A Story of Yonosuke

This is the story of Yonosuke, the people around him, and us. A coming-of-age romance that will make you laugh and cry.

Original Story by Shuichi Yoshida “YOKOMICHI  YONOSUKE”

Screenplay: Shiro Maeda and Shuichi Okita  Directed by Shuichi Okita

Presented by NIKKATSU Corporation, KIRISHIMA 1945 Production © 2013 “A Story of Yonosuke” Film Partners
The touching masterpiece of adolescence by Shuichi Yoshida (*Villain*) comes to the screen in a feature film by Shuichi Okita (*The Woodsman and the Rain*)

### STORY:
The year is 1987 and Japan is just reaching the peak of its economic success. Eighteen year old Yonosuke Yokomichi arrives in Tokyo from Nagasaki. Ordinary in every way possible, he lives in a suburb far from the excitement of the big city.

During his first days at school, Yonosuke befriends Ippei Kuramochi and Yui Akutsu. With them, Yonosuke joins the Samba club and spends his leisure time dancing.

One day in the class, Yonosuke meets Kato. Together, they take a driving class where Yoko, a rich girl, shows interest in Yonosuke. But he hardly notices her advances; he is infatuated with party girl Chiharu, an older woman he met by chance.

Parallel to the depiction of this year of ordinary college life, the characters are shown sixteen years later in the year 2003. However, missing from these scenes is Yonosuke, who is said to have become a cameraman after college.

### ABOUT THE DIRECTOR:
Born in 1977, Shuichi Okita studied film at the Nihon University College of Art. His short film, *Pots and Friends* (2002), won the Grand Prize at the Mito Short Film Festival. His first feature, *The Wonderful World*, was released in 2006. After writing and directing TV dramas, he directed his second feature, *The Chef of the South Polar* (2009), which enjoyed a long theatrical run in Japan and earned him wide acclaim overseas as well. His recent work, *The Woodsman and the Rain* (2011), a Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the 2011 Tokyo International Film Festival, is one of the most charming films ever made about the team effort required in filmmaking.

### CONTACT:
Nikkatsu Corporation
3-28-12 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033 TEL: +81 3 5689-1014 / FAX: +81 3 5689-1044
[http://www.nikkatsu.com](http://www.nikkatsu.com) e-mail: international@nikkatsu.co.jp