

Title) Awaiting Kirin

Genre) Drama Series(period)

Format) Pilot(78') + 45x43'

Synopsis) The Beast of Peace shall reign.

In the 16th century, Japan was still fragmented and at war, with famed warlords wrestling for land and power. Akechi Mitsuhide is born into this world as heir to a minor lord. But as he is groomed to become a military commander, Mitsuhide yearns for nothing but peace. One day during his travels to Kyoto, the words of a young girl move him deeply: when is the Kirin coming? Kirin was the divine creature from Chinese mythology that brings peace on earth. As he strives for a world upon which the Kirin would descend, young Mitsuhide grows to become a hero in his own right.

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| Awaiting Kirin [Trailer EN] | https://vimeo.com/408804686/a67759674b |
| Awaiting Kirin [Ep01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700024e432d8 |



Title) Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit

Genre) Drama Series (Fantasy)

Format) Series I: Pilot(78') + 3x58' / Series II: 9x58' / Series III: 9x58'

Synopsis) Million-selling fantasy novel series *Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit* comes alive in a full 4K drama series, starring leading Japanese actress Haruka Ayase. The story is set in an imaginary land resembling ancient Asia, where the two worlds of spirits and humans intertwine in mysterious ways.

The heroine Balsa is a skilled bodyguard and a masterful spear-wielder. One day she rescues Prince Chagum who has fallen into a river. The prince is carrying a mysterious spirit egg in his body, and is in danger of being assassinated by his father, the Mikado (king), who fears this will damage his imperial prestige. Balsa embarks upon a perilous journey when she accepts the queen's plead to protect her son from her husband...

The narrative, including the VFX and action sequences, will propel viewers into a world of dense forests, spectacular palaces, and spirits and demons. A world of adventure never seen by anyone is now being unveiled.

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| Moribito I [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070002149b99d |
| Moribito II [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700021673e97 |
| Moribito Final [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000218d3cb5 |



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title) Scarlet

Genre) Serials

Format) 150x15'

Synopsis) A pioneer female potter, a story of Earth, fire, and passion.

In the years after World War II, young Kimiko relocates as result of her father's debts to Shigaraki, an area famed for its pottery. Hand in hand with her kind mother, the feisty girl supports her family financially. Then, a chance encounter with the world of Shigaraki pottery changes Kimiko's life. Enraptured, she makes the bold decision to live as a potter. In a profession dominated by men, Kimiko must carve her own place as a female artist. She eventually opens her own workshop with her husband, who is also a ceramic artist. The story of a woman's courage and determination to create her own art.

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| Scarlet [Trailer] | https://vimeo.com/408767798/a64c2102f3 |
| Scarlet [Ep01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000282cd7eb |



title) Princess Atsu

Genre) Drama Series (period)

Format) Pilot(60') + 48x44' + Finale(70')

Synopsis) This saga of Princess Atsu is set in 19th century Japan, in the waning years of the Tokugawa Shogunate. The power of the last Shogun is dwindling, and a growing movement seeks to restore actual sovereignty to the Imperial Throne. In the midst of what history will identify as the end of samurai society, Princess Atsu is born to an influential samurai family in the provincial domain of Satsuma. Elevated suddenly to prominence when she marries the Shogun at age 21, in a year and a half Princess Atsu is a widow. Her family's hereditary domain takes up the Imperial cause and advances upon the Shogunate's castle in Edo (present-day Tokyo.) But Princess Atsu and the 1,000 female retainers remaining in the castle surrender peacefully. They successfully navigate the shoals of a strictly male-dominated society. In the role of the Princess: Aoi Miyazaki, one of Japan's top young actresses. This program has attracted a great deal of interest, consistently ranking within the top 5 most watched programs according to weekly ratings in Japan.

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| Princess Atsu [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700006694394 |
| Princess Atsu [01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070000975eccc |
| Princess Atsu [20] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700009695885 |



title) Naotora: The Lady Warlord

Genre) Drama Series (period)

Format) Pilot(58') + 48x43' + Finale(58')

Synopsis) ***A female feudal lord takes on a man's name and faces the challenge of leading her clan.***

During Japan's Warring States period, Naotora from the famous feudal family *Ii* came to her position of power, as the only heir to her clan. With her new name and role, she braved turbulent times. Three great powers had their eyes on her domain. All Naotora could rely on in a land poor in both natural and military resources was her wisdom and courage. By joining forces with her people, she protected the life of her young successor as she built the foundation of her clan's future. Amid all the challenges, Naotora's driving force was her constant love for her missing fiancé. This epic story portrays the tumultuous life of a deeply committed woman, who carved out her future and survived through Japan's war-torn era.

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| Naotora: The Lady Warlord [Trailer] | https://vimeo.com/452055548/741a9c615b |
| Naotora: The Lady Warlord [Episode 1] | https://vimeo.com/452055549/709bd8cee6 |



Title) Natsuzora: Natsu's Sky

Genre) Serials

Format) 156x15'

Synopsis) An animator, her dreams, and a burgeoning industry

In the summer of 1946, nine-year-old Natsu is adopted by her father's army buddy after losing her parents in the war. Life is not easy on her new family's dairy farm in Hokkaido, but with support from Taiju, the family's eccentric grandfather, Natsu grows up happy and strong. She then meets Tenyo, a boy who can draw wonderful horses. He introduces Natsu to the world of animation and she is enthralled. Realizing that she too dreams of drawing for a living, Natsu starts on her path to become a pioneer female animator in a burgeoning industry.

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| Natsuzora: Natsu's Sky [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000f60b3f5 |
| Natsuzora: Natsu's Sky [Ep01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000183f36d2 |



Title) Half Blue Sky

Genre) Serials

Format) 156x15'

Synopsis) Find another way, even if you lose half of something

Set in 1970s Japan to the present day, a girl proves that failure in life is a blessing in disguise. Suzume loses her left hearing while in elementary school. Despite that, she grows up happy, with support from her family and Ritsu, a boy born on the same day in the same hospital. As a girl, Suzume calls half of her world "blue sky" because that side of her can't hear the rain. With this sensibility, she jumps into a career in manga and a whirlwind marriage. When she returns home as a single mom, a new adventure awaits! Wherever she goes, Suzume brings with her joy, laughter, and half of something wonderful.

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| Half Blue Sky [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700004ab31b1 |
| Half Blue Sky [01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700009fb05db |
| Half Blue Sky [02] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070000a063914 |



Title) Bloom

Genre) Serials

Format) 156x15'

Synopsis) A coming of age story about a young girl finding a place of her own in the big city. The year is 1964, Tokyo is hosting the Olympics and the country is experiencing rapid economic growth. Mineko, a 17-year-old born in a farming family is also facing a major turning point in her life. Her father went to work in Tokyo but has gone missing. Mineko decides to leave her hometown to go to the big city to find her father and work there so she can support her family. Her first job in Tokyo pays little, but she learns to enjoy it and the company of her co-workers—that is until the factory goes bankrupt. The distraught Mineko is saved by the owner of a restaurant her father often told her about. This is a story about a country girl coming into bloom in the big city through her loves and losses, hellos and goodbyes.

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| Bloom Ep.01 [English ver.] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700022c8266c |
| Bloom Ep.25 [English ver.] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700022bbd9aa |



Title) Here Comes Asa!

Genre) Serials

Format) 156x15'

Synopsis) In late 19th century Japan, at a time when women were rarely in the limelight, there lived a colorful female entrepreneur, Asa, in the merchant city of Osaka. Asa worked hard not just to make money, but also to realize a world where everyone is happier than now. Our young heroine Asa has married into a notable business family in the city. However, due to the changing times, the family business encounters difficulty, and her unmotivated husband leaves the entire business to Asa. She goes on to courageously enter into new fields such as coal-mining, banking, and life insurance, and dedicates herself to establishing the first all-female university in Japan.

This heartfelt and humorous hit drama, portraying the amazing business woman Asa is inspired by a real Japanese female entrepreneur. The drama is also a love story between Asa and her open-minded husband who unfailingly supports her.

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| Here Comes Asa! Ep.01 [English ver.] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070002280221b |
| Here Comes Asa! Ep.103 [English ver.] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000226edca2 |



Title) Beauty and the Fellow

Genre) Limited Series (romance comedy)

Format) 20x48'

Synopsis) It's a girl-meets-boy tale with a twist. The girl, Ichiko, becomes an entertainment agent following an unexpected turn of events. That's when she scouts the boy, a reluctant young actor named Ryo. Ichiko struggles to transform Ryo into a superstar. And even though he's disinterested initially, he gradually begins to enjoy acting. Together, the pair navigates the unfamiliar and sometimes choppy waters of show business, rising to the pinnacle of fame. They share the same fate, despite the constant friction. Soon, their professional bond morphs into an emotional one, and sparks fly. *Beauty and the Fellow* is a heartfelt and captivating story of an entertainment power duo in search of success, but destined for love.

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Beauty and the Fellow [Trailer]

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Title) Scam Chase

Genre) Limited Series (crime)

Format) 5x49'

Synopsis) Think you're smarter? Think again.

Assistant inspector Karen Imamiya, a member of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police's elite white-collar crime unit, is a cop who will stop at nothing to catch swindlers. Her dogged investigation pinpoints a cell of telephone scammers, but when the team makes the arrest, they are only able to catch pawns who know nothing about the higher ups in the organization. The team releases one of the patsies in the hopes he'll lead the police to bigger fish, and Imamiya delves deeper into the exploited youth's past. What she finds are the dark corners in the lives of both victim and perpetrator, and how the line between the two sides can at times be blurry.

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| Scam Chase [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070000f709463 |
| Scam Chase [Epi 1 JPver] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000184ee9fd |



Title) The Bittersweet Tale of Otaku

Genre) Limited Series (drama)

Format) 8x29'

Synopsis) The weird and wonderful world with "underground idols"

Ai is a frustrated twenty-something whose boyfriend dumps her for being overly-fixated on her image on social media. Alone and tired of always trying to one up her friends, Ai discovers Hana, a plain-faced "underground idol" who can't sing, dance, or allure. Weirdly struck by how genuine and earnest Hana is, Ai soon finds herself drawn to the world of idol super fans, a realm rife with sweaty, obsessive otaku passion. Will the leap from her days posting pretend-glamour to becoming an otaku be a blessing or a curse? Either way, Ai's life can never be the same again.

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| The Bittersweet Tale of Otaku [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000f975a2d |
| The Bittersweet Tale of Otaku Epi.1 [JP] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700011e626d6 |



Title) An Invisible Cradle

Genre) Limited Series (drama)

Format) 10x43'

Synopsis) A young trainee nurse learns the reality of childbirth.

On her first day at a small OB-GYN clinic, 17-year-old trainee nurse Aoi is thrust into the surgery room, and witnesses an abortion. Here, death is not uncommon, and there is more to the job than beautiful deliveries and welcoming families. With guidance from the experienced staff and head doctor, Aoi faces the joys of new life as well as the sobering reality of unwanted pregnancies and provides emotional support to the mothers-to-be with exceptional sensibility and innate kindness.

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An Invisible Cradle [Trailer]

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Title) The Saint

Genre) Limited Series (drama)

Format) 7x48'

Synopsis) A young lawyer named Haruki Nakamura takes on the defense of a woman accused of serial murder. There is something from his past he must find out. The defendant—formerly Maria Ozawa, Haruki's tutor—disappeared without saying a word ten years ago, and broke his heart. Why did she leave him? And is she really responsible for these heinous crimes? Haruki wants to believe her innocence, but as the case progresses, deception and suspicion mount. Is Maria the saint from his memories of true love, or is she a femme fatale hell-bent on ruining his happiness? What unfolds is a gripping thriller-romance.

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| The Saint [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070001ecab7a9 |
| The Saint [Ep01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070001edb730e |



Title) The Peony Lantern: A Ghost Story

Genre) Limited Series (period thriller)

Format) 7x48'

Synopsis) A Japanese classic horror saga is revived as an action-packed new rendition, featuring spectacular action and special effects. Iijima Heizaemon harbors a dark, murderous past. Years later in a strange twist of fate, the son of the man he accidentally killed comes under his tutelage. It is perhaps karma, then, that this young man should discover a murder plot against Heizaemon, and that behind the conspiracy is Heizaemon's lover... Meanwhile, Heizaemon's beautiful daughter Otsuyu falls madly in love, but she dies tragically. Night after night, the sound of clogs echoes in the streets as the ghost of Otsuyu visits her lover's bedchamber, lit by the flame from a peony lantern..

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| The Peony Lantern [Epi.1 JPver.] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070001b0a1228 |
| The Peony Lantern [Epi.2 JPver.] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070001b1f121e |



Title) The Happiness Recipe

Genre) Limited Series (period/drama)

Format) 8x38'

Synopsis) Based on Kaoru Takada's novel "Miwotsukushi—The Happiness Recipe".

A delicious mix of period drama and Japanese cuisine.

In the days when Tokyo was called Edo, a girl who is alone in the world comes out to the capital determined to make it as a chef. Based on a best-selling novel, Haru Kuroki, winner of Best Actress at the Berlin International Film Festival, plays the indefatigable heroine Mio, who devotes herself to cooking. Intertwined into the plot are Mio's romance with a samurai of a higher caste and her attempts to save her childhood friend, who has seen success as a courtesan, but is trapped in her station. It's a series filled with moving human drama and exquisite Japanese cuisine.

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The Happiness Recipe [Trailer]

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Title) Trapped

Genre) Limited Series (thriller)

Format) 8x48'

Synopsis) 25-year old Mizuki Hayase and her mother, Akiko, are close. Maybe too close. But Mizuki doesn't notice until she begins seeing Matsushima, the sales representative of the Hayases' new home. As she develops a close relationship with someone other than her mother, Mizuki realizes how she had spent her entire life looking for Akiko's approval. When Mizuki begins to distance herself from her mother, Akiko becomes increasingly meddling, trying to break up her daughter's relationship. Then Mizuki decides to leave the house, prompting a desperate Akiko to even attempt suicide.

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| Trapped [01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700007736227 |
| Trapped [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a0700005156e89 |



Title) Double Duty

Genre) Limited Series (action/crime)

Format) 7x28'

Synopsis) This is a story of an odd couple that works at a private security company as bodyguards. Asahina is a young, upbeat ex-police officer and Ishimaru is a cautious, timid, middle-aged man, disillusioned from his divorce and failed career. The two have one thing in common, issues from the past. But as they work to solve the many problems of their clients, they start to build a trusting relationship. One day, the man who killed Asahina's girlfriend appears. Can the duo face their past and move on? This entertaining action crime drama portrays bodyguards who carry no guns, have no legal authority, yet put their lives on the line.

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| Double Duty [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a07000102f2720 |
| Double Duty [Ep01] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070001fcf4ea9 |



Title) Kurara: The Dazzling Life of Hokusai's Daughter

Genre) TV Movie

Format) 1x73'

Synopsis) All she wanted to do was paint.

O-Ei, the daughter of the Edo period master painter Katsushika Hokusai, has been captivated by painting since childhood. She is by her father's side as he completes his iconic "Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji" series. When Hokusai grows too old, O-Ei becomes his "brush." In the shadow of her great father, she develops a passion for colors and finally comes into her own artistic style.

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| Kurara [Trailer] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070002df639d |
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Title) An Artist of the Floating World

Genre) TV Movie

Format) 1x89'

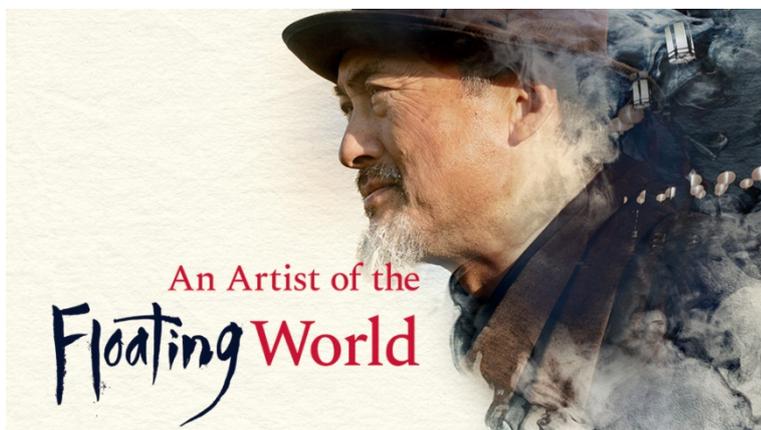
Synopsis) Who can tell where the lines are drawn?

Japan, a few years after the end of the Second World War -- Masuji Ono is an ageing painter of considerable renown, and retired life in his lavish mansion unfolds peacefully -- on the surface. But this seeming tranquility is broken when he is told that his youngest daughter's marriage talks broke down because of his past. Yes, though he doesn't like to discuss it, Masuji played a willing part in a country going to war, betraying his teacher, colleagues, and friends. But so what of it? Masuji's pride surges at the affront. Can a person be blamed for becoming caught up in the tides of history? As Masuji traces his past by visiting acquaintances, he discovers that memory is ephemeral, shape-shifting and incomplete.

Starring Ken Watanabe, this dramatization of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel of the same title brings to the screen in stunning 8K the dream-like, floating world of memories and a man's difficult journey to face his past, against the backdrop of a country gradually rebuilding after the war.

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| An Artist of the Floating World [PR] | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070000ec43ebb |
| An Artist of the Floating World | http://pv-nhk-ep.com/NewsLetter/?mid=5b9a3a070000eaaee49 |



Title) A Stranger in Shanghai

Genre) TV Movie

Format) 1x73'

Synopsis) China is in turmoil in 1921 when renowned Japanese writer Ryunosuke Akutagawa (author of *Rashomon*) visits Shanghai as a newspaper correspondent. He'd grown up reading classic Chinese novels as a child, but what he sees is not the utopia he had imagined. He finds the military scuffles, the Western and Japanese occupation, and the local residents living in abject poverty all shocking. It is a despondent Akutagawa that seeks solace in the spirit of the great nation. From intellectual revolutionaries to courtesans surviving in the back alleys, each encounter affects him in unexpected ways...

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| A Stranger in Shanghai [Trailer] | https://vimeo.com/408470258/d8b765e639 |
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