

# The 2008 Japanese Film Series: Comics Come to Screen

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**ADMISSION IS FREE TO ALL.**

**Sept. 26 (Friday), 7:00 p.m. McConomy Hall, University Center, Carnegie Mellon University**

***Always: Sunset on Third Street 2* (Always zoku san-chome no yuhi, 2007) Directed by Takeshi Yamazaki  
Pittsburgh Premiere**

In Japanese with English subtitles

Sequel to *Always* (2006) based on Ryohei Saigan's popular comic series that sold 14 million copies. Set in 1959, this sequel concerns the every-day lives of those on the backstreets near Tokyo Tower.

Cast: Maki Horikita, Koyuki, Tomokazu Miura, Kenta Suga, Shin'ichi Tsutsumi, Hiroko Yakushimaru, Hidetaka Yoshioka

**Oct. 3 (Friday), 7:00 p.m. McConomy Hall, University Center, Carnegie Mellon University**

***Honey and Clover* (Hachimitsu to kuroba, 2006) Directed by Masahiro Takeda  
Pittsburgh Premiere**

In Japanese with English subtitles

Based on the hit *comic* of the same title by Chika Umino, this adolescent drama unfolds five college art students' lives as they face their growing pains—and joys as well.

Cast: Sho Sakurai, Yu Aoi, Yusuke Isaya, Ryo Kase, Megumi Seki

**Oct. 10 (Friday), 7:00 p.m. McConomy Hall, University Center, Carnegie Mellon University**

***Happily Ever After* (Jigyaku no uta, 2007) Directed by Yukihiro Tsutsumi  
Pittsburgh Premiere**

In Japanese with English subtitles

Based on a popular comic, this film traces a plain-looking waitress's romance with her good-for-nothing lover with an admixture of comic and melodramatic touches.

Cast: Miki Natakani, Hiroshi Abe, Yuko Natori, Toshiyuki Nishida, Mayumi Sada

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