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The 3rd Niigata International Animation Film Festival Daily News

「自由な精神」を 感じてもらいたい

Sense the spirit of freedom:

Pelikan Blue

「ペリカン・ブルー」ラースロ・チャキ監督インタビュー

Interview with Pelikan Blue director László Csáki.

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○制作過程を語るラースロ・チャキ監督

12:00~13:21 T・ジョイ 12:00PM - 1:21PM at T-JOY 次回19日 12:00~13:21 新潟市民プラザ Next 19th 12:00 PM~1:21 PM at Niigata Citizen Plaza

オリビア、ラモン、バルバラ、マウリシオの4人 の物語を軸に愛の複雑さをシュールに描く。

オリビアと雲 Olivia and the Clouds ドミニカ/Dominican Republic/2024/81min/ 監督:トマス・ピシャルド・エスパイヤット Director:Tomás PICHARDO ESPAILLAT

本日上映される作品の 中から3本を紹介する。

We are proud to present three of the films that will be screened today

長編コンペ

Screening of Feature Film Competition

Through the stories of Olivia, Ramon, Barbara and Maurcio we see the surreal representation of love's complexities.

レトロスペクティブ



東京ゴッドファーザーズ TOKYO GODFATHERS

日本/Japan/2003/90min/監督:今敏 Director:Satoshi Kon

> 18:00~19:32 シネ・ウインド 6:00PM~7:32PM at Cine Wind

新宿で暮らすホームレス3人組の前に、 意外なクリスマス・プレゼントがやってきた。 ゴミの山の中で生まれたばかりの赤ちゃん を発見したのだ。勝手に"清子"と命名し、 ゴッドファーザー(名づけ親)となった3人

は、雪ふる街を、親を探してさまよい歩く。 Three homeless friends in Shinjuku-this Christmas brings an unexpected gift. Amid the mountains of rubbish, they discover a newborn baby. They name her Kiyoko and, taking on the role of her Godfathers, they set off through the snow-covered streets in search of the child's mother.

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イベント上映 event screening

ドワーフ特集

Dwarf Special

登壇者:西野亮廣、松本紀子 Speakers: Akihiro Nishino, Noriko Matsumoto

> 18:00~19:30 日報ホール 6:00PM~7:30PM at Nippo Hall

日本を代表するこま撮りアニメーションスタジオのドワーフ。その魅力と制作の秘密を「ボトルジョージ」製作総指揮・原案・ 脚本の西野亮廣氏も交えて解き明かし

Dwarf is a stop-motion animation studio that represents Japan. We will uncover its charm and the secrets of its production, involving Akihiro Nishino, who served as the executive producer, original creator, and scriptwriter of "Bottle George".

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コンペ作品の星取り表の掲載は本日ありません。 The star rating chart for the competition entries will not be published today.

The first feature-length film of Hungarian-born director László Csáki presents a story of three young people in Hungary in the 1990s. As the socialist system is on the brink of collapse, they start to ask "what is freedom?" We asked the director about the background to the work We asked the director about the background to the work and his thoughts at that time.

DN(Daily News): Is Pelikan Blue a true story?

LC: The three characters are my friends, and we all used to travel on fake tickets. Young people were eager for information and keen to get all kinds of experiences, and for that they needed the freedom to travel. Almost without exception, I'm sure everybody in that generation used fake tickets to travel around. It was this spirit of freedom of that time that I wanted to convey.

DN: You were going to make it live-action, but it turned out an

LC: Animation is a method of free and abstract information, so the drawing can express anything you want it to. Then incorporating live-action footage into it, it strengthens the documentary aspect. I used the actual audio from the interviews. The live-action was shot with an 8mm film camera, which made it look like an old video.

DN: What was the production process?

LC: I started by interviewing my three friends. I learnt so much from them about the details of fake tickets that I became convinced I had to make a movie. As we say in Hungary, "life writes the best

DN: What is the situation of animation in Hungary?

LC: It has developed as a place to experiment with expression. During the socialist era it was difficult to express oneself freely, so artists had to incorporate satire and humor in their works. I think that helped Hungarian animation develop the tradition of reading between

DN: And do you have any message for anybody about to see your

LC: Well, I don't want them to get the idea that they have to use a fake ticket in order to be free, haha! But I hope the movie will give them a taste of that freedom. Enjoy the movie and have a good trip!



ペリカン・ブルー

Pelikan Blue

ハンガリー/Hungary/2023/80min/監督:ラースロ・チャキ Director:László Csáki

1990年代のハンガリー。国境が開き、旅行が可能になったが、列車の 切符は高額で、多くの人にとって夢のまた夢だった。そんな中、アコス、 ペーチャ、ラチの3人は、偽造した国際列車の切符で若者たちに「外の 世界」を旅する機会を提供しようと決意する。

In the 1990s Hungary, traveling is finally possible but unaffordable. By forging international train tickets, three young men provide the opportunity for a whole generation to experience the outside world.

18日 10:00~11:19 T・ジョイ 18th 10:00AM~11:19 AM at T-JOY



新潟の"おもてなし" 華やかに歓迎パーティー

A lively and warm welcome to Niigata hospitality.

映画祭3日目の17日夜には、新潟日報メディアシップ20階でレセ プションパーティーが開かれた。国内外の映画祭や地元関係者、 ボランティアら約160人が歓談し、新潟の「おもてなし」を楽しんだ。

地元商店街代表の高山卓一郎さんが「映画祭を通じて新潟の 魅力を国内外に発信したい。映画祭がさらに発展し活気づくことを 願います」などとあいさつ。テーブルには、新潟県産野菜や果物を 使ったメニューが並んだ。また「みなとまち新潟」の伝統文化を

代表する新潟古町芸妓による華やかな舞が披露された。

映画祭を学びの場とする「新潟アニメーションキャンプ」に参加 した日本とアジアの若者たちもパーティーに出席。インドネシア のカヌ・スドラジャットさん (18) は「たくさんの素晴らしい作品を 見られた。映画祭を通じて将来自分が制作するときのインスピ ーションを得たい」と目を輝かせていた。

A welcome reception party was held on the 20th floor of the Niigata Nippo Mediaship on March 17th, gathering roximately 150 people including festival organizers, local officials, and volunteers from Japan and abroad In his opening remarks, local retailers' association chairman Takuichiro Takayama observed that the festival is going from strength to strength, and is certain it will convey the charm of Niigata to people in Japan and beyond. The tables were lined with menus featuring vegetables and fruits grown in Niigata Prefecture. Entertainment

was provided by Niigata Furumachi Geigi, who represent the traditional culture of "Minato-machi Niigata," and performed a delightful dance.

Japanese and Asian youths who participated in the "Niigata Animation Camp," a film festival as a learning opportunity, also attended the party. Kanu Sudrajat, 18, from Indonesia said, "I saw many wonderful films. I hope to get inspiration for my own work in the future through the festival.'

新潟発「REKKA」どうなった? 20日に板野一郎さん6登壇

プロジェクト『REKKA』の現在地2025

Project REKKA:2025 Update

20日 12:30~14:00 日報ホール 20th 12:30PM~2:00PM at Nippo Hall

Niigata Project REKKA: Update from Ichiro Itano on March 20

新潟県十日町市から出土した国宝「火焰型土器」をモチーフにした巨神 アニメ「REKKA」のプロジェクト進行状況を語るトークイベントが20日に行わ れる。40秒のコンセプトムービーが初公開となるほか、原案・板野一郎さん、 総監督・小中和哉さん、監督・阿尾直樹さんの3人が制作秘話を披露する。

「REKKA」は昨年の第2回映画祭でサプライズ発表された。近未来の日本で 古代の巨神REKKAがよみがえり、大震災を引き起こした巨神「スサノオ」と

REKKA was the surprise announcement at the 2nd NIAFF last year. It tells the story of the ancient giant deity REKKA who is resurrected and returns to Japan in the near future to do battle against the giant god

戦うストーリー。

十日町市のアニメ制作会社「紺吉(こんよし)」によるオリジナル作品で、 企画が2月の「東京アニメピッチグランプリ」の優秀賞に選ばれた。

地元・十日町市でも「応援する会」が結成され、盛り上がりを見せている。 最新のデザイン画 (写真) はイラストレーター武藤聖馬さん作。板野さんの ラフデザインと共に、映画祭期間中「NIIAGATA SKY BAR」で展示している。

Ichiro Itano will give a talk on March 20 on the progress of project REKKA. This is the story of the giant god inspired by the flame-shaped earthenware artefact from the Jomon period, discovered in Niigata Prefecture. Author Ichiro Itano, executive director Kazuya Konaka and director Naoki Ao will present a 40-second concept movie shown in public for the first time. The project was selected for the Excellence Award of the "Tokyo Anime Pitch Grand Prix" in February.

Susanoo who causes the earth to tremble. It is an original work by the animation production company Konyoshi in Tokamachi City, which is where the priceless Jomon relic was unearthed. A support group formed in Tokamachi City has been generating a lot of

excitement.

Photos of the latest design painting created by illustrator Shoma Muto, along with Itano's sketch design, are on display at the NIIGATA SKY BAR during the film festival.

新潟国際アニメーション映画祭実行委員会 (一般社団法人新潟国際アニメーション映画祭)

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Balentes

「バレンティス」ジョヴァンニ・コロンブ監督インタビュー

Interview with Giovanni Columbu, director of Balentes



アニメーションの伝統的技法や 未来の映画について話すジョヴァンニ・コロンブ監督。

DN: What was rural life like in Sardinia in 1940?

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で起こることを取り入れた。映

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過去に戻ることこそが未来である

"The future is in the past" $Giovanni\ Columbu\ was\ inspired\ to\ make\ this\ film\ by\ a\ story\ his\ grandmother\ told\ him\ in\ his\ native\ Sardinia.\ We\ talked\ to\ him\ about\ his\ use\ of\ traditional\ but\ contemporary\ techniques.$ GC: It doesn't refer to or represent actual persons; instead I created characters to interpret the story in my own way. It's not bound by the first script or the original story, but it incorporates what happened at that place in that moment. I see movies as a continuous process of creation.

DN(Daily News): What did you feel when your grandmother told you this story? GC: I thought there was injustice in this story, and that's what attracted me. The two young boys are pure idealists; they didn't steal the horses for money, but to prevent them from being sent to the battlefield. "Balentes" means "the brave" in the Sardinian language. It DN: Why did you choose the analogue method?

GC: I wanted to use simple techniques to express the poverty and simplicity of the rural world. I like the "imperfection" of primitive animation, and I use rotoscope and hyper-realism techniques. There is also a secondary concept throughout the film, and that is the concept of simplicity and sufficiency. In the sense that we have to live in a simpler world, "our future is in the past." The film shows that even with a small budget, you should have the freedom to create original things without relying on other people's opinions or funds.

バレンティス **Balentes**

イタリア/Italy/2024/72min/監督:ジョヴァンニ・コロンブ Director:Giovanni Columbu

1940年、実際にサルデーニャで起きた実話を元にした作品。ファシズムが支配する 第二次世界大戦の直前、軍の農場から馬が盗まれる。主犯の11歳と14歳の少年達 は、ただ馬を戦争と死から救いたかっただけなのだが...。

Based on an event that really happened in Sardinia in 1940, against the backdrop of fascism and on the eve of the Second World War, the film tells of some horses theft carried out against a military farm. The protagonists are two boys aged 11 and 14. Their intentions are completely idealistic: free the horses so that they do not die in war.

18日 18:40~19:52 新潟市民プラザ 18th 6:40PM~7:52PM at Niigata Citizen Plaza

GC: People were extremely poor, but in some ways they were free. People were not discontented. But the modern world was encroaching, and the war and fascism had a owerful impact on rural life. DN: Is your film true to the story you were told? 「ワールズ・ディバイド」デンバー・ジャクソン監督インタビュー The Worlds Divide

の源になっている。 一つの のよう

Director Interview with Denver Jackson,

describes someone who is not only courageous, but also sincere and adventurous in spirit.

でアニメを作る過程が『自分にも ーターだった。

た。約3年間、毎日寝る間も惜 業して大変だったが、

千尋の神

オープンマインドでいれば、独学でもアニメをつくれる



目

ワールズ・ディバイド The Worlds Divide

Director:Denver Jackson

カナダ/Canada/2024/116min/監督:デンバー・ジャクソン

※価格は消費税10%込み Price includes 10% consumption tax

終末後の戦争に荒れた世界で恐怖に怯えて暮らしていた少女ナトミは、父テリックに よって魔法の世界「エスルナ」へと導かれ、世界の秘密を知ることになる。

Natomi is living a fearful life in a post-apocalyptic world consumed by war, when her father, Terric, transports her to a magical world called Esluna.

18日 12:20~14:16 新潟市民プラザ 18th 12:20PM~2:16PM at Niigata Citizen Plaza

The Worlds Divide "With an open mind you can even teach yourself animation". The Worlds Divide presents a character who travels back and forth between different eras and worlds, and depicts a dystopian future. We spoke to self-taught director Denver Jackson about the production process and his thoughts.

DN(Daily News): With wars and famine, you seem to take a dystopian view of the future? DJ: Most of the film was made in the midst of the corona pandemic, and I saw a lot of argument and conflict on the internet. I wanted to make a film that would make people think about what they should do to prevent the world from becoming like this.

DN: How did it come about that you taught yourself animation?

DJ: When I saw "Spirited Away" in high school, I decided then that I wanted to do animation as a career. Firstly, I thoroughly researched the animation production process. I worked on each process one by one, including scriptwriting and storyboarding; and I mastered the entire process. I learned it practically by actually making short films.

DN: So you made the film almost entirely on your own?

DJ: Basically, I did everything by myself, but my colleagues supported me. There were only three of us in the production team, not including the voice actors. It was hard work, working ever day for about three years, often sleeping over at the studio. But we were a small team and very

DN: Did you use crowdfunding to raise funds for the production?

DJ: There were a lot of fans who supported us, as well as artists and animators. I think that when people see you creating an anime by yourself, people can relate to that and it makes them think 'Maybe I can do it, too.'

DN: What message do you have for Japanese anime fans?

DJ: I love Japanese anime and find it a source of inspiration. I put homage to what I love into my work. There are elements of cyberpunk like "Ghost in the Shell," Ghibli, and fantasy like Makoto Shinkai. It was one of my goals to screen the film in Japan, so I am really happy to be

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(Recommended food and shop)



家庭料理+ごちそう=ほっこり&うきうき

腹ぺこむっこ Harapeko(Hungry) Mukko



木を基調にした温かみのある店内と、

看板には「ほっこりうきうき」の文字。家庭料理のような温かさと、ごちそうを前にした高揚感が味わえる前にした高揚感が味わえる前にした高揚感が味わえる前にした高揚感が味わえるが、今の時季なら春野菜並ぶ。今の時季なら春野菜が山菜を使った料理をチョイス。迷ったらちょい飲みセット(ドリンク1杯、おつまみ2品1500円)を。何を食べても間違いなし。

The sign reads "Hokkori Ukiuki," reflecting the warmth of home-cooked meals and the excitement of enjoying a delicious feast. This izakaya offers both comfort and delight. The proprietress, Ms. Watanabe, opened the restaurant 13 years ago at the young age of 23. A recommendation board on the wall displays a diverse selection of creative dishes. This season, you can enjoy dishes featuring spring vegetables and wild plants. If you're unsure what to order, try the "Light Drink Set" (one drink + two appetizers for 1,500 yen) or the "Evening Drink Set" (two drinks + three appetizers for 2,400 yen). No matter what you choose, you can't go wrong!

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What's NIIGATA

④なぜマンガ・アニメ家が多い?

4 Why are there so many manga and anime creators?

新潟はマンガ家が多いと言われています。よく言われるのは 冬の間、雪で外に出られず、こたつで絵を描く「こたつ文化」が 影響しているという説です。マンガ家に勝る劣らず、アニメーターも 層が厚いのはこの影響なのでしょうか。

こメーションへの道を切り開いた新潟県出身者といえば、 まずはスタジオジブリの『耳をすませば』(1995)を監督した近藤 ますはスタシオンノりの『耳をすませは』(1995)を監督した近藤 喜文氏。次世代としてガイナックスを設立し、新世代のアニメを 牽引した山賀博之氏や、エヴァンゲリオンシリーズなどを手がけた 鶴巻和哉氏がいます。青春群像劇を得意とする長井龍雪氏は 本映画祭にも登場しました。なぜこれだけ多様な実力派が輩出 されるのか。あなたはどう思いますか?

Niigata is known as manga artists town. One reason may be that the climate encouraged a kotatsu culture. During winter in Niigata's snow country, you might be more comfortable under the kotatsu than venturing out. That encourages the habit of adding an extra layer, which probably

out. That electrograms the habit of adding an extra layer, which probably applies to animators as well.

Nigata natives who paved the way for animation include Yoshifumi Kondo, who directed Studio Ghibli's "Whisper of the Heart" (1995).

Another was Hiroyuki Yamaga, who founded Gainax, and led the new generation of anime. And let's not forget Kazuya Tsurumaki, who worked on the Evangelion series, and Tatsuyuki Nagai, who has brought so many young people to watch anime, and who ions us at this brought so many young people to watch anime, and who joins us at this year's festival. Why does Niigata generate and attract such talent? What do you think?

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