

## One of the Asia's largest film festival accredited by the Academy Awards SHORT SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL & ASIA 2022

### SSFF & ASIA proudly presents Mom's Celestial Robe of Feathers: A Short Film set in Okinawa and supported by Japan Cultural Expo Released Worldwide on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on the anniversary of 50 years since the return of Okinawa to mainland Japan in 1972

Asia's one of the largest International Short Film Festival, Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA) has released a short film "Mom's Celestial Robe of Feathers" as a project supported by Japan Cultural Expo.

<https://youtu.be/SxptWcCsVA0>

This short film based on the story with the same title by Kumiko Takahashi. The story is set in Okinawa and draws inspiration from local legends about a celestial maiden that ends up living among the humans after her robe of feathers got stolen by a fisherman.

The short film was directed by Kazuhiro Taira who was from Okinawa and had its premiere at the Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2022. Created in the frame of a project run by SSFF & ASIA and Japan Cultural Expo, "Mom's Celestial Robe of Feathers" was released worldwide on May 15, 2022, on the anniversary of 50 years since the return of Okinawa to mainland Japan in 1972.

This short film can be watched online for free with English subtitles.

### ***Does becoming a parent mean the end of one's own dreams?***

*A Heartwarming Story About  
Parents and Children*

#### **Mom's Celestial Robe of Feathers**

21:29 / 2022 / Japan

Writer / Director / Editor: Kazuhiro Taira

#### **Cast:**

Misaki Hattori, Ririka Kawashima, Koh Ikeda  
Gori (Garage Sale) and Machiko Ono

#### **Original Story**

"Mom's Celestial Robe of Feathers" by Kumiko Takahashi  
Reading the original story (of this short film).

"There are many things that I don't like."

The traffic jam on the way to Naha, my debt-ridden father, my best friend's boyfriend, milk, and my hometown, Shioya-wan."

Why did my beautiful mother marry my father? Ruri tried to escape from these thoughts as she faced an uncertain future. Then, one day, she learns of her mother's past, but...

<https://www.shortshorts.org/japanculturalexpo/en/creation-of-stories-all-around-japan/>



## “Mom’s Celestial Robe of Feathers” director & casts



### Director: Kazuhiro Taira

He made his directorial debut in 2014 with the film “Amboina Can't Kill” & won the 15th TAMA NEW WAVE Un Certain Regard, Suspense NEWWAVE Award. In 2015 he wrote & directed “Yarazu no machi, Koza no Ame”, which was screened at the Okinawa International Film Festival. In 2016, he won the 3rd New Directors Film Festival Special Award for his film “Kugiuchi no ballad.” In 2020, he won the Runner-up Grand Prix in the Drama category at the Japan Commercial Broadcasters Association Awards for his QAB special drama “Panauru Okoku monogatari.” In 2022, “Miracle City Koza,” which he directed and wrote, was released in theaters nationwide. He has also worked on several TV programs in Okinawa Prefecture, including “Togyu senshi waido” and “Ryukyu torauma naito,” as well as corporate promotions in and outside of Okinawa Prefecture.



### Misaki Hattori

Born 2006 in Aichi Prefecture. She played a lead role in the hit film “Midnight Swan” (2020) and won the 44th Japan Academy Award for Best New Actor. She appeared in commercials for “International University of Fashion” and wore Dior in GINZA magazine, expanding her work to include modeling.



### Ririka Kawashima

Born March 17, 2002. In 2010, she debuted with the TBS TV drama “Tokujo Kabachi!!” She has since appeared in a number of TV dramas and films. In 2019, she was selected as one of the leads in Jo Odagiri’s 1st directorial effort, “They Say Nothing Stays the Same.” She won the Best New Actress Award at the 34th Takasaki Film Festival & with more appearances scheduled for the future.



### Koh Ikeda

Born, 1995 in Toyama Prefecture. In 2019, he won the Grand Prix in the audition for the lead role on Tokyo MX 2's “Kaiyuuki Getto.” In the same year, he made a regular appearance on TBS's “Grand Maison Tokyo.” He is also appearing in a wide variety of TV shows as a young actor with cooking skills. He has 1.1 million followers on TikTok, where he is known as “Omu-oji,” or the “Omelette Prince,” and is known for his original recipes. In March, 2022, he released his 1st book through Kadokawa Publishing, “Kantan na noni homerareru! Tamago darake no iyashi reshipi” (loosely translated as “Easy but delicious, egg recipes”). He is a regular on NHK's “Chimudondon. He is a licensed chef, nutrition instructor, and food planner.



### Gori (Garage Sale)

Born in Okinawa, 1972. After dropping out of Nihon University College of Art's Department of Cinema, he formed “Garage Sale” with his junior high school classmate Kawada and worked as part of a comedy duo.

He began making films in 2006, and his second feature film, “Born Bone Born” (2018), was the top weekend box office film in Okinawa for six consecutive weeks and won numerous awards at film festivals in Japan and abroad. In 2019, he won the Directors Guild of Japan New Directors Award for the same film. His latest short film, “A Woman Who Acts” (2020), won the SSFF & ASIA 2021 He won the Best Actor Award in the Japan Competition. He is expanding his work through his YouTube channel “Gori★Okinawa” (230,000 subscribers) which he started in 2019 to promote the attractions of Okinawa.



### Machiko Ono

Born in 1981 in Nara Prefecture.

In 1997, she made her debut as the lead in Kawase Naomi's film “Suzaku,” and in 2007, she again played the lead in Kawase's “The Mourning Forest,” which won the Grand Prix at the 60th Cannes International Film Festival.

Her major film credits include NHK's television series “Carnation” (2011), “Climber's High” (2008), “Like Father, Like Son” (2013), “Being Good” (2015), “Tomorrow's Dining Table,” “Yakuza and the Family” and “Akaneiro ni Yakareru” (2021), among others. Last year she won several Best Actress Awards. Upcoming films include “Hatachi no Soul” “Haken Anime,” “Kochira Amiko,” and “Sabakan.”

## 【Short Shorts Film Festival & ASIA 2022 Outline】

■President : Tetsuya Bessho

■Dates : June 7th (Tue)～ June 20th (Mon)

Online Screening April 28th (Thurs) ～June 30th (Thurs)

■Screening Venues : Opening Ceremony at LINE CUBE SHIBUYA

Euro Live

Omotesando Hills Space O

TORQUE SPICE & HERB, TABLE & COURT

iTSCOM STUDIO & HALL Futakotamagawa Rise

Akasaka Intercity Conference

※Schedules varies by venue

■Admission : Free ※Special events will have an admission fee

■Official Website : <https://www.shortshorts.org/2022/en>

■Organizer : Committee for Short Shorts / Committee for Short Shorts Film Festival Asi

※All event schedules are subject to change due to COVID-19.



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