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Girls on Film: Females in Contemporary Japanese Cinema

**Kamome Diner (*Kamome Shokudo*)**

Dir: Naoko Ogigami

Cast: Stomi Kobayashi, Hairi Katagiri, Masako Motai, Jarkko Niemi

2006/ 35mm/ 102min/ Colour/ English Subtitles



Sachie (Satomi Kobayashi) from Japan opens the “Kamome Diner” in Helsinki. The specialty on the menu is Onigiri (rice ball). However, the only customer for this dish day after day is geeky Japan enthusiast, Tommi (Jarkko Niemi). One day, two Japanese ladies, each with their own issues, come to help at Sachie’s diner. The number of customers gradually increases but the diner seems to attract only those with problems. A film adaptation of a novel of the same title written for the screen by Yoko Mure and directed by Naoko Ogigami. This is a heartwarming human drama that portrays the interaction between a restaurant owner and the people who gather there.