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Japan Foundation activities head out around the country this month, in addition to a range of events in London, so please be sure to read below to see if there is anything coming up of interest near you.

Arts & Culture

Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme - Reality Fiction: Japanese Films inspired by Actual Events

Look out for these films touring around the country next month.



Who's Causus Anyway?



Now, I...



Chosyu Five



Live Today, Die Tomorrow



Face



A Chain of Islands

6 to 12 February 2009 - ICA, London
7 to 21 February 2009 - Watershed, Bristol
2 to 5 March 2009 - QFT, Belfast
9 to 19 March 2009 - Showroom, Sheffield
11 to 19 March 2009 - Filmhouse, Edinburgh

Exclusive offer!

Subscribers to our e-bulletin can purchase tickets to any screening in the Reality Fiction season at the ICA for a special discounted rate. When purchasing tickets either in person or over the phone, simply ask for the "Japan Foundation special rate" to receive £2 off the price of each ticket purchased.

:: [Click here](#) for more information.

Japan Foundation Supports two Theatre Productions playing this month - *Shunkin* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*

Inspired by the works of **Junichiro Tanazaki**, *Shunkin*, the latest work from **Complicite** receives its European premiere.

Date: 30 January 2009 - 21 February 2009
Venue: Barbican Theatre

Southwark Playhouse's eighth annual Shakespeare production re-imagines *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in samurai Japan.

Date: 4 February 2009 - 28 February 2009
Venue: Southwark Playhouse



Shunkin: photographer Tsukasa Aoki

:: [Click here](#) for more information.

Reminder for Japanese Contemporary Photography Exhibition

The *out of the ordinary / extraordinary* exhibition is at the Oldham Gallery for the whole of February, until the 28 March.

:: [Click here](#) for more information.

Language (JFLLC)

Report on the Japan Conference for Schools



About 120 teachers and local authority advisors from Japan and the UK attended the Conference.

:: [Click here](#) to read all about it.

Wren Academy - A 'Head Start' Success Story

One year ago, Wren Academy, a London secondary school, attended the Japan Foundation's Head Start Course.

Now, Japanese language classes are thriving at the school.



:: [Click here](#) to read an interview with Jamie Barnes, Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Wren Academy.

If you are interested in attending this year's Head Start Course then please [click here](#) for more information and an application form.

Calling all Amateur Detectives!

Sign up for a new Talking Contemporary Japan Course, entitled 'Investigating Japanese Mysteries!'

:: [Click here](#) for more information and an application form.

Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange

Reminder for Movers & Shapers Events

Professor Richard Bowring will be talking about the life of eminent 19th century Japanologist **Basil Hall Chamberlain** at the Japan Foundation on 5th February.



On February 13th, **Dr Andrew Cobbing** will give a special lecture on the historical context of the **Chosyu Five**, as a complement to the screening of **Sho Igarashi's** film *Chosyu Five* - part of the Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme.

Both events start at 6:30 pm and will be held at The Japan Foundation, London.

:: [Click here](#) for more information.

:: To register for these events, please send an email to event@jpf.org.uk with your name, details and of any guests.

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