Japanese Film Festival 2026 SJ60 opens 1 October at Shaw Lido with Eric Khoo spotlight

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The Japanese Film Festival 2026 SJ60 edition opens on Thursday 1 October at Shaw Lido, with screenings there to 11 October and an extended run at Filmhouse and the Asian Film Archiveâ??s Oldham Theatre to 18 October.

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Japanese Film Festival 2026 runs 1 to 11 October at Shaw Lido, with Filmhouse and AFA dates to 18 October. Image: Japanese Film Festival

This SJ60 edition marks 60 years of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan. Singapore director Eric Khoo is the festivalâ??s first Festival Ambassador in its 43 years, with a Spotlight strand that includes *Tatsumi*, *Ramen Teh* and *Spirit World*.

Opening and closing films

The opening film is Ito Tomohikoâ??s *The Keeper of the Camphor Tree*. The 1 October 7pm Shaw Lido screening is invitation-only, and the public screening is on Friday 2 October at 6.30pm with a Q&A. The festival closes on 11 October with Kurosawa Akiraâ??s *Throne of Blood*, and a second Shaw Lido screening of it has been added that evening. A Mystery Screening at Shaw Lido on 11 October at 1pm is shown in a rare 35mm presentation, with the title kept secret.

Other highlights

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Other titles at Shaw and Filmhouse include *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence* in 4K, *Chimney Town: Frozen in Time*, *HEAVENS: The Boy and His Robot* (Anime All-Stars Japanese Voice Edition, followed by a Q&A with director HO Rich), and a Madhouse strand of Yoshiaki Kawajiri titles at Filmhouse. *Love Letter* 4K has sold out at Shaw, and more screenings will be added at Filmhouse.

Tickets and where to book

Shaw Lido tickets are **S$16** general admission, or **S$14.50** for Friends of Japan Creative Centre, Singapore Film Society, Asian Film Archive and Filmhouse members and NUS students, capped at four discounted tickets per session, via shaw.sg. Asian Film Archive Oldham tickets are **S$10** general or **S$8.50** promo. Filmhouse tickets are **S$14** on weekdays (student or senior **S$12**) and **S$18** on weekends (student or senior **S$16**). There are 39 public screenings across Shaw Lido, Filmhouse and the Asian Film Archive over 18 days.

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