



THE KIRISHIMA THING (Kirishima Bukatsu Yamerutteyo) – Thursday, February 19 – 20:00

2012 / Blu Ray / 103 min

Director: Daihachi Yoshida

Cast: Ryunosuke Kamiki, Ai Hashimoto, Masahiro Higashide

News that the school's 'star' Kirishima has quit the volleyball team sends shock waves throughout the campus. "Kirishima's quitting!" Even his girlfriend can't reach him to find out why. The unexpected announcement affects everyone – from the volleyball team to the 'elite' clique to which Kirishima belongs, and even down to the 'lower' beings in the school hierarchy that have nothing to do with him...



ABOUT THE PINK SKY (Momoiro Sora O) – Friday, February 20 – 20:00

2012 / Blu Ray / 113 min

Director: Keiichi Kobayashi

Cast: Ai Ikeda, Ena Koshino, Reiko Fujiwara

Kawashima Izumi, a high school student picks up a wallet containing a large sum of cash that she finds lying on the street. This arouses her curiosity, which drives her to begin a search for the wallet's owner...

This coming-of-age drama is a fresh evocation of a high school girl's adolescence with beautiful black and white cinematography.



THINGS LEFT BEHIND (Hiroshima Ishiuchi Miyako Nokosareta Monotachi) – Saturday, February 21 – 20:00

2013 / Blu Ray / 80 min.

Director: Linda Hoaglund

Cast: Miyako Ishiuchi

Documentary about the first major international art exhibition devoted to Hiroshima, by photographer Miyako Ishiuchi. The protagonists are 48 photographs - of dresses, shoes and other clothing items of those who perished in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. They are the keys to liberate Hiroshima from monochromatic past and bring it into the vivid present. This film documents the new stories woven together by Ishiuchi's photographs, transcending time and national borders...



REUNION (Itai Asu e no Tokakan) – Sunday, February 22 – 20:00

2013 / Blu Ray / 105 min.

Director: Ryoichi Kimizuka

Cast: Toshiyuki Nishida, Naoto Ogata, Ryo Katsuji

In the aftermath of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, a junior high school gymnasium is used as a morgue. Volunteers confront the harsh realities before them. "Treat them as if they are still alive," one man said as he worked to relax the stiffened muscles of the bodies, gently extended their knees and elbows, pursued their open mouths and returned a peaceful countenance to their faces...Based on a true story and the reportage by Kota Ishii.



HEARTS TOGETHER – Monday, February 23– 20:00

2013 / Blu Ray / 105 min.

Production: NHK – Japan Broadcasting Corporation

World-renowned jazz pianist Bob James composed the song "Put Our Hearts Together" for the people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. In this special performance to encourage the quake victims, James teams up with veteran pop songstress Seiko Matsuda.



CASTING BLOSSOMS TO THE SKY (Kono Sora no Hana Nagaoka Hanabi Monogatari) – Tuesday, February 24– 20:00

2012 / Blu Ray / 160 min

Director: Nobuhiko Obayashi

Cast: Yasuko Matsuyuki, Masahiro Takashima, Natsuki Harada

A female newspaper reporter undergoes a number of extraordinary experiences as she covers the people of Nagaoka and the great symbolism of the Nagaoka fireworks... "If the entire world's bombs were shot to the sky as fireworks, war would disappear," are the words spoken by Japanese painter Yamashita Kiyoshi. 66 years after the end of the war, the courage to restore Nagaoka and the prayers for peace embodied in the Nagaoka Fireworks are represented on film.



A STORY OF YONOSUKE (Yokomichi Yonosuke) – Wednesday, February 25 – 20:00

2013 / Blu Ray / 160 min

Director: Shuichi Okita

Cast: Kengo Kora, Yuriko Yoshitaka, Sosuke Ikematsu

A coming-of-age drama nostalgically depicting the interactions between a good-natured young man and his friends, while interweaving past and present. In 1987, a young man named Yonosuke, who is unable to decline requests of others leaves his hometown of Nagasaki to start university life in Tokyo. One day he meets Shoko, the daughter of a company president who takes a liking to him...