

Japan

Light of the River

PreK and Kindergarten

Animated Feature in Japanese with English subtitles (read aloud)
90 minute program includes Media Education

A unique family of rats sets out on a long journey to find a safe place to call home. Forced out of their peaceful riverbank by construction, the country rat family encounters many challenges, but also kindness from new city-animal friends.

Told through gorgeous Japanese animation, *Light of the River* celebrates the splendor of untouched nature, the freedom of embracing new challenges, and the joy of discovering new neighbors.

Two-time award winner for animation at the 2010 Chicago International Children's Film Festival.



The Azemichi Road

Grades 6-8 (Ages 11-13)

Live-action Feature in Japanese with English subtitles
105 minute program includes Media Education

The students on the "Jump Girls" dance team have one thing on their mind—to win a spot in the upcoming national dance competition! But tensions arise among the girls when Rena, the team's charismatic and popular leader, encourages a hearing-impaired student named Yuuki to join the squad.

Do the girls have what it takes to overcome their differences and reach the national championships? Find out in this compelling Japanese film which skillfully explores the communicative power of artistic expression and the beauty of compassion.

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- ✓ \$6 per student (25-student minimum)
- ✓ Teachers/chaperones free
- ✓ Screenings at Facets Multi-Media in Lincoln Park
- ✓ In-school screening option also available
- ✓ Curriculum aligned with ISBE Learning Standards provided prior to screenings

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