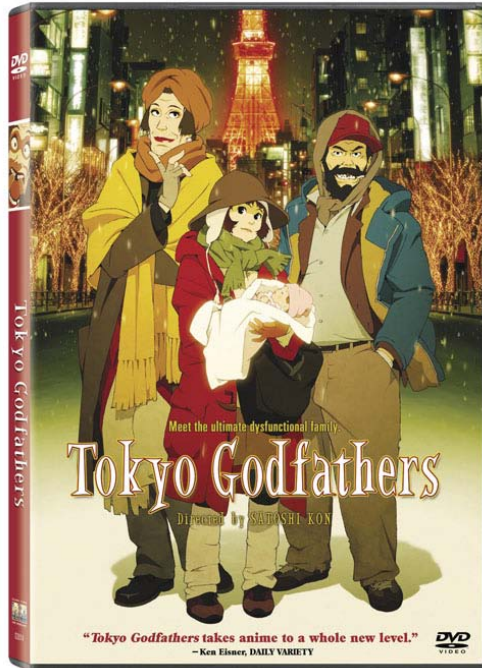


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# Tokyo Godfathers

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Inspired by the 1949 John Ford film *3 Godfathers*, *Tokyo Godfathers* is the unlikely tale of three misfits brought together by fate and misfortune. Gin, a former professional cyclist, Hana, a transvestite, and a young runaway named Miyuki live together in a homeless encampment overshadowed by Tokyo's towering City Hall. When one of their routine dumpster dives uncovers an unexpected treasure that expands their makeshift family, adventure ensues, whisking them across town. As villains emerge alongside heroes in a haze of buried memories, each eccentric character is forced to confront a past more painful than their indigent existence.

*Tokyo Godfathers* is the third feature from director Satoshi Kon, (*Paprika*, 2006). Since making his debut as a director in 1997 with *Perfect Blue*, he has emerged as one of the world's most remarkable cinematic talents. His characters, for whom reality sometimes blurs with fantasy, tend to live in worlds very different from our own. As with the greatest animated films, the triumph of his work lies not only in his beautiful visuals and sophisticated storytelling, but in how those elements combine to make a film so human the audience forgets it's animated. Dave Kehr of the New York Times has called Kon "One of the current masters of Japanese anime and one of Japan's best working filmmakers in any genre."

Japanese with English subtitles. **Rated PG-13.** 91 min, 2004. Directed by Satoshi Kon .

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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