.**



**"OBEY THE GIANT - The Shepard Fairey Story"**

**Director: Julian Marshall / USA / 20:00 / Drama / 2013**

**Dates • Venues**

October 14 (Wed) ~ 18 (Sun), 2015 • Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum • [8-36 Ueno-Koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo]

October 13 (Tue) ~ 16 (Fri), 2015 • Andaz Tokyo 51F Andaz Studio • [Toranomon Hills, 1-23-14, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo]

Organizer: Committee for Short Shorts Asia • Co-Organizer: Tokyo Metropolitan Government • Supported by: J-WAVE

**Admission: Free** ※Advance reservations can be made online as of 13:00 on September 9, 2015

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※Events and film titles are subject to change

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## ■ Art Short Film Program

Shepard Fairey is the young man behind the infamous “OBEY” stickers visible in cities throughout the world, as well as the iconic graphic portrait produced in 2008 for the campaign trail of the USA’s first black president. This film, based on a true story, looks at the artist’s origins.

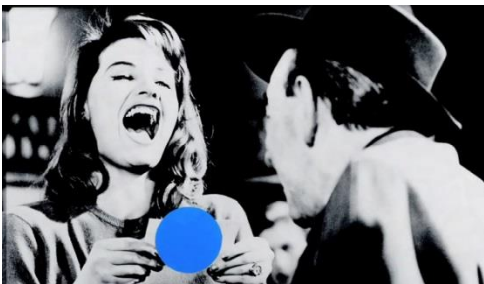


### “OBEY THE GIANT - The Shepard Fairey Story”

**Director: Julian Marshall / USA / 20:00 / Drama / 2013**

Based on the true story of Shepard Fairey’s first act of street art, this film shows how the young skate punk took on a big-city mayor and an art institution. Frustrated by his inability to gain respect at art school, Shepard sets out to gain notoriety by targeting the former mayor of Providence.

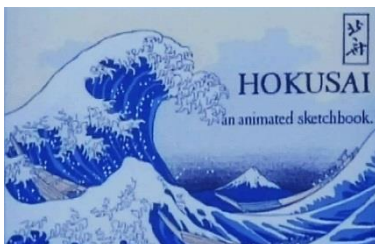
American conceptual artist John Baldessari, one of contemporary art’s most important creators, talks about his art and life. Narrated by Tom Waits.



### “A Brief History of John Baldessari”

**Directors: Ariel Schulman & Henry Joost / USA / 5:54 / Documentary / 2012**

John Baldessari is an artist who is perhaps most famous for putting colored dots over the faces of subjects in photographs, although he has also done other things ranging from sculptures to text on canvas. This short film interviews and explores him as a man and an artist - sort of.



### 1979 BAFTA British Short Animation Winner!

#### “Hokusai - An Animated Sketchbook”

**Director: Tony White / UK / 5:13 / Animation / 1978**

An animated film by a British director inspired to create a sketch book based on the works of Katsushika Hokusai - a Japanese ukiyo-e painter and printmaker from the Edo era who continues to have a tremendous impact on the art world today.



1920s Paris. Man Ray, Picasso, and Tsuguharu Foujita were among those who adored her most. The life of Alice Prin.

#### “Kiki of Montparnasse”

**Director: Amelie Harrault / France / 14:27 / Animation / 2013**

"Kiki de Montparnasse" was the unwary muse of major early twentieth-century avant-garde painters. Memorable witness to a flamboyant Montparnasse, she emancipated herself from the status of a simple model and became a Queen of the Night, a painter, a press cartoonist, a writer and a cabaret singer.

## ■ Jury Choice Short Film Program (SSFF & ASIA 2015 Award Winners)

A program comprised of works selected by SSFF & ASIA 2015's Official Competition Jury: Tow Ubukata, Eiji Okuda, Jun Kaname, Naomi Kawase, Jung Woo Sung and Norika Fujiwara. It includes the 2015 festival Grand Prix winner "Cloudy Children," which tells the story of two Iranian boys, and the CG Animation Competition Best Short Award winner, as chosen by the CG Competition jury, which included Takashi Yamazaki.



### “Cloudy Children”

**Director: Reza Fahimi / Iran / 18:04 / Drama / 2014**

In the village, two students are fighting over things that they could never have. In the end, they share everything which does not belong to them.

## ■ Audience Choice Short Film Program

A lineup of works by talented filmmakers that have received SSFF & ASIA Audience Awards, as chosen by popular vote. "The Interviewer" is an Australian film produced by Bus Stop Films, an inclusive non-profit organization that helps people with disabilities learn about and be involved in professional film making. "Gotham Jumble Parfait" stars actor Masaya Kato.



### “The Interviewer”

**Directors: Genevieve Clay-Smith & Robin Bryan  
Australia / 12:52 / Comedy-Drama / 2012**

Thomas is a lawyer looking for a chance to make a difference in the world. He gets the opportunity to interview at a prestigious law firm for his 'dream-job' working in the pro-bono department. But his chance to make a difference comes in an unexpected way.

## ■ Academy Awards & Cannes Film Festival Award-Winning Short Film Program

This program includes various Japan premieres, including the 2015 Academy Awards® Short Film (Live Action) winner "The Phone Call" and the Cannes Film Festival 2015 Palme d'Or (Short Film) winner "Waves '98." The four high-quality shorts in this lineup will prove irresistible to film lovers.



### Winner of the 2015 Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or (Short Film)

**“Wave '98”**

**Director: Ely Dagher / Lebanon, Qatar / 15:00 / Animation / 2015**

A teenager is swept away on a journey that will forever change him.

## ■ Hollywood Short Film Program

A lineup of films starring the likes of Kevin Spacey (“American Beauty”) and Jamie Dornan (“Fifty Shades of Grey”), as well as a directorial work by Gael Garcia Bernal (“Babel”). Instead of requesting a standard autograph, the director of the “New {fake} Trailer,” starring Bill Murray, requested that the actor appear in his film. Enjoy the result – and watch Murray taking a slow motion stroll.



### “The Ventriloquist”

**Director: Benjamin Leavitt / USA / 10:36 / Comedy / 2012**

Frank is a ventriloquist who has been at the same corner for the past 3 years. His puppet, Mr. Higgins, basically is Frank's more outgoing, more fierce personality. Frank does have a crush on Stephanie, his coffee provider, but it turns out that she doesn't like him back.

## ■ Asia & Japan Short Film Program

A lineup focusing on vibrant Asian films both old and new, including "Tokyo Symphony," produced under the "Tokyo Short Film Project" celebrating the 10th anniversary of SSFF & ASIA and Tokyo Metropolitan Government's collaboration, and "D.I.Y.," the first short film made by Singapore's renowned young director Royston Tan.



### “TOKYO SYMPHONY”

**Director: Toshiro Sonoda**

**Cast: Yuka Nakayama, Micky Curtis**

**Japan / 2014 / 14:02**

Erika has graduated from music school where she studied conducting. One day, she replies to a job advertisement and meets an old man at the mansion where she is to audition. He is blind and explains to her that he wants to complete an unfinished symphony about Tokyo.