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Still Walking

Wednesday, January 20th @ 6:30 pm

Fifteen years after the tragic death of his older brother, Ryota Yokoyama, his new wife, and his sister's family return to their childhood home to discover that their parents' overwhelming grief is as familiar and unchanged as the spacious home and their mother's homemade meals. Everyone has changed, but like any dysfunctional family, they remain connected by the bonds of love, anger and shared secrets. Unfolding over the space of a single summer's day, *Still Walking* is a sincerely compelling meditation on the sometimes resilient, sometimes fragile relationships between family members.

With a subtle balance of gentle humor and wistful sorrow, *Still Walking* is a cinematic sonnet on how precious and frustrating family can be. Inspired by the director's personal experiences dealing with the loss of his parents, *Still Walking* won Kore-eda the Best Director prize at the Asian Film Awards while also winning Best Film at the Mar del Plata Film Festival and the Independent Film Festival of Boston's Audience Award.

Writer/director Hirokazu Kore-eda is best known for the film festival favorite *Nobody Knows* (2004), which was previously featured at the JICC and garnered a number of awards including Best Actor at Cannes International Film Festival.

Japanese with English subtitles. 114 min, 2008. Directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda .

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and granted on a first come, first served basis. Doors close at 7:00.

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