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Sins of Kujo

On Netflix April 2, 2026 | Series

A live-action adaptation of Shohei Manabe's latest work ("Ushijima the Loan Shark"), *Sins of Kujo* asks: Does defending "bad people" make you a crooked lawyer? This crime drama pushes viewers to rethink everything they know about law and morality.

Taiza Kujo is a lawyer who defends only society's worst: thugs, yakuza, and ex-convicts. Often called unscrupulous by others, he wields the law as a weapon to protect the morally reprehensible, all in pursuit of his own view of justice.

Yuya Yagira stars as the unconventional lawyer Taiza Kujo, with Hokuto Matsumura as the elite lawyer Shinji Karasuma, who finds himself suddenly working for Kujo. The all-star cast includes Elaiza Ikeda, Keita Machida, Takuma Otoo, Tsuyoshi Muro and more, each playing characters navigating the corrupt world of the original manga. Produced by TBS hit-maker Atsushi Nasuda, written by Nonji Nemoto, and directed by Nobuhiro Doi, Takeyoshi Yamamoto and Hiroshi Adachi, the series digs into the characters' humanity and vividly depicts the gritty underbelly of society with striking realism.

Based on:	Manga "Sins of Kujo" by Shohei Manabe (currently serialized in "Weekly Big Comic Spirits" published by Shogakukan)
Directors:	Nobuhiro Doi (TBS Television), Takeyoshi Yamamoto (TBS Sparkle), Hiroshi Adachi
Written by:	Nonji Nemoto
Executive Producer:	Kaori Sugiyama (TBS Television)
Producer:	Atsushi Nasuda (TBS Television)
Production Company:	TBS Sparkle
Presented by:	Tokyo Broadcasting System Television, Inc.
Distributed by:	Netflix
Cast:	Yuya Yagira, Hokuto Matsumura, Elaiza Ikeda, Keito Machida, Takuma Otoo, Tsuyoshi Muro
Assets:	Teaser Trailer Teaser Art Original work and Photo(s)



Straight to Hell

On Netflix April 27, 2026 | Series

Japan's most famous fortune-teller, Kazuko Hosoki, once held the nation in her thrall. Was she a savior...or a devil? Wealth, fame, romance: she had it all. But what shocking, untold past was she hiding?

Kazuko Hosoki was a fortune teller who swept Japan with her Six-Star Divination practice to make her predictions, giving ominous, blunt warnings like the "Great Calamity Period" and "You'll go to hell." She climbed out of post-war poverty by becoming a key figure in Tokyo's nightlife, establishing multiple successful nightclubs in her twenties and becoming the "Queen of Ginza." Hosoki went on to dominate television and publishing as a fortune teller, with her books setting a Guinness World Record. But her rise was clouded by accusations of fraudulent business practices and rumored connections to the criminal underworld. What was the true nature of this dark hero? Spanning 60 years, from the mid-20th century to the early 21st, this drama series offers an unfiltered look into the awe-inspiring struggles and insatiable desires of a truly enigmatic woman.

Erika Toda portrays Hosoki, powerfully realizing her unstoppable drive as well as her loneliness born from her greed and arrogance. Sairi Ito plays Minori Uozumi, a writer tasked with ghostwriting Hosoki's autobiography. The confrontations between the two women calls to mind the strength one needs to face life's challenges. The long-obscured half of this fortune teller who achieved great fame and wealth is finally revealed.

Director Tomoyuki Takimoto praised Toda's performance: "Her portrayal helped me make discoveries about how this generational trickster came to be."

Directors:	Tomoyuki Takimoto, Norichika Ohba
Written by:	Manaka Monaka
Music by:	Hibiki Inamoto
Producers:	Tatsuya Banno, Tomoo Fukatsu
Production Company:	Django Film
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Erika Toda, Sairi Ito, Toko Miura, Eita Okuno, Kentaro Tamura, Ayumu Nakajima, Gaku Hosokawa, Yoshihiko Hosoda, Erika Shumoto, Miho Kanazawa, Show Kasamatsu, Tasuku Nagaoka, Yuko Nakamura, Miwako Ichikawa, Kazuya Takahashi, Tetta Sugimoto, Kimiko Yo, Renji Ishibashi, Yasuko Tomita, Toma Ikuta
Assets:	Teaser Trailer Teaser Art Photo(s)



Soul Mate

On Netflix May 14, 2026 | Series

After inadvertently destroying the life of his best friend, Ryu Narutaki abandons everything and leaves Japan. He nearly dies at a church in a foreign country before he is saved by a Korean boxer named Johan Hwang. Both men carry deep, unhealed wounds, and as their lonely souls gravitate toward one another, it soon becomes clear that they are soul mates. Drawn by fate, they decide to live together. Their journey takes them through Berlin, Seoul and Tokyo, where they experience a breadth of emotions: unforgettable pain, suffering and, ultimately, joy. *Soul Mate* is a tender romance between two young men, unfolding over the course of 10 years.

Ryo is played by Hayato Isomura (*Extremely Inappropriate*, *(Ab)normal Desire*, *The Moon*). Johan is played by Ok Taec-yeon of 2PM (*Vincenzo*, *La Grande Maison Paris*). The series is written and directed by versatile up-and-coming creator Shunki Hashizume, who has established himself as an author, screenwriter and director with works such as his novel “Scroll,” which was adapted into a film, and the drama *More than Words*, which he also directed.

Written and Directed by:	Shunki Hashizume
Producer:	Koichi Murakami
Production Company:	ROBOT
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Hayato Isomura, Ok Taec-yeon
Assets:	Photo(s)



Viral Hit

On Netflix May 28, 2026 | Series

Kota Shimura is a bullied high school student struggling under the weight of his mother's medical bills and constant abuse from school bullies. His life couldn't be more bleak... Until one day, an opportunity suddenly falls his way. When a fight with a classmate is accidentally streamed online and goes viral, Kota realizes that fighting can be a profitable venture. He starts a streaming channel and begins to claw his way out from the pits of despair.

Based on the highly popular South Korean webtoon "Viral Hit," this live-action adaptation marks the first Netflix series from director Hideki Takeuchi and writer Yuichi Tokunaga, the powerhouse team that has enthralled Japan with its unconventional worlds in works such as *Fly Me to the Saitama* and *Cells at Work! Ouji Suzuka (Listen to the Universe, silent)* stars as Kota, our unlikely hero. Ai Mikami plays Aki Yashio, Kota's junior who holds the key to the story, while Araki Sugou appears as the idiosyncratic Toru Kaneko. In addition, a dynamic cast including Nana Asakawa, Takuro Osada, and Mieko Harada comes together.

Based on:	the WEBTOON Series <Viral Hit> Taejun Park, Kim Junghyun
Directed by:	Hideki Takeuchi
Written by:	Yuichi Tokunaga
Producers:	Naoto Inaba, Shigeji Maeda
Planning Production:	MYRIAGON STUDIO Inc.
Production Company:	RAKUEISHA
Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Ouji Suzuka, Ai Mikami, Araki Sugou, Mieko Harada, Nana Asakawa, Takuro Osada
Assets:	Teaser Trailer Photo(s)



Human Vapor

On Netflix 2026 | Series

A team of top Japanese and Korean creators joins forces to reboot Toho's legendary SFX film with an entirely original story: the Human Vapor, an uncanny, amorphous being about to uproot our world.

When a guest commentator swells and explodes on live TV in an unprecedented and unimaginable crime, the whole world is thrown into shock. Behind this horrific murder is a man who has seemingly vanished into thin air: the Human Vapor. With no one able to grasp his true identity, this enigma continues to announce and execute a series of targeted assassinations, evading identification and capture to escalate nationwide terror with each inexplicable attack.

This groundbreaking new series is written and executive produced by Yeon Sang-ho, the creator of global hits including Train to Busan, Hellbound, and Parasite: The Grey. The visionary Shinzo Katayama (Gannibal, Siblings of the Cape, Missing), whose unflinching depiction of the madness hidden within human nature continues to captivate audiences both in Japan and abroad, directs. A stellar cast of leading Japanese actors completes the ensemble: Shun Oguri plays the detective pursuing the Human Vapor, Yu Aoi dons the hat of a reporter, Suzu Hirose and Kento Hayashi play video content creators, and Yutaka Takenouchi portrays a yakuza. Witness a chemical reaction unlike anything the world has ever seen.

Based on:	"The Human Vapor" (a Toho film)
Directed by:	Shinzo Katayama
Written by:	Yeon Sang-ho, Ryu Yong-jae
Executive Producers:	Yeon Sang-ho, Minami Ichikawa, Keiji Ota, Hisashi Usui
Executive Producers (Creative & Production Lead):	Nen Hyo, Ryoji Kure
Producers:	Sokichi Onoda, Yoomin Hailey Yang
Produced by:	Toho
In Association With:	WOWPOINT
Production Company:	Toho Studios
Release:	Netflix
Cast:	Shun Oguri, Yu Aoi, Suzu Hirose, Kento Hayashi, Yutaka Takenouchi
Assets:	Photo(s)



S&X

On Netflix 2026 | Series

It concerns all of humankind, yet the topic remains taboo.

Ichito Shimotori is a sex therapist at Shimotori Clinic, and every day, he sees patients facing intimate issues they can't talk about with anyone else. Ignoring the ridicule and prejudice he receives for his chosen profession, he treats each patient with utmost sincerity and respect. But little do the people around him know that he hides an anxiety of his own...

Kento Nakajima (*Love Like the Falling Petals*, *Concordia*) stars as Shimotori, bringing a nuanced blend of composure and warmth. The series is based on Kisei Tada's popular manga "S and X" (serialized in Morning by Kodansha), which explores complex and delicate modern-day themes through a serious yet empathetic lens.

Rooted in the idea that everyone carries private sexual anxieties, the series unfolds an earnest romance that explores how desire, romantic expression, and self-esteem shape our relationships. It reexamines how we understand one another, how we view ourselves, and what it means to truly love someone — speaking directly to adults struggling with the complexities of modern society.

Based on:	"S&X" by Kisei Tada, originally published by KODANSHA LTD.
Directed by:	Shogo Kusano
Series composition & Written by:	Tomoko Yoshida
Written by:	Shogo Kusano, Ruriko Matushima, Takumi Baba
Producers:	Mariko Seto / Daisuke Saitoh
Production Producer:	Kosuke Oshida
Production Company:	OFFICE SHIROUS
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Kento Nakajima
Assets:	Photo(s)



Plastic Beauty

On Netflix 2026 | Series

Following its bold dives into the hidden corners of society in *The Naked Director* and *Tokyo Swindlers*, Netflix now shines a spotlight on the world of cosmetic surgery. At the center of *Plastic Beauty* is Fumi Numata (Mayu Matsuoka), a gifted surgeon whose passion lies in saving lives through medicine. When circumstances push her to shift from general surgery to aesthetics, she finds herself at odds with Rin Tohyama (Riisa Naka), a celebrity cosmetic surgeon who views beauty as a form of salvation. Through their clash and the stories of patients caught in the pursuit of physical perfection, the series unravels the emotional, psychological, and societal pressures behind the beauty boom.

Set against the glittering backdrop of Japan's aesthetic medicine industry, *Plastic Beauty* is a visually rich and emotionally gripping human drama that examines the allure and the cost of beauty.

The series is directed by Yuki Saito (*Unmet*) and written by Junya Ikegami (*The Blood of Wolves*, *The Queen of Villains*). The glamorous world of cosmetic surgery hides a dark underbelly fueled by the pursuit of beauty and financial gain. Is the desire for greater beauty a worthy dream, or a wicked trap? This personal medical drama offers a poignant yet nuanced examination at the positives and drawbacks of cosmetic surgery.

Directed by:	Yuki Saito
Written by:	Junya Ikegami
Producers:	Harue Miyake, Katsuhito Motegi
Development Producer:	Shinichi Kudo
Production Company:	K2 Pictures
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Mayu Matsuoka, Riisa Naka
Assets:	Photo(s)



Did Someone Happen to Mention Me?

On Netflix 2026 | Series

Screenwriter Kankuro Kudo and producer Akira Isoyama are teaming up once again for *Did Someone Happen to Mention Me?* The pair, who have produced a string of hits such as *Let's Get Divorced* and *Extremely Inappropriate!*, will explore the theme of the desire for recognition with a completely original script.

The story follows Gen Takasegawa, the first Japanese actor to play the lead role at London's Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, who has been unable to return to Japan for some time. After two years, he finally makes his way back home, only to face the greatest tragedy for someone driven by a need for recognition: he is suddenly and completely forgotten by the entire world! Gen will be played by Koji Yakusho, who has received numerous accolades both in Japan and internationally across film, television, and stage — including winning Best Actor at the 76th Cannes Film Festival for *PERFECT DAYS*.

Can a man who has lost his reputation, family, and money ever step back into the spotlight? In this comedy, a man consumed by the desire for recognition tries to make a comeback after his life is forcibly reset.

Written by:	Kankuro Kudo
Planning / Producer:	Aki Isoyama
Directors:	Fuminori Kaneko, Takuya Sakaue, Atsushi Watabe
Producer:	Kazuya Shimomura
Production Company:	THE SEVEN
Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Koji Yakusho
Assets:	Photo(s)



Quiztopia

On Netflix 2026 | Series

What if you entered a game show where winning meant your greatest wish would be granted? Netflix now brings that premise to life in a live-action dystopian remake of a legendary cult-favorite manga.

Set in an alternate Japan, the narrative revolves around a government-sanctioned quiz show with supreme authority, as established by the Japanese Constitution. Contestants who win have any wish granted by the government, but those who lose face severe consequences, such as fines, forced labor or conscription. This deadly game tests the participants' resolve to pursue their deepest desires — and the greater the ambition behind the wish, the greater the punishment upon losing. The charismatic quiz host, KK, uses his exceptional performance skills to captivate audiences and enthrall the nation. When a group of dissidents aiming to overthrow the system confronts him, a frenzy begins to unfold.

Originally written by Reiichi Sugimoto and illustrated by Shinkichi Kato, “Kokumin Quiz” was serialized in 1993 and remained a rare find until its reissue by Ohta Publishing Company due to high demand. Takayuki Yamada (*Ushijima the Loan Shark*, *Crows Zero*, *The Naked Director*) stars as the quiz show host, KK.

Based on:	“Kokumin Quiz” written by Reiichi Sugimoto and illustrated by Shinkichi Kato (Ohta Publishing Company)
Directed by:	Teruyuki Yoshida
Written by:	Magy, Teruyuki Yoshida
Chief Producer:	Akira Mori
Producers:	Hirotake Sasaki, Tomoki Takase
Planning and Production:	THE SEVEN
Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Takayuki Yamada
Assets:	Photo(s)

FILM



This is I

On Netflix February 10, 2026 | Film

This is I is a moving, genre-defying film that brings to life the remarkable true story of Ai Haruna and Dr. Koji Wada — a pair who challenged convention and changed each other's lives forever.

The film follows Kenji Onishi, a young person who dreams of becoming an idol but struggles with identity under society's judgmental gaze. Kenji's life changes dramatically after meeting Dr. Koji Wada, a compassionate physician who becomes an advocate for people living with gender dysphoria. After Dr. Wada performs his first gender-affirming surgery, Kenji embraces life as Ai Haruna. Together, they form a powerful bond, supporting each other through loneliness, societal backlash, and the search for dignity and authenticity.

Chosen through a rigorous audition process, 18-year-old Haruki Mochizuki shines in his first leading role, capturing the emotional journey of a young dreamer searching for identity. Takumi Saitoh (*Bullet Train Explosion*, *Shin Ultraman*) delivers a standout performance as Dr. Koji Wada, the real doctor who changed the protagonist's life. The film was planned by Osamu Suzuki and directed by the young and talented Yusaku Matsumoto. This is a story that encourages viewers to live for the present.

Directed by:	Yusaku Matsumoto
Written by:	Masahiro Yamaura
Music:	Akira Kosemura
Developed by:	Osamu Suzuki
Special Cooperation:	Ai Haruna
Producer:	Yoshihiro Kubota
Production Company:	Toho Studios Co., Ltd.
Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Haruki Mochizuki, Tae Kimura, Seiji Chihara, Ataru Nakamura, Kaito Yoshimura, MEGUMI, Shido Nakamura, Takumi Saitoh
Assets:	Main Trailer Teaser and Main Art



My Crazy Feminist Girlfriend

On Netflix 2026 | Film

A first love comes back into your life after seven years, but this time, she's a fiercely committed feminist who is unwavering in her beliefs. What follows is a clash of romance and principles, where neither “love” nor “rights” is up for compromise.

The live-action film is based on Min Ji Hyoung's hit Korean novel “My Crazy Feminist Girlfriend,” which shot to popularity for its bold title and candid look at modern relationships. Dubbed the feminist version of hit Korean film *My Sassy Girl*, the book sparked discussion online and earned passionate support from readers.

Mei Nagano, known for her roles in the Netflix series [Burn the House Down](#) and films such as *Cells at Work!* and *Kakukaku Shikajika*, takes on the lead role of the unapologetically feminist ex-girlfriend whose emotional honesty clashes head-on with a man who once thought he knew her best. The film is directed by Keiichi Kobayashi, whose works — including *A Girl & Her Guard Dog*, *Love is Light*, and *He Won't Kill, She Won't Die* — span everything from the whimsical to the deeply realistic. In this adaptation, Kobayashi brings his nuanced touch to the story of two people reunited after years apart, navigating old wounds, new identities, and the complicated truths that shape contemporary love.

Based on:	“My Crazy Feminist Girlfriend” by Min Ji Hyoung (published by Louder Books)
Written and Directed by:	Keiichi Kobayashi
Producers:	Kei Haruna, Mio Morita
Production Company:	AOI Pro.
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Mei Nagano
Assets:	Photo(s)



One Year to Live, Buy a Man

On Netflix 2026 | Film

Starring Ko Shibasaki & Eiji Akaso, this series brings together screenwriter Yoshikazu Okada and director Hiroki Kazama to adapt a best-selling novel of an unconventional, borrowed time love story.

"Saving money is the best entertainment and the perfect way to kill time." So said Yui Katakura, a 40-year-old single woman. She has deliberately avoided anything she deems to be uneconomical, including romance, marriage and childbirth. During a free medical examination, she is diagnosed with cancer and told she only has a year left to live. Although the doctor urges surgery, Yui secretly feels relief. "If I'm going to die, there's no need to save money anymore."

Her life shifts when Sena, a pink-haired nightclub host down on his luck, unexpectedly approaches asking "Can you lend me some money?". Yui responds by "buying" him for 720,000 yen. What begins as an odd arrangement gradually becomes a warm, unconventional bond, and to their surprise, an unpredictable love gradually starts to take shape between.

This film is based on a 2021 novel of the same name, which won the 28th Shimase Romantic Literature Award, and stars Ko Shibasaki and Eiji Akaso. Directed by Hiroki Kazama (*silent, The Beginning of the Sea*), the story delicately explores the subtleties of the heart in a faithful adaptation of the original novel's meditation on life and how to live it. Together with veteran screenwriter Yoshikazu Okada (*Beyond Goodbye, The Last 10 Years*), they have teamed up to create a film that offers a fresh perspective on one's remaining years and reexamines the brilliance of life.

Based on:	"One Year to Live, Buy a Man" by Toriko Yoshikawa (Kodansha Bunko)
Directed by:	Hiroki Kazama
Written by:	Yoshikazu Okada
Producers:	Kasumi Yao, Tsutomu Hirabayashi
Production Company:	AOI Pro.
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Cast:	Ko Shibasaki, Eiji Akaso
Assets:	Photo(s) Original work



The Boyfriend Season 2

On Netflix January 13, 2026 | Reality Series

A new group of boys heads to snowy Hokkaido for another season of love, friendship and growth.

The Boyfriend, which debuted in 2024 as Japan's first romance reality show featuring gay men, resonated widely for its genuine conversations and relationships between the participants. With a focus not just on romance but also on friendships and self-discovery, the series expanded the possibilities for the romance reality genre.

In a complete change of scenery from Season 1's summery beach setting, the "Green Room" moves to snowy Hokkaido. Season 2 sees ten men with even more diverse backgrounds to seek connection and understanding. Meanwhile, unexpected encounters mark the return of contestants from Season 1 who didn't find love. In the midst of a new season, the men will once again navigate the delicate lines between romance and friendship as they search for their own answers. MEGUMI, Chiaki Horan, Thelma Aoyama, Durian Lollobrigida and Yoshimi Tokui all return as in-studio hosts.

Studio Hosts:	MEGUMI, Chiaki Horan, Thelma Aoyama, Durian Lollobrigida, Yoshimi Tokui
Music by:	Glen Check
Songs:	"Dazed & Confused" and "Bloom" by Glen Check and more
Producer/Casting:	Taiki
Producer:	Minami Suzuki
Chief Director:	Kazuhiko Kudo
Production Company:	Kyodo Television
Planned and Produced by:	Netflix
Assets:	Key Art & Photo(s)

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Doors Closed, Bids Open

On Netflix 2026 | Reality Series

Matsuko Deluxe comes to Netflix with a one-of-a-kind secret members-only veiled auction.

Matsuko Deluxe, one of Japan's most beloved TV emcees and a fixture of countless programs winning the "Favorite Host" ranking for five consecutive years, is finally making her Netflix debut. Known for her deep knowledge of a wide range of topics and her unique perspective that resonates with viewers, Matsuko is teaming up with Netflix for the very first time to present a forbidden auction show hosted by none other than Matsuko Deluxe herself. Only a select few are invited as bidders to this secret social club, which mysteriously appears in an underground space. What exactly will be up for auction there...?

Host:	Matsuko Deluxe
Produced and Programmed by:	Shinichi Sakurai
Producer:	Junji Nakayama
Chief Director:	Keiji Takahashi
Production Company:	Imagine, Inc.
Produced by:	Netflix
Assets:	Photo(s)



Love Village Season 3

On Netflix 2026 | Reality Series

A group of men and women aged 35 to 60 search for the last love of their lives in this romance reality show — now set against the stunning backdrop of Mount Fuji.

Love Village is a romance reality show that follows singles between 35 to 60 who hope to find their “final love” while living together in a traditional Japanese house. Season 1 premiered in May 2023 and spent six weeks in Netflix’s Weekly Top 10 Shows in Japan, followed by a second season in November 2024. The participants have all experienced life’s hardships — from divorce and grief to breast cancer and choosing to freeze their eggs — and their honest, vulnerable journeys struck a deep chord with many viewers. The series’ unprecedented commitment to depicting realistic romance has resonated with audiences and earned it a fiercely loyal following.

Season 3 shifts to a communal house at the foot of Mount Fuji, where a new group of adults will again look for love. Atsushi Tamura and Becky return as in-studio hosts to watch over the residents’ endearing attempts at connection. Will the residents be able to find true love and leave the house with a partner?

Studio Hosts:	Atsushi Tamura, Becky
Producer/Director:	Hitoshi Nishiyama
Chief Producer:	Katsuyuki Uetake
Production Company:	EN NETWORK
Produced by:	Netflix
Assets:	Photo(s)



Badly in Love Season 2

On Netflix 2026 | Reality Series

The baddest romance reality show ever returns — faster than you expected. Outcasts who have lived on the fringes of society, unbound by etiquette or rules, come together in pursuit of love.

Season 1 of the groundbreaking romance reality series *Badly in Love*, which began streaming in December 2025, introduced audiences to contestants from a variety of wildly unconventional backgrounds — from a former biker gang leader and an ex-yakuza member to a show dancer and a martial artist. Their unfiltered emotions and enthusiasm resonated so strongly with viewers that a second season has already begun production. This response is proof that it is more important than ever in this era for everyone to just be unapologetically themselves.

Season 2 is set in a new “school overlooking the blue sea of Okinawa, and welcomes a lineup of new participants gathered through the audition across Japan, all of whom bring further drama and encounters to the table. They experience not just romance, but also regret, atonement, lifelong bonds and the readiness to face the future. These delinquents search for love, and through it, a fresh start in life.

The contestants’ commitment to their identities, despite being labeled as nonconformists by society, is breaking new ground for the reality genre.

Creator/Producer:	MEGUMI
Producer:	Natsuko Ogata
Staging Director:	Tsuyoshi Kimura
Chief Director:	Mutsuya Ikeda
Production Company:	STAFF LaBBi
Produced by:	Netflix
Assets:	Key Art



2026 World Baseball Classic

All 47 games / On Netflix in Japan March 5-18, 2026

The World Baseball Classic, the world's premier international baseball tournament, returns in 2026. Twenty countries and regions will compete across 47 games, hosted in four cities, including Tokyo - all live-streamed on Netflix in Japan.

From electrifying performances by the game's biggest stars to unpredictable, edge-of-your-seat matchups and stunning comeback victories, unforgettable moments and new drama will be born on the field. Experience every pitch, hit, and historic moment - live on Netflix.

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Assets: [Key Art](#)

ANIME SERIES



Fire Force Season 3 Part II

On Netflix (APAC only) January 10, 2026 | Anime Series

The final chapter begins: Shinra and his fellow Fire Force fight to save the world one last time.

Fire Force is based on the popular manga of the same name, which was published in Weekly Shonen Magazine from 2015 to 2022 and has sold over 20 million copies. The anime premiered in 2019 with Season 1, followed by Season 2 in 2020. Season 3 arrives in two parts — the first in April 2025 and the second in January 2026 — bringing the story to its explosive conclusion.

Set in a world where people live in fear of spontaneous human combustion, the series follows individuals who suddenly catch fire and transform into destructive monsters called Infernals. Shinra Kusakabe, branded a “Devil” after surviving a deadly fire in his youth, dreams of being a hero and joins the Special Fire Force, an organization created to combat this catastrophic phenomenon. He and his comrades fight Infernals and attempt to unravel the mysteries behind spontaneous human combustion in this scorching-hot dark fantasy.

Original manga by:	Atsushi Ohkubo (Published in Weekly Shonen Magazine by Kodansha)
Director:	Tatsuma Minamikawa
Series Composition & Screenplay:	Sei Tsuguta
Production Company:	david production
Cast:	Gakuto Kajiwara (Shinra Kusakabe), Yusuke Kobayashi (Arthur Boyle), Kazuya Nakai (Akitaru Obi), Kenichi Suzumura (Takehisa Hinawa)
Assets:	KeyArt Main Trailer



Love Through a Prism

On Netflix January 15, 2026 | Series

Yoko Kamio, the beloved creator of *Boys Over Flowers*, delivers another masterpiece. Set at an art academy in London at the dawn of the 20th century, *Love Through a Prism* follows Lili Ichijoin as she pursues her dream of becoming a painter and experiences youthful romance. This coming-of-age story about young people striving for the brilliance of a prism's light is about to begin.

Love Through a Prism is written by manga author Yoko Kamio, who based it on her original story and provided character concepts. It is directed by Kazuto Nakazawa, known for directing the anime sequence in *Kill Bill: Volume 1* and for creating and directing *B: The Beginning*. Produced by WIT Studio (*Attack on Titan*, *Moonrise*), the animation brings to life both London's beauty and the story's sweeping emotional moments.

Story & Original Character Design: Yoko Kamio

Director: Kazuto Nakazawa

Second Director: Tetsuya Takahashi

Third Director: Saki Fujii

Screenplay: Yoko Kamio, Saki Fujii

Character Design: Yasuo Takahashi

Sub-character Design: Aiko Minowa

Chief Animation Directors: Yasuo Takahashi, Aiko Minowa

Color Design: Hanami Tanaka

Background Supervisor: Yusuke Takeda (Bamboo)

Compositing Director: Keisuke Nozawa

Editing: Chika Ishii

Music: Naoki"naoty"-Chiba

Sound Director: Tohru Kanegae

Sound Effects: Hiromune Kurahashi

Animation Producer: Keita Yoshinobu

Production: WIT Studio

Theme Song: "star flower" by Chilli Beans.

Cast: Atsumi Tanezaki (Lili Ichijoin), Koki Uchiyama (Kit Church), Yuki Kaji (Shinnosuke Kobayakawa), Megumi Han (Dorothy Brown), Yohei Azakami (Joffrey O'Brien), Shogo Sakata (Peter Anthony), Sumire Uesaka (Catherine Astor), Akari Kito (Sakura Kobayakawa), Hochu Otsuka (Charles Brant), Yuhko Kaida (Take Ichijoin), Junichi Suwabe (Richard Church)

ASSETS: [Key Art & Photo\(s\)](#) | [Main Trailer](#)



Cosmic Princess Kaguya!

On Netflix January 22, 2026 | Film

Cosmic Princess Kaguya!, Shingo Yamashita’s feature-length directorial debut, tells the tale of two girls who bond through song. Set in the dreamlike virtual realm of Tsukuyomi, their destined encounter unfolds in dazzling visual splendor. The theme song and soundtrack that bring the story to life are crafted by an ensemble of distinguished Vocaloid producers, led by ryo (supercell), who rocked the music world with the hit song “Melt” performed by the Vocaloid Hatsune Miku, as well as kz (livetune), 40mP, HoneyWorks, Aqu3ra and yuigot.

This film is the first title from Yamashita’s Studio Chromato, which is producing the animation jointly with Studio Colorido, known for its charming characters and spectacular imagery in films like *Penguin Highway* and *A Whisker Away*. An epic live music entertainment experience from trailblazing creative voices is about to unfold.

Director:	Shingo Yamashita
Character Design:	Hechima, Nagae Akihiro
Production:	Colorido, Twin Engine Partners
Animation Production:	Studio Colorido, Studio Chromato
Cast:	Yuko Natsuyoshi (Kaguya), Anna Nagase (Iroha Sakayori), Saori Hayami (Yachiyo Runami)
Assets:	Key Art & Photo(s) Main Trailer



BAKI-DOU: The Invincible Samurai

On Netflix February 26, 2026 | Series

Based on Keisuke Itagaki's "Baki-Dou," which was published in Weekly Shonen Champion from 2014 to 2018, this new series picks up after the biggest father-son fight on earth. With no worthy opponents left, Baki and the other battle-hardened fighters grow miserably bored — until a plan is enacted to resurrect Miyamoto Musashi, the greatest swordsman in Japanese history. The unprecedented clash between a legendary samurai revived in the modern times and the strongest underground fighter will be brought to life with stunning animation.

Produced by TMS ENTERTAINMENT, the studio behind *Baki* and *Baki Hanma*, this unpredictable battle between two fighters from entirely different eras is about to unfold.

Based on:	"Baki-Dou" by Keisuke Igataki (published in Shonen Champion by Akita Shoten)
Director:	Toshiki Hirano
Series Composition:	Tatsuhiko Urahata
Character Design:	Shingo Ishikawa
Prop Design:	Yashuhiro Moriki, Masahiro Sugiyama
Background Supervisors:	Seiko Akashi, Sachiko Kegasawa
Background Artist:	Seiko Akashi
Color Design:	Hiromi Miyawaki
Compositing Director:	Tatsuo Noguchi
Editor:	Yuriko Sano
Sound Director:	Yasuyuki Urakami
Sound Production:	AUDIO PLANNING U
Sound Effects:	Masahiro Shoji (Fizz Sound Creation)
Music:	Kenji Fujisawa (Team-MAX)
Animation Production:	TMS ENTERTAINMENT
Production:	Baki-Dou Production Committee
Cast:	Nobunaga Shimazaki (Baki Hanma), Akio Otsuka (Yujiro Hanma), Naoya Uchida (Musashi Miyamoto), Rikiya Koyama (Sea King Retsu), Takuya Eguchi (Kaoru Hanayama), Takayuki Sugo (Doppo Orochi), Yoshihisa Kawahara (Katsumi Orochi), Bin Shimada (Goki Shibukawa), Kenta Miyake (Jack Hammer), Tetsuo Kanao (Jack Horner), Jin Domon (Hitoshi Nonomura), Kenichi Ogata (Sea Emperor Kaku), Tatsuhisa Suzuki (Chiharu Shiba), Ken Narita (Kureha Shinogi), Ayumu Murase (Gaia), Toru Furuya (Narration)
Assets:	Key Art & Photo(s) Teaser Trailer



STEEL BALL RUN JoJo's Bizarre Adventure

On Netflix March 19, 2026 | Anime Series

A masterpiece by Hirohiko Araki, “JoJo’s Bizarre Adventure” began its serialization in Shueisha’s manga magazine Weekly Shonen Jump in 1986 and has since gained immense popularity worldwide. The series is an epic saga that chronicles the bloodline and destiny of the Joestar family, beginning with the fateful encounter between two young boys, Jonathan Joestar and Dio Brando. With a cumulative circulation of over 120 million copies, its one-of-a-kind universe has garnered fervent support across the globe. The characters’ iconic poses, innovative onomatopoeia, and unforgettable lines have come to define its overwhelming originality, spanning adaptations across anime, video games, stage musicals, and a live-action film. The latest manga arc, “The JOJOLands (Part 9),” is currently serialized in Ultra Jump.

STEEL BALL RUN is a story set in the 19th century and follows the first-ever cross-continental horse race across North America. The protagonist, Johnny Joestar, is a former genius jockey who became a paraplegic. He forms an alliance with Gyro Zeppeli, a mysterious outlaw aiming for the top prize, and the two embark on a grueling race across the continent together.

Based on:

Directors:

Series Director:

Series Composition:

Character Design/Chief Animation Director:

Music:

Sound Director:

Animation Production:

Cast:

Assets:

Yasuhiro Kimura, Hideya Takahashi (“Golden Wind” directors)

Toshiyuki Kato (“STONE OCEAN,” “Thus Spoke Kishibe Rohan” director)

Yasuko Kobayashi (also for entire previous anime series)

Daisuke Tsumagari (“STONE OCEAN,” “Golden Wind” animation director)

Yugo Kanno (also from “Stardust Crusaders” to “STONE OCEAN”)

Yoshikazu Iwanami (also for entire previous anime series)

David Production (also for entire previous anime series)

Shogo Sakata (Johnny Joestar), Yohei Azakami (Gyro Zeppeli),

Kaito Ishikawa (Diego Brando), Rie Takahashi (Lucy Steel), Kenta Miyake (Steven Steel)

[Key Art](#) | [Main Trailer](#)



BEASTARS Final Season Part 2

On Netflix March 2026 | Series

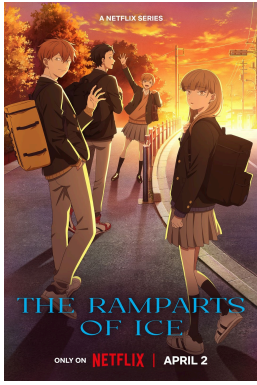
Set in a world where carnivores and herbivores coexist, this ensemble drama features young beasts grappling with their instincts. The final chapter of this hugely popular coming-of-age anime is fully set into motion. The manga “BEASTARS” by Paru Itagaki (published in Shonen Champion Comics by Akita Shoten) has sold over 10 million copies worldwide and received many awards. In 2019, the anime adaptation, produced by Japan’s leading CG animation studio Orange, received rave reviews around the globe. The long-awaited Part 2 of this popular series’ final season arrives soon, only on Netflix.

The facade of peace is shattered by Melon’s secret schemes. As distrust between herbivores and carnivores intensifies, Melon's fangs draw close to Haru. Legoshi, having drifted to the Black Market, is once again forced to confront himself, while Louis struggles with new entanglements in the surface world. Reunited, they move on their respective paths toward the same goal: to face Melon.

Legoshi believes in miracles, Haru looks toward the future, Louis defies destiny, and Melon despises the world.

In a society shaken by desire and fear, what "answer" will they finally reach? The coming-of-age ensemble drama set in the animal world now reaches its conclusion.

Based on:	“BEASTARS” by Paru Itagaki (published in Shonen Champion Comics by Akita Shonen)
Director:	Shinichi Matsumi
Screenplay:	Nanami Higuchi
Production:	Orange
Character Design:	Nao Otsu, Takumo Norita
CG Director:	Mitsuki Ota
VFX Art Director:	Junpei Funada
Art Director:	Maiko Ikeda
Art Setting:	Nobuhito Sue
Color Setting:	Satoshi Hashimoto
Compositing Director:	Sayaka Segawa
Editing:	Junichi Uematsu
Music:	Satoru Kosaki (MONACA)
Ending Theme Song:	“Tiny Light” by SEVENTEEN
Cast:	Chikahiro Kobayashi (Legoshi), Sayaka Senbongi (Haru), Yuki Ono (Louis), Tessho Genda (Sagwan), Fumiko Orikasa (Seven), Genki Muro (Sunaga), Junya Enoki (Jack), Atsumi Tanezaki (Juno), Yuki Kaji (Pina), Subaru Kimura (Free), Akio Otsuka (Gohin), Shin-ichiro Miki (Yahya), Shigeru Chiba (Gosha), Koji Okino (Melon)
ASSETS:	Teaser Art Main Trailer



The Ramparts of Ice

On Netflix April 2, 2026 | Series

A reclusive high school student is drawn out of her shell by three other students in a vexing yet wholesome story about youth and connection.

This series is based on Kocha Agasawa’s popular manga series “The Ramparts of Ice,” which has received 160 million total views on the Line Manga digital service (as of August 2025), with the print edition published by Shueisha Jump Comics reaching over 1.94 million copies in cumulative circulation (as of August 2025, including the digital version). The voice cast features Anna Nagase as Koyuki Hikawa, Fuka Izumi as Miki Azumi, Shoya Chiba as Minato Amamiya, and Satoshi Inomata as Yota Hino.

The story centers around Koyuki Hikawa, a socially withdrawn student who keeps an emotional wall between herself and others. The only person she spends time with is her longtime friend, Miki Azumi. One day, her quiet life is disrupted when a boy named Minato Amamiya inexplicably starts trying to break through her barriers. The aloof Koyuki, the high school idol Miki, the overly familiar Minato and the laid-back basketball player Yota share an awkward, occasionally frustrating, yet wholesome student life.

Based on:	“The Ramparts of Ice” by Kocha Agasawa (published by Shueisha Jump Comics)
Director:	Mankyu
Series Composition:	Yasuhiro Nakanishi
Character Design:	Miki Ogino
Music:	Kanade Sakuma, Natsumi Tabuchi
Production Cooperation:	Margaret Editorial Department
Animation Production:	Studio KAI
Cast:	Anna Nagase, Fuka Izumi, Shoya Chiba, Satoshi Inomata
Assets:	Key Art & Photo(s) Main Trailer



Sparks of Tomorrow

On Netflix July 2026 | Series

Presenting a new frontier for Kyoto Animation, this anime features stunning, impressionistic backgrounds and intricately expressive animation that bring to life the dreams of a young boy and girl, sparking a turbulent era of revolution.

In an alternate version of the early 20th century where technological progress evolved along a different path shaped by steam power, Kyoto is blanketed in constant smoke.

A boy, hardened by the loss of his brother, grows distrustful after their shared dream of an “Age of Electricity” is cut short. A deeply devout girl hides her dreams and regrets for her deceased mother deep within her heart. When the two cross paths, they set about exploring the secrets of the 20th Century Electrical Catalog, a glimpse into the future they long for.

Together, they must confront their pasts and carve a path toward the future they once believed in.

Based on:

“20 Seiki Denki Mokuroku” by Hiro Yuki
(published by KA Esuma Bunko / Kyoto Animation)

Director:

Minoru Ota

Series Composition:

Tatsuhiko Urahata

Character Design/Chief Animation Director:

Kohei Okamura

World Building:

Takaaki Suzuki

Music:

Hitomi Koto

Animation Production:

Kyoto Animation

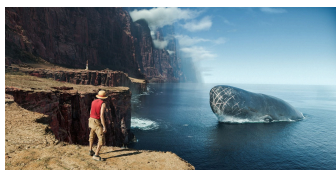
Cast:

Yuma Uchida (Kihachi Sakamoto), Sora Amamiya (Inako Momokawa)

Assets:

[Teaser Art](#)

GLOBAL SERIES



ONE PIECE: INTO THE GRAND LINE

On Netflix March 10, 2026 (Season 1 now streaming) | Series

Netflix's epic high-seas pirate adventure, *ONE PIECE*, returns for Season 2 — unleashing fiercer adversaries and the most perilous quests yet. Luffy and the Straw Hats set sail for the extraordinary Grand Line — a legendary stretch of sea where danger and wonder await at every turn. As they journey through this unpredictable realm in search of the world's greatest treasure, they'll encounter bizarre islands and a host of formidable new enemies.

ONE PIECE is a live-action pirate adventure created in partnership with Shueisha and produced by Tomorrow Studios (an ITV Studios partner) and Netflix.

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Assets:

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