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My Sweet Grappa Remedies | 甘いお酒でうがい

Drama

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Our next J-Film is My Sweet Grappa Remedies, a 2019 slice of life drama about womanhood and self-exploration.

In recent films, acclaimed director **OOKU Akiko** has explored the lives of Japanese women who live outside of societal norms. First, she explored the lives of Japanese women in their 20s with *Tremble All You Want*, winner of the Audience Award at the 30th Tokyo International Film Festival. She then moved onto the 30s with 2018's *Marriage Hunting Beauty*; and now, Ooku explores the life of a woman in her 40s.

Adapted from a novel written by a comedian known as "Jiro," The story follows **KAWASHIMA Yoshiko** who is played by **MATSUYUKI Yasuko**. Yoshiko is in her 40s, single, and works as a temporary employee at a quiet office job. She bikes to work, records small details in her diary, and observes the beauty in mundanity. Her happiest times are spent with co-worker Wakabayashi, a friendship centered around a tradition of going out for a meal once they get their paychecks. When she meets Okamoto, a junior colleague twenty-four years younger than her, an unexpected romance begins to blossom.

What does companionship mean to us? What does it mean to live a life on your own terms? The movie asks these questions through heightened and fantastical visual elements. Watch as we get a whimsical glimpse into a quiet but beautiful life.

Starring MATSUYUKI Yasuko and KUROKI Haru



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REGISTRATION

Registration for this film opens on Sunday, January 15 at 11 AM EST.

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In Japanese with English Subtitles | Not Rated | 115 min | 2019 | Directed by OOKU Akiko

These virtual events are free and open to the online attendees in the US, however registration

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