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The GG Film Festival features works by Mamoru Oshii, from *Urusei Yatsura 2: Beautiful Dreamer* to his newest series *VLADLOVE*.

Ichigo Animation, the production company of VLADLOVE, is holding the GG Film Festival highlighting works by Mamoru Oshii and Junji Nishimura.

The film festival will be showing additional episodes of VLADLOVE as well as notable Mamoru Oshii works, including Urusei Yatsura 2: Beautiful Dreamer, Patlabor: The Movie, Ghost in the Shell, and Jin-Roh in theaters across Japan.



Guests that attend the film festival will also be able to watch an exclusive interview video with Mamoru Oshii and receive an original GG Film Festival pamphlet, a drawing featuring the printed signature of either Mamoru Oshii or Junji Nishimura, and an original A4 size folder.

### **GG Film Festival Details**

Date: January 9~10, 2021

Location: United Cinemas Toyosu in LaLaport Toyosu

Date: January 16~17, 2021

Locations: 109 Cinemas Kawasaki in Lazona Kawasaki Plaza  
109 Cinemas Nagoya in Market Square Sasashima  
109 Cinemas Osaka Expo City in Expocity

Date: February 6~7, 2021

Locations: United Cinemas Toyosu in LaLaport Toyosu  
United Cinemas Canal City 13 in Canal City Hakata

- Ticket details will be announced at a later date.
- The film festival may be cancelled due to Covid.
- Your body temperature will be measured at each location.
- Please wear a mask and follow Covid guidelines at each location. Please check the movie theater websites for details.
- Taking photos and recording audio and video with cameras and cellphones are strictly prohibited inside the movie theater.

### **GG Film Festival Benefits (Included in Ticket Price)**

1. An exclusive interview video with Mamoru Oshii, including a joint interview with Junji Nishimura
2. Original GG Film Festival pamphlet
3. VLADLOVE artwork signed by either Mamoru Oshii or Junji Nishimura
4. Original film festival A4 size folder

Guests attending the film festival in Toyosu, Kawasaski, and Osaka can bring their ticket to CulZone, the official Ichigo Animation shop, on the second floor of DiverCity Tokyo Plaza in exchange for a special present available on a first-come-first-served basis.

## **GG Film Festival Works**

### **Urusei Yatsura 2: Beautiful Dreamer**

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This second installment of the Urusei Yatsura films follows the people of Tomobikicho that have been thrown into an alternative dream world created by the main antagonist, Mujaki. The first film, Urusei Yatsura: Only You, was also directed by Mamoru Oshii, and captivated both anime fans and non-anime fans. Mamoru Oshii made his mark in the anime world with this movie.

### **Patlabor: The Movie**

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This sci-fi action movie is the first movie based on the Patlabor series, which started as an original video anime in 1988. Set in a world with human-shaped robots called “Labors,” this cybercrime thriller and robot action movie focuses on the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Special Vehicle Section 2, Division 2 squad fighting crime.

### **Ghost in the Shell**

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A ground-breaking sci-fi movie set in a highly advanced, futuristic society, a public-security police agent hunts down Puppet Master, an international hacker. The movie is known for its astonishing visuals of the cyber world and exploring the theme of what it means to be human.

### **Jin-Roh**

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Written by Mamoru Oshii and directed by Hiroyuki Okiura, this movie has won multiple awards at film festivals and is set in a post-war world where Japan is occupied by Germany instead of the US. With a great story and captivating images, the movie may change the way you see anime.

### **VLADLOVE Episodes 2-4**

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VLADLOVE is a comedy about a high school girl and a beautiful vampire. Mamoru Oshii’s first comedy since Urusei Yatsura, the new anime series with a “girl meets girl” theme is a must-see for all fans. The first episode is currently available for free on the official VLADLOVE YouTube channel.

### **Invitation to the VLADLOVE World Premiere**

Place: United Cinemas Toyosu in LaLaport Toyosu

Date: December 28, 2020

Doors Open: 12:30pm

Screening: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Ichigo Animation is inviting additional guests to the VLADLOVE world premiere. Please apply for the event lottery via the following website (applications accepted until 11:59pm on December 19, 2020)

[www.ticketpay.jp/booking/?event\\_id=31282](http://www.ticketpay.jp/booking/?event_id=31282)

## **Story**

Mitsugu Bamba is a high school student with a blood donation obsession, to the point that she feels compelled to visit a local blood bank on a daily basis, earning the ire of an unfriendly nurse. One day at the blood bank Mitsugu encounters a beautiful girl named Mai who looks like she is from overseas. Mai is so pale that she appears ready to faint. Instead, she suddenly starts smashing equipment. Mai then loses consciousness, and Mitsugu takes her home.

## **Production Team**

Executive Director & Screenplay: Mamoru Oshii

Director: Junji Nishimura

Screenplay: Mamoru Oshii, Kei Yamamura

Visual Design: Uta Mizuno

Character Design: Issei Arakaki

Color Design: Hiroko Umezaki

Background Artist: Yasutada Kato

Background Art Director: Kazuhiro Obata

Background Art: smartile

Sound Director: Kazuhiro Wakabayashi

Sound Effects: Kaori Yamada

Sound Production: Take Imaizumi

Sound Work: Production I.G

Music Production: AUBE

Music: Kenji Kawai

Animation: Drive Inc.

Animation Production Cooperation: Production I.G

Creative Production: Comic Animation Inc.

## **Cast**

Mitsugu Bamba: Ayane Sakura

Mai Vlad Transilvania: Rina Hidaka

Chihiro Chimatsuri: Romi Park

Maki Watabe: Saori Hayami

Jinko Sumida: Yoko Hikasa

Nami Unten: Yu Kobayashi

Kaoru Konno: Kanako Takatsuki

Masumi Katsuno: Kenta Miyake

Okada: Kaito Ishikawa

Kambara: Ryunosuke Watanuki

Horita: Taro Kiuchi

Mai's Dad: Hiroshi Iwasaki

Mitsugu's Dad: Jouji Nakata

**Opening Theme Song (Mitsugu Version)****Artist: BlooDye****Song Title: “Where you are”**

Lyrics by Daisuke “DAIS” Miyachi and LITTLE

Music composed by Daisuke “DAIS” Miyachi

Arranged by Yuichi Ohno

RAP by LITTLE (KICK THE CAN CREW)

**Opening Theme Song (Mai Version)****Artist: LOVEBITES****Song Title: “Winds Of Transylvania”**

Lyrics by asami

Music composed by asami &amp; Mao

Arranged by LOVEBITES &amp; Mao

**Ending Theme Song (Chihiro Version), Japan Release****Artists: alan & Ayasa****Song Title: “Akaiaime”**

Lyrics by Psycho Kawamura

Music composed and arranged by ZENTA

**Ending Theme Song (Ayasa Instrumental Version), Overseas Release****Artist: Ayasa****Title: “Shingetsu (Instrumental)”**

Music composed and arranged by Yasuhisa Inoue

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**Ichigo Animation Official Shop CulZone Opening Today on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of AKIBA CULTURES ZONE and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of DiverCity Tokyo Plaza!**

The official shop of Ichigo Animation, CulZone is opening. Focusing on anime and music themes, the shop will also have an exhibition space. The first themed shop will be the VLADLOVE Official Shop. CulZone will be opening

on the fourth floor of the AKIBA CULTURES ZONE and the second floor of DiverCity Tokyo Plaza. The DiverCity Tokyo Plaza shop is a pop-up that will be open from today to April 4, 2021. The lineup of items for sale will be different for each location and will also be available on the online CulZone store.



The Team Oshii GG souvenir jackets, which are the same jackets worn by Mamoru Oshii, Junji Nishimura, and the production staff, will be available for sale.

Ichigo Animation will expand its apparel line to offer edgy and fashionable items featuring anime series characters that can be worn daily.



### Lineup of Souvenir Jackets



#### Team Oshii GG Souvenir Jacket

Genuine cow leather.  
Same jacket offered as the prize for the Oshii award under the VLADLOVE Poster Contest.

JPY 88,000 (including tax)



#### Akihabara Jacket

A striking embroidery of a salamander on the back catches the eye. Its design is of an MA-1 flight jacket. The jacket is reversible, and an embroidery of a bat on the right shoulder adds an accent.

JPY 18,000 (including tax)

### CulZone Overview

Available Goods: Anime goods from VLADLOVE, Mobile Police PATLABOR, etc.

Store Locations: AKIBA CULTURES ZONE (4F), DiverCity Tokyo Plaza (2F)

Opening Date: Today at 11:00am

CulZone Online Store: <https://cul-zone.stores.jp>

IA & ACZ Official Twitter: [https://twitter.com/ACZ\\_official](https://twitter.com/ACZ_official)

### **Websites & Social Media (Japanese):**

VLADLOVE Official Website

[www.ichigo-animation.com/en](http://www.ichigo-animation.com/en)

VLADLOVE Official Twitter

[https://twitter.com/VLADLOVE\\_ANIME](https://twitter.com/VLADLOVE_ANIME)

AKIBA CULTURES ZONE Official Website

[www.akibacultureszone.com/en](http://www.akibacultureszone.com/en)

AKIBA CULTURES ZONE Official Twitter

[https://twitter.com/ACZ\\_Official](https://twitter.com/ACZ_Official)

Official CulZone Online Shop

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