



FIRST LOOK: JAPAN



AIR DOLL / KUKI NINGYO
Director: Hirokazu Kore-eda • JAPAN

The internationally acclaimed director of *Nobody Knows*, *After Life*, and *Still Walking* returns with a romantic fantasy that explores the complexities of love, loneliness, and loss through the story of a life-size inflatable doll. Air doll "Nozomi" is middle-aged loner Hideo's only companion in life, but when she suddenly comes to life and begins exploring the world on her own, her journey begs the question—what really makes us human? *Japanese with subtitles. 125 min.*

SAT 10/17 • 3:30 PM • EFAIR1 | SUN 10/18 • 5:30 PM • EFAIR2 | MON 10/19 • 3:00 PM • EFAIR3 • \$5 MATINEE



ASTRO BOY
Director: David Bowers • USA/HONG KONG

A thrilling tale of a true hero, *Astro Boy* is full of action, adventure, humor, and heart—brought to life on the big screen in breathtaking CGI animation. Set in futuristic Metro City, *Astro Boy* is about a young robot with incredible powers. Embarking on a journey in search of acceptance, he learns the joys and emotions of being human, and gains the strength to embrace his destiny. When his friends and family are in danger, Astro Boy returns to Metro City in a valiant effort to save everything he cares about and to understand what it takes to be a hero. Freddie Highmore, Kristen Bell, Nathan Lane, Eugene Levy, Matt Lucas, Bill Nighy, Donald Sutherland, Charlize Theron, and Nicolas Cage lead an all-star voice cast. *94 min.*

SUN 10/18 • 4:00 PM • EFASB1



DEAR DOCTOR
Director: Miwa Nishikawa • JAPAN

Lies told in the name of love and compassion are the focus of this beautiful psychological drama about a country doctor whose good intentions outstrip his honesty. Universally beloved by his community for his kindness and diligence, he abruptly leaves town one day, throwing it into turmoil. Astonishing secrets about his background soon surface, and the villagers must come to terms with this new knowledge of the man they so admire. *Japanese with subtitles. 127 minutes.*

MON 10/19 • 7:45 PM • EFD0C1* | TUE 10/20 • 5:30 PM • EFD0C2*
 *Director Miwa Nishikawa scheduled to attend



KANIKŌSEN
Director: Sabu • JAPAN

Kanikōsen takes us into the belly of an industrial hell as exploited laborers aboard the titular crab cannery ship struggle to find escape, or at least respite, from their grim existence. With mass suicide attempted and then rejected as an option, they slowly realize their only recourse is open revolt. Sabu brings a modern sensibility to his adaptation of the 1929 novel, adding stylized visuals and his trademark flourishes of black comedy. *Japanese with subtitles. 109 min.*

SUN 10/18 • 8:15 PM • EFKAN1 | MON 10/19 • 6:00 PM • EFKAN2
TUE 10/20 • 3:30 PM • EFKAN3 • \$5 MATINEE

BOX OFFICES: AMC River East 21 • 322 E. Illinois | Cinema/Chicago Office • 30 E. Adams, Suite 800
TICKETMASTER: 800-982-2787 | ticketmaster.com/chicagofilmfestival | FESTIVAL HOTLINE: 312-332-FILM

FOR THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE AND MORE INFO, VISIT CHICAGOFILMFESTIVAL.COM OR CALL 312-332-FILM