

“かくれんぼ (Hide & Seek)”

2015, Japan, RT21:49

Synopsis

Shoichi, a Japanese man wants to have an independent life of his own but his mother's death directs him to be responsible for his problematic younger brother who cannot live independently. Frustration accumulated, Shoichi makes a radical decision to get away from his brother...

Main Cast & Credit

Cast

Masaki MIURA, Shoichi
Kuniaki NAKAMURA, Kotaro
Hiroko NINOMIYA, Ms. Yamada
Matsumi FUKU, Tachibana
Kaori TAKESHITA, Yamamura
Mizuno TADASHI, Yoshida
Yuuichi NAKANO, Patient
Sachiko MATSUURA, Mitsuko

Credit

Director, Writer, Producer, Editor: Kimie Tanaka
Producer: Tomo Koizumi
Director of Photography: Jordan Quellman
Music: Grégory Privat
Assistant Camera: Jaime Villa Ruiz
Assistant Director: Emilie Slivestri
Gaffer: Daisuke Ogawa
Sound: Tsubasa Mano
Makeup: Mariko Ide
Costume: Maya Yabuno
Art Director: Keisuke Tsuru
2nd Assistant Director: Hiroaki Yanagi
Production Assistant: Takuma Omichi
Unit Production Manager: Akihiko Matsuo

Sound Design: David Briggs

Color Correction: Titra TV

Production: Tetra Company

New York University Tisch Asia School of the Arts

Director's Statement

The story unfolds itself around a “shut-in” man in Japan. He is categorized as a “failure”, while having a certain equilibrium in his life with his mother, who doesn't mind keeping him close to her. Although, on the other hand, she expects her older son to become a doctor, which is considered to be a symbol of “success”. The older son flinches from the mother's unrealistic expectation, though he is not totally satisfied with his current life either.

Their society expects individuals to live up to whatever they – “society” - set as “ideal”. Influenced by such, each individual also set their expectation for their significant others - like in this story, the mother does to the older brother and the older brother does to the younger brother. The younger generation, indeed, would sicken themselves from the value older generation, though neither they can free themselves from it.

Then, would that bring them happiness? Not necessarily. Even satisfying such an external parameter, you still would have to face with your life. So both of the choices – to follow the social expectation, or fail with/reject it – just ends up leaving you in your loneliness.

This film is my attempt to explore the way of living in one of the most organized society, Japan.

- Director/Write/Producer, Kimie Tanaka

Biography & Filmography of the Director

Kimie Tanaka (Director/Writer): Born and grew up in Nagoya, Japan. M.F.A. in New York University Tisch Asia School of the Arts, B.A. in Economics in the University of Tokyo. Starting from a business analyst in India, she moved to Chile, New York and Singapore where she started to pursue a career of directing movies. Her debut short film “Kotobuki/To Us” won the Best Short Award in Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2013, followed by this film “Hide & Seek” which had its international premier in Toronto International Film Festival; both films were nominated in various international film festivals. Currently developing next screenplays, one of which will be her debut feature film. Based in Paris.

2015

- ◆ “Hide & Seek” (Japan, Drama, 21mins)
 - Competition in Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia '15 (Japan, June 2015)
 - Competition in Toronto International Film Festival (Canada, September 2015)
 - Competition in Bali International Film Festival (Indonesia, September 2015)
 - Competition in Message to Man Film Festival (Russia, September 2015)
 - Competition in Aichi International Woman’s Film Festival (Japan, September 2015)
 - Off Theatre in Sapporo International Short Film Festival (Japan, October 2015)
 - Competition in Vancouver Asian Film Festival (Canada, November 2015)
 - Competition in Kyiv International Film Festival (Ukraine, November 2015)
 - Competition in Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival (US, January 2016)
 - Competition in Sguardi Altrove Film Festival (Italy, March 2016)
 - - Won the Best Short Film Award
 - Competition in Paris Short Film Festival (France, May 2016)
 - Competition in A Long Week of Short Films (China, May 2016)
 - Screening in NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA) (US, May 2016)
 - Competition in Intravenosa Film Festival (Colombia, August 2016)

2013

- ◆ “Kotobuki” (Japan, Drama, 15mins)
 - Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia '13
 - Best Short Award,
 - Governor of Tokyo Award
 - Best Actress Award
 - Special Screening in Short Short Film Festival in Mexico (Mexico, September 2013)
 - Official Selection in Sapporo International Short Film Festival (Japan, September 2013)

- Special Screening in Camera Japan Festival (Netherlands, September 2013)
- Special Screening in Kaohsiung Film Festival (Taiwan, October 2013)
- Official Selection in International Student Film and Video Festival in Beijing Film Academy (China, October 2013)
- Official Selection in San Diego Asian Film Festival (US, November 2013)
- Official Selection in International Izmir Short Film Festival (Turkey, November 2013)
- Special Screening in Ozu Film Festival (Italy, November 2013)
- Official Selection in Festival Tous Courts (France, December 2013)
- Special Screening in Bio Rio (Sweden, February 2014)
- Official Selection in Rome Independent Film Festival (Italy, March 2014)
- Official Selection in Sguardi Altrove Film Festival (Italy, March 2014)
- Official Selection in Hong Kong International Film Festival (Hong Kong, March 2014)
- Official Selection in KALIBER35 Munich Int'l Film Festival (Germany, June 2014)
- Official Selection in Maremetraggio International Short Film Festival (Italy, July 2014)
- Official Selection in Daegu Independent Short Film Festival (Korea, September 2014)
- Official Selection in Nara International Film Festival (Japan, September 2014)
- Official Selection in International Short Film Festival in Drama (Greece, September 2014)
- Official Selection in Kyiv International Film Festival «Molodist»(Ukraine, October 2014)
- Official Selection in Siliguri International Short Film and Documentary Contest (India, November, 2014)
- Official Selection in Rafi Peer International Film Festival (Pakistan, December 2014)



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