



Ryuma Matsuzaka

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Training

- HB Studio, NY (2016)
- SPF, Tokyo (2011-13)
- Zen Hirano Studio (2002-05)

Select Honors

- Starred in Japan Academy Award winning film In the Hero (2014)
- Twice Awarded Best SPF Actor (by Bong-Ou Lee, Masaharu Take, Houka Kinoshita et.al.)
- Special Acting Coach to Alice Project - Kamen Joshi
- Member Shogeki Mukon
- Founder of The Japanese Artist Project

| Film (Date) | Role | Director / Producer | Awards / Nominations / Notables |
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| 8:15 (2020) | Soldier | J.R. Heffelfinger | Winner Audience Award for the Nashville Film Festival 2020 (USA), Officially Selected for the Nashville Film Festival 2020 (USA), Officially Selected for the AAS Film EXPO 2021 (USA), Hiroshima International Film Festival 2020 (JPN) |
| Street (2020) | Leading Role: Homeless | Ryuma Matsuzaka | Best Drama North America of Short Category for the Alternative Film Festival 2021 (CAN), Officially Selected for the New Filmmakers NewYork 2021 (USA), Officially Selected for the FESTIVAL ANGAELICA 2021 (USA) |
| Water Girls (2017) | Leading Role: Mr. Katsu | Yun Ye | Officially Selected for the 2017 New York Short Film Festival at Sunshine Cinema, Screening at the PAC Purchase College. Water Girls and Yun Ye Mentioned in <i>Vogue</i> and IMDb. |
| The FAB3 (2015) | Lead: Ryosuke | Kentarou Shimasaki | Fukuoka Independent Film Festival Outstanding Performance Award. Music by Sigur Rós and notable cast member, includes Houka Kinoshita. |
| Metalca (Eng. Dead Banging) (2014) | Starring Role: Mr. Okano, the Drummer | Eiji Uchida | Won the Grand Prize at Zompire: The Undead Film Festival (USA), the World Premiere at the Dead By Dawn Horror Film Festival (UK), and the European Premiere at the Haapsalu Horror & Fantasy Film Festival (Estonia). Also, nominated at the Japan Movie Festival Hamburg (GER) and premiered in Latin America at the Fantaspoa International Fantastic Film Festival. Mentioned in Festival Scope Pro, PDX Pipeline, Film Freeway, Horrorpedia, Flick Fest, JFDB and IMDb. |

Light and Shadow (previously, "Allowance") (2014) Lead: Ryu Junpei Suzuki Award by Tama New Wave Arushiten Competition at 15th Tama New Wave, Nominated by First Kohan Film Festival, Los Angeles CineFest, IndieWise Free Virtual Festival, and Hollywood Screenings Film Festival, Included in IMDb.

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| In the Hero (Eng. Unsung Hero) (2014) | Starring Role: Odogu | Masaharu Take / Bong-Ou Lee | Film won Japan Academy Award for Best New Actor (Sota Fukushi). Mentioned in Cinema Pia, Cinema Today, Filmmarks, Eiga.com, JFDB and IMDb. Cast included Toshiaki Karasawa, Emi Wakui and Hiroki Matsu. Distributed by Toei. \$1.2M Box Office sales. |
| Greatful Dead (2014) | Japanese Christian | Eiji Uchida | 2013 Fantastic Fest, 2013 Raindance Film Festival, 2013 Hong Kong Asian Film Festival, 2014 Motel x, 2014 Fantaspoa, 2014 Yubari International Fantastic Film Festival, Special Invitation. Mentioned in JFDB and IMDb. |
| Kujira no ita Natsu (Eng. Summer of the Whales) (2014) | Ramen Master | Yasuhiro Yoshida | Distributed by United Entertainment. Notable cast members include Shuhei Nomura. Mentioned in JFDB and IMDb. |
| Maiko (2013) | Lead: Tatsuya | Yusaku Fushimi | Won Prize at 1st Selection of the Moving Pictures Festival, Nieuwmoer, Belgium. Mentioned in IMDb. |
| Orbis (2013) | Lead: Anzai | Ryosuke Honaka | |
| I Am Ichihashi: Taiho Sareru Made (2013) | Policeman | Dean Fujioka | Distributed by Sedic International Inc. Notable cast members include Dean Fujioka. Available on Netflix Japan. Mentioned in IMDb and JFDB. |
| Aniki (Eng. Big Brother) (2012) | Lead: Yakuza | Junpei Suzuki | Grand Prize at Second Iwaki Bouken Film Festival 2013, Wins Prize at West Tokyo Film Festival 2012, Wins Prize at Yokohama Independent Film Festival 2012. Notable cast members include Hideo Nakaizumi. Mentioned in IMDb. |

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| Ogon Wo Daite Tobe (Eng. Fly with the Gold) (2012) | Takahashi Office Worker | Kazuyuki Izutsu | Distributed by Shochiku. Cast includes Satoshi Tsumabuki, Tadanobu Asano and Toshiyuki Nishida. Mentioned in JFDB and IMDb. \$4.5M Box Office sales. |
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| Eden (2012) | Starring Role: Hiromi | Masaharu Take / Bong-Ou Lee | Nippon Cinema Award at the Nippon Connection 2013 (Germany), 37th Yufuin Cinema Festival (Japan) and Split Film Festival (Croatia), Selected by World Premiere for 17th Busan International Film Festival (Korea). Distributed by Sumomo. Notable cast members include Tarou Yamamoto, Yuri Nakamura and Saki Takaoka. Mentioned in JFDB and IMDb. |
| Period Uttara Catharsis (2011) | Lead: Matsuzaka | Junpei Suzuki | Awarded 5th Jury's Special Award at Odawara Festival Short Film Contest. Mentioned in IMDb. |
| Ideoyaji to Sanbiki no Doraneko (2011) | Manabe Manabu | Kento Takei | 23rd Tokyo Student Film Festival Finalist |
| Hyottoko Sensei (2011) | Co-star: Acting Class Student | Yasuhiro Yoshida / Yuta Yasuda | First film produced by SPF |
| Cream (2010) | Yoshio Okamoto | Atsushi Fujii | Included in IMDb. |

| TV & Radio Drama (Date)& Commercial | Role | Director | Broadcaster / Notes |
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| G Fuel (2020) | Lead Role: Man | G Fuel | Youtube |
| Goldman Sachs CM (2020) | Voice Over (VO) | Good Brother | |
| Morning Community (March 2019) | Guest Personality | Eiichi Otani | Music Bird FM via 100 Radio Stations to 25M |

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| Hyoryu Hikki (2013) Begins Trailer | Lead Role: Toru | Hirokazu Fujisawa | Fuji TV (CX TV) / IMDb |
| Kamisama no Itazura (2013) | Supporting Role: Chinpira | Noboru Iguchi | BS-TBS and Sony Music Artists / IMDb |
| Innocent Episode 2 - Kingyo no Yume (2012) | Young Businessman | Mitsuhiro Mihara | Wowow / IMDb |

| Other Film Productions (Date) | Description | Roles | Views, Channel, Misc. |
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| Ue o Muite Arukō (I Keep My Head Up High) SUKIYAKI" Quarantine (2020) | Collaborate with Japanese Artist in NYC | Producer, Actor, Director | Over 400,000 views The Japanese Artist Project (Youtube) |
| Unbeaten by Rain (2020) | Collaborate with Japanese Artist in NYC | Producer, Actor, Director | Over 1,000 views The Japanese Artist Project (Youtube) |
| Film Tourists Guide Book NY (2015-16) | A multi-episode set of films to introduce NY to Japanese tourists | Lead Actor, Supporting Actor, Cameraman, Concept Advisor | Over 100,000 views, Land TV (YouTube)* |

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| Real English: How Do You Say (2015-16) | A multi-episode set of films to introduce English expressions to Japanese speakers | Lead Actor, Scriptwriter, Director | Over 12,000 views, Land TV (YouTube)* |
| Silentó-Watch Me Whip / Nae Nae Parody (2016) | A film parody by Tokyo Fever - Dubstep Remix Mash Up | Lead Actor (Yakuza) | Over 1,200 views, Tokyo Fever (YouTube), IMDb |
| Take It Easy (2015) | A Japanese language short film drama | Lead Actor, Director, Scriptwriter | Over 1,500 views, Land TV (YouTube)*, IMDb |
| Asian Tam: Anata to Futari (2014) | A music video available throughout Japan in Karaoke DAM clubs. | Lead Actor (Yakuza) | Over 6,000 views, Gachinko Film Music Video; IMDb |
| Moving Movie Theater | Film theater project | Vice General Manager | Thousands of viewers |

Project “MoMO” (2011) designed to bring film to victims and devastated area of Great East Earthquake in 2011 from across Japan.

Gold Standard (2008) Art film directed by David Kelley. Lead Actor (Ushio Shinohara) Mixed-film and theater art film.

* R.Matsuzaka is a co-founder of Land TV Youtube Channel project January 2015, currently with over 1,300 subscribers and over **140,000 views**.

| Theatre Productions | Role | Location (Date) | Theatre Company |
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| Chushingura -47 Ronin- | Starring Actor | Mezzanine Theatre (October 2022, Pre-Production) | Amaterasu ZaTheater Company |
| Samurai of Blue eyes | Lead Actor | (September 2022,Pre-Production) | The Japanese Artist Project |
| Onion - Inochi Aru Tokoro | Consultant (Informal Role) | Theatre “Samusa” (March 2019) | Mukon Theater Company |
| Sakura - The Gift | Lead Actor: Ishida | Theater Brats Tokyo (July 2014) | Mukon Theater Company |
| The Five Easels | Supporting Actor: Jack | Raft Tokyo (March 2009) | Jaken Theater Company |
| Maihama Vice | Lead Actor: Jeans / JI-PAN | Duo Stage BBs Tokyo (June 2009) | Attention Please Theater Company |
| Wagahaiha Ningendearu | Starring Actor: Heita | Yorozu Theater Tokyo (Oct 2008) | Kantokirkto Theater Company |
| Kokuhakuno Omnibus | Lead Actor: Ryuji & Scriptwriter | Theater Momo Tokyo (May 2007) | Kantokirkto Theater Company |
| Jinsei Owarai Gekijou | Lead Actor: Junji & Scriptwriter | Ginza Play Theater Tokyo (Nov/Dec. 2006), Lead Role | Kantokirkto Theater Company |

















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| Yanagisawa Omocha Honpo Shinshouhin Kikakushitsu Kaihatsu Shuninno Hanashi | Starring Actor: Douse Dameo | Theater Momo Tokyo (June 2006) | Kantokirkto Theater Company |
| Ame Monogatari | Starring Actor: Kazuya | Ginza Play Theater Tokyo (Nov. 2005) | Kantokirkto Theater Company |
| Kokkai Lunch | Supporting Actor: Kenichi Mizuno | Akashi Studio Tokyo (June 2005) | Kantokirkto Theater Company |





Selected Mentions in the Media, Press

- IMDb, Ongoing
- NY Japion Newspaper, November 16, 2018
- Kazo City News Bulletin, November 2018
- Shukan NY Seikatsu, October 27, 2018
- New York Point Guide (NYPG), June 29, 2018
- Yo Clown, 2017
- HB Studio Official Brochure, 2017
- YouTube - Land TV (2015-16)
- NY Japion Newspaper, June 24, 2016
- Nylon Japan, April 15, 2016
- New York Point Guide (NYPG), June 10, 2015
- The Dusty Rebel, May 31, 2015
- Live Dam Karaoke: Anata to Futari (2014) by Asian Tam
- TV Drama Database, Feb. 4-25, 2013
- TV Drama Database, Jan. 2, 2013
- TV Drama Database, March 31, 2012
- CoRich Theater & Art Review, May 27, 2009
- CoRich Theater & Art Review, August 24, 2008
- CoRich Theater & Art Review, May 22, 2007
- Kadokawa Gakugei Shuppan

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|  | Water Girls (2017) (Short) - Mr. Katsu | |
|  | Ikumi FW 2016 New York Collection FW16 (2016) (Short) - Director, Editor | |
|  | Take It Easy (2015) (Short) - Himself, Director, Writer | |
|  | In the Hero (2014) Odogu | \$1.2MM |
|  | Kujira no ita natsu (2014) Actor | |
|  | Anata to Futari (2014) (Video) - Yakuza 1 | |
|  | Light and Shadow (2014) Ryu | |
|  | I Am Ichihashi: Journal of a Murderer (2013) Police man | |
|  | Dead Banging (2013) Okano drums | |
|  | Greatful Dead (2013) Actor | |
|  | Aniki (2013) (Short) - Yakuza | |
|  | Maiko (2013) (Short) - Tatsuya | |
|  | Fly with the Gold (2012) Actor | \$4.5MM |
|  | Eden (2012) Hiromi | \$750K |
|  | Cream (2011) Yoshio Okamoto | |
|  | Period Uttara Catharsis (2011) (Short) - Matsu | |

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| Past Television (3 titles) ▾ | | Episodes ▾ |
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|  | Kamisama no itazura (2013) (TV Mini-series) - Chinpira (1 episode, 2013) Episode #1.1 (Feb 4, 2013) Season 1, Episode 1 - Chinpira | 1 |
|  | Hyoryu Hikki (2013) (TV Movie) - Actor | |
|  | Mukôda Kuniko Innocent (2012) (TV Series) - Young Businessman (1 episode, 2012) Dreams of Gold Fish (Mar 31, 2012) Season 1, Episode 2 - Young Businessman | 1 |
| Self (1 title) | | |
|  | Silentó: Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae) Parody (2016) (Video) - Himself | |

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Biography

Mini Bio (1)

Ryuma Matsuzaka is an internationally acclaimed film and theater artist. Born in Japan March 28, 1983, Matsuzaka has starred in no fewer than 12 critically acclaimed films, including *Water Girls* (2017 - Dir. Y.Ye), selected for the New York Short Film Festival, *FAB3* (2015 - K.Shimasaki), winner of Outstanding Performance by the Fukuoka Independent Film Festival, and *In the Hero* (Eng. *Unsung Hero*) (2014 - M.Take), which won a Japan Academy Award, *Light and Shadow* (2014 - J.Suzuki), winner of Tama New Wave Arushiten Competition, and *Maiko* (2013 - Y.Fushimi), winner of Moving Pictures Festival, Nieuwmoer, Belgium, *Aniki* (Eng. *Big Brother*) (2012 - J.Suzuki), winner of Grand Prize at the Second Iwaki Bouken Film Festival, and *Eden* (2012 - M.Take), nominee for Nippon Cinema Award at the Nippon Connection, Germany.

Early years: 2002-2009 Matsuzaka began his acting career in 2002 when he joined the esteemed Zen Hirano Acting Studio, where he studied method acting from Zen Hirano, who in 1968 became the first Asian member of the elite Actors Studio, and his wife, Miyuki Hirano. There, Matsuzaka studied the Strasberg and Chekhov acting methods. So impressed with his acting abilities, Miyuki Hirano dedicated a section of her book "The Liberation of Emotion: The Theme of Theater Expression and Method Acting" (2007) to Matsuzaka, describing his strength of emotion and courage as an actor (referring to him as "Shinya" for privacy), and including an acting essay he wrote.

Initially focusing on theater, Matsuzaka was a core member of two distinguished Japanese theater companies: Mukon Theater Company and Kantokirkto Theater Company, and he performed in lead and other starring roles and scriptwriter in a number of Japanese "Off-Broadway" type plays and venues, including *Sakura - The Gift* (2014) at Theater Brats Tokyo with Mukon Theater Company, *The Five Easels* (2009) at Raft Tokyo with Jaken Theater Company, *Maihama Vice* (2009) at Duo Stage BBs Tokyo with Attention Please Theater Company, *Wagahaiha Ningendearu* (2008) at Yorozu Theater Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company, *Kokuhaku no Omnibus* (2007) at the Theater Momo Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company, *Jinsei Owarai Gekijou* (2006) at the Ginza Play

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Theater Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company, Yanagisawa Omocho Honpo Shinshouhin Kikakushitsu Kaihatsu Shuninno Hanashi (2006) at the Theater Momo Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company, Ame Monogatari (2005) at the Ginza Play Theater Tokyo in November 2005 and Kokkai Lunch at the Akashi Studio Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company.

Notably Matsuzaka starred in an art film, Gold Standard (2008), directed by David Kelley. Gold Standard is a video installation that re-enacts in Tokyo a 1964 performance by Robert Rauschenberg. The film considers the American post-modern painter's performance against the anti-American student demonstrations occurring in Japan at the same time.

Film Crossover: 2010-Present From around 2010-11, Matsuzaka began focusing on film acting and entered the Schooling Pad for Film (SPF), an actors and directors community founded by renowned Japanese producer/director Bong-Ou Lee emphasizing interaction and sharing among teachers and students. Matsuzaka studied at SPF from 2011-13, and in that time was twice awarded Best SPF Actor by Bong-Ou Lee, Japanese director/screenwriter Masaru Take and Japanese actor Houka Kinoshita. Matsuzaka has been credited with starring roles in no less than 7 major motion picture productions by IMDb and the Japan Film Database (JFDB). His films have won awards in not only the United States (including New York, New Jersey and Texas), but also Hong Kong, Belgium, Brazil, the UK, Germany, Estonia and his native Japan. In 2016, Matsuzaka entered HB Studio in New York to study the Uta Hagen acting method under such famous actors as Paul Pryce and Snezhana Chernova.

Mr. Matsuzaka's films are available on Amazon Prime and Netflix. Mr. Matsuzaka has appeared in films with other famous artists like Houka Kinoshita, Shuhei Nomura and Dean Fujioka. Mr. Matsuzaka and his art have also received abundant publicity, with articles, photos and listings appearing on the pages of Shukan NY Seikatsu, NY Japion, Kazo City News Bulletin, New York Point Guide, HB Studio Official Brochure, Land TV (YouTube) Channel, Yo Clown, Nylon Japan, The Dusty Rebel, Karaoke DAM, TV Drama Database, and CoRich Theater & Art Review, among many others.

Humanitarian Work Matsuzaka is a founding member of "MoMO" (Movin'on Movie Oasis), a mobile movie project which commenced efforts at the "Tohoku Film Festival 2011 in Matsushima" to support films and filmmaking around the devastated areas of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

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Since 2015, Matsuzaka has been writing film and theater entertainment articles and providing other content for New York Point Guide (NYPG), a popular curated online media site that provides solutions for Japanese tourists' concerns when traveling to New York for the first time. NYPG garners over 120,000 page views per month and maintains over 11,000 Instagram and Twitter followers.

For fashion magazine Nylon Japan, Matsuzaka created the company's official documentary of top Japanese model and fashion designer Ikumi's show at Fashion Week in 2016. He was director and editor.

Along with Riku Saitou, Matsuzaka is a core content creator for the popular LAND TV YouTube channel (2015), with over 113,000 views and 1,300 subscribers. Matsuzaka participated as a lead and supporting actor, and as cameraman for the channel's Film Tourists Guide Book NY series (2015-16) and as lead actor and scriptwriter for the channel's Real English: How Do You Say series (2015-16). He also created short film dramas like Take It Easy (2015) for the channel.

Selected Filmography Metalca (Eng. Dead Banging)(2014) Orbis (2013) Water Girls (2017) Greatful Dead (2014) Aniki (Eng. Big Brother) (2012) Tourists Film Guidebook (2015-16) Asiantam: Anata to Futari (2014) Eden (2012) Real English: How Do You Say? (2015-16) Kujira no Ita Natsu (2014) Ogon Wo Daite Tobe (Eng. Fly with the Gold) (2012) FAB3 (2015) Maiko (2013) Innocent Episode 2: Kingyo no Yume (2012) Take It Easy (2015) Kamisama no Itazura (2013) Iedeoyaji to Sanbiki no Doraneko (2011) Light and Shadow (2014) I Am Ichihashi: Taiho Sareru Made (2013) Period Uttara Catharsis (2011) In the Hero (Eng. Unsung Hero)(2014) Hyoryu Hikki (2013) Cream (2010)

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Selected Related Associations and Organizations New York Point Guide (NYPG) Land TV YouTube Channel Respect Co., Ltd. (and its Sumomo Division) 155works Inc. Kleeblat Inc., The Alice Project - Kamen Joshi Group Mukon Theater Company Kantokirkto Theater Company HB Studio Schooling Pad for Film Zen Hirano Acting Studio

Selected Associated Film and Theater Artists Bong-Ou Lee Eiji Uchida Houka Kinoshita Masaharu Take Song Kwang Gi Zen Hirano Miyuki Hirano Snezhana Chernova Paul Pryce Yuta Yasuda Junpei Suzuki

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