



# 21st TOKYO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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TIFF NEWS

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## TIFF has launched Call for Entry for 2008 Competition

More than 250 films all over the world are shown during Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF) every year.

With a combination of both the new talents as well as the accomplished, the Competition section offers a line-up of high quality premiere films, with a highlight of the awarding ceremony of the "Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix."

The theme of TIFF 2008 is 'Ecology', stressing the importance of preserving the global environment. In order to align best with the theme, TIFF will add a new section which spotlights films depicting the co-existence of men and nature. A newly established award will recognize an outstanding film from any section that best showcases environment and ecology issues.

TIFF is accepting international submission for 2008 Competition. The submission deadline is July 15, 2008.

Please check at <http://www.tiff-jp.net>.

### ■ Competition

TIFF Competition has been the door to international success for many brilliant talents, such as Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Jean-Pierre Jeunet, Aki Kaurismaki, Tsai Ming-liang, etc. Feature films shot in 35 mm and completed after July 2007 are invited to participate from across the world, for fifteen films (TBD) to be selected and screened during the festival. Six prominent figures from the film industry will be invited as Jury members to determine the recipients of the following six prizes: the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, Special Jury Prize, Award for Best Director, Award for Best Actress, Award for Best Actor, and Award for Best Artistic Contribution. The results will be announced during the closing ceremony on October 26th.

### ■ Special Screenings

The most glamorous component of the TIFF is the "Special Screenings" section. Twenty (TBD) new and provocative domestic and international films will be screened. The line-up of Special Screenings is always dazzling, and the star-studded green carpet and opening and closing nights are the highlights of the festival.

### ■ Winds of Asia-Middle East

In recent years, Asia (including the Middle East) has become one of the most prolific filmmaking regions in the world. Twenty-five (TBD) films from this exciting region will be screened during the festival. Producers and crews from the featured films will be invited to the festival to engage in cultural exchanges with their Japanese counterparts and to further promote the Asian film industry.

### ■ Japanese Eyes

Ten (TBD) distinct and exciting new films from the burgeoning Japanese film scene will be screened, providing an opportunity to introduce Japanese audiences and guests from abroad to new directions in Japanese cinema.

### ■ World Cinema

Ten (TBD) valuable new titles that have not been screened in Japan will be featured, including attention-getting American and European works fresh from film festivals around the globe, and features from famous directors whose works have never been shown in Japan.



■ animecs TIFF

Japan's animations films have gathered the world's attention. Ten high-quality and innovative new works and world famous classics (TBD) will be featured and unveiled for the world to enjoy.

■ Natural TIFF (Provisional Title)

This new section underscores the theme of the 21<sup>st</sup> TIFF: "Ecology." Featuring 20 new works as well as classics (TBD) that show various views on the relation between men and nature.

### **Exhibited at Shanghai and Annecy (France) Markets (TIFFCOM 2008)**

TIFFCOM is the entertainment business market affiliated with Tokyo International Film Festival. TIFFCOM went Shanghai and Annecy for exhibitions. TIFFCOM's variety of the market composition was well promoted as its strength and unique advantage at the "Shanghai Film & TV Market (from June 10th - 13th)" in Shanghai, China and at "MIFA2008 (from June 11th - 13th)" in Annecy, France. It was very beneficial to market TIFFCOM to the constantly-changing Chinese market and rapidly-growing European market, especially in Animation. We will be expanding our market existence all over the world.

