

Japanese Film Festival 2026

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce the hosting of the Japanese Film Festival 2026, to be held at MovieTowne, Port of Spain, and Caribbean Cinemas, South Park, San Fernando, on September 12 and 19, respectively.

Admission to all screenings is free of charge, and tickets can be collected on the day, when the box offices opens, at MovieTowne (Port of Spain) or Caribbean Cinemas (South Park).

Film Screenings:

MovieTowne, Port of Spain

- Children of the Sea – Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 5:30 PM (All Ages)

Caribbean Cinemas, South Park, San Fernando

- It's a Summer Film! – Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM (All Ages)
- ON-GAKU: Our Sound – Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 8:00 PM (PG-13)

This year's festival brings three extraordinary and diverse Japanese films to the big screen, each offering something everyone can enjoy:

Children of the Sea - a visually spectacular animated fantasy that delves into the mysteries of the ocean and explores humanity's profound connection with nature. With its striking animation and thought-provoking narrative, the film invites audiences to contemplate the relationship between people and the natural world.

It's a Summer Film! - a witty science-fiction romantic comedy set around a Japanese high school film club. Blending friendship, romance, humor and a passion for filmmaking, the film offers a charming and unconventional coming-of-age story.

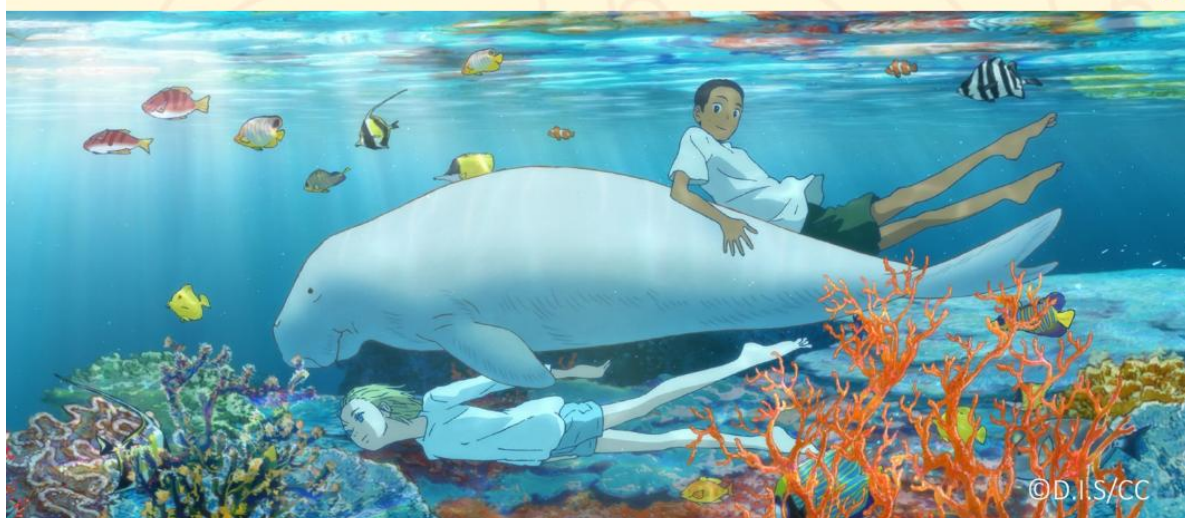
ON-GAKU: Our Sound - a distinctive rotoscope-animated deadpan comedy musical following three unlikely delinquents who discover a shared passion for rock music and decide to form a band. Quirky, energetic and unconventional, the film offers a fresh take on friendship, music and the spirit of youthful creativity.

These three films demonstrate the remarkable range of Japanese cinema and provide audiences with an opportunity to experience Japanese films that are rarely available in local theatres. The Embassy of Japan warmly invites film enthusiasts, students, cultural organizations, and the public to participate in this celebration of Japanese cinema.

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Children of the Sea

海獣の子供



MOVIE TOWNE
PORT OF SPAIN
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
5:30 PM
All Ages

ADMISSION
FREE!

Collect your tickets
on the day at
Movie Towne

When Ruka was younger, she saw a ghost in the water at the aquarium where her dad works. Now she feels drawn toward the aquarium and the two mysterious boys she meets there, Umi and Sora. They were raised by dugongs and hear the same strange calls from the sea as she does. As the three children's relationship grows, strange phenomenon are frequently occurring above the Earth.



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It's a Summer Film!



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CARIBBEAN CINEMAS
SOUTH PARK, SAN FERNANDO
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:30 PM
All Ages

ADMISSION
FREE!

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Caribbean Cinemas

Barefoot is a high-school girl who adores samurai movies and Japanese costume drama. But she doesn't stand a chance of making a samurai movie at school, as all the film club members prefer romantic dramas. One day Barefoot meets Rintaro, who is an ideal actor for the lead samurai role in a movie she wrote. And so Barefoot and her two best friends, Kickboard and Blue Hawaii, persuade Rintaro to star in the movie, also gathering unique cast and crew. However, during production, Barefoot finds out that Rintaro is a time-traveler from the future!



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ON-GAKU: Our Sound



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CARIBBEAN CINEMAS
SOUTH PARK, SAN FERNANDO
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:00 PM
PG-13

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High school delinquent Kenji one day suddenly suggests to pals Ota and Asakura that they start a band. However none of them have even touched an instrument before. Their band starts off as a bass, another bass, and drums – a unique lineup indeed. The moment they played a note, they are overcome by a sensation like they have never felt before, and are fairly impressed by themselves. The day after they decide on their band name to be Kobujutsu (classical martial arts), they find out that the school already has a folk group named Kobijutsu (classical arts). Their sound and look definitely clash, but they hit it off after seeing each other play. And now they have their eyes set on entering an upcoming rock festival in August.



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