

Ryuma Matsuzaka

Actor

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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
8:15 (2020)	Leading Role: 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.

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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.
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.	
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 Mats	d: suzaka	Junpei Suzuki	Awarded 5th Jury's Spe Festival Short Film Con	cial Award at Odawara test. Mentioned in IMDb.
ledeoyaji to Sanbiki no Doraneko (2011)	Man Man		Kento Takei	23rd Tokyo Student Film	n Festival Finalist
Hyottoko Sensei (2011)	Co-s Actir Stud	ng Class	Yasuhiro Yoshida / Yuta Yasuda	First film produced by S	PF
Cream (2010)	Yosł Oka	nio moto	Atsushi Fujii	Included in IMDb.	
TV & Radio Drama (Date) & Commerc		Role		Director	Broadcaster / Notes
G Fuel (2020)		Lead Rol	e: Man	G Fuel	Youtube
Goldman Sachs CM (2020)	1	Voice Ov	er (VO)	Good Brother	
Morning Community (March 2019)	y	Guest Pe	ersonality	Eiichi Otani	Music Bird FM via 100 Radio Stations to 25M
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.
Ue o Muite Arukō (I Keep My Head Up High) SUKIYAKI" Quarantine (2020)	Music video with other Japanese artists in NYC	Producer, Actor, Director	Over 400,000 views The Japanese Artist Project (YouTube)
Ame Nimo Makezu (Unbeaten by Rain) (2020)	Music video with other Japanese artists in NYC	Producer, Actor, Director	Over 1,200 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)*
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 Project "MoMO" (2011)	Film theater project designed to bring film to victims and devastated area of Great East Earthquake in 2011	Vice General Manager	Thousands of viewers from across Japan.
Gold Standard (2008)	Art film directed by David Kelley.	Lead Actor (Ushio Shinohara)	Mixed-film and theater art film.

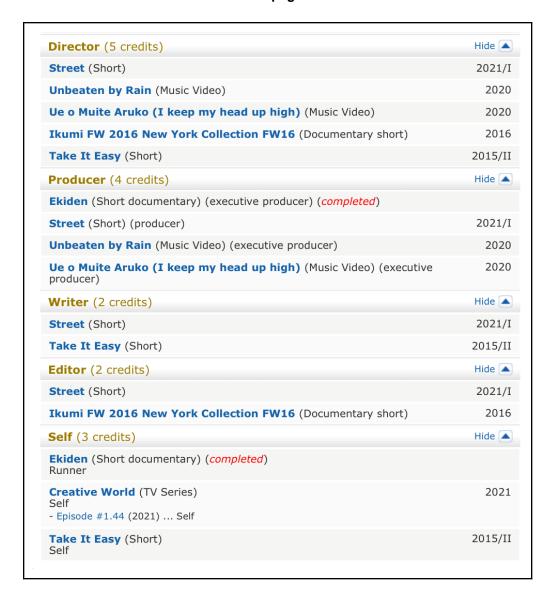
^{*} R.Matsuzaka is a co-founder of Land TV Youtube Channel project January 2015, currently with over 1,300 subscribers and over **140,000 views**.

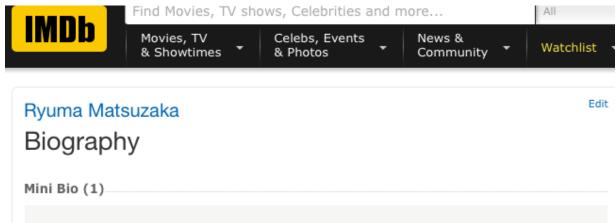
Theatre Productions	Role	Location (Date)	Theatre Company
Chushingura -47 Ronin-	Starring Actor	Mezzanine Theatre (October 2022, Pre-Production)	Amaterasu ZaTheater Company
Samurai of Blue eyes	Lead Actor	(September 2022, Pre-Production)	The Japanese Artist Project
Onion - Inochi Aru Tokoro	Consultant (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
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
- Yomitime, January 14, 2022
- Rafu Shimpo L.A. Japanese Daily news, August 15, 2021
- NY Japion, May 7, 2021
- Insert transtv from indonesia Jakarta, April 22, 2020
- GGWP.ID from Indonesia, April 20, 2020
- Kompas.com from Indonesia, April 20, 2020
- Japanese Station.com from indonesia, April 17, 2020
- News.com.au from Australia (News.com.au), April 17, 2020
- Japan Today (Japantoday.com), April 16, 2020
- Free Malaysia Today, April 16, 2020
- News on Japan.com, April 16, 2020
- Shukan NY Seikatsu, April 16, 2021
- Facebook page of Embassy of Japan in israel, April 16, 2020
- Yahoo! News, April 16, 2020
- Yahoo! News UK, April 16, 2020
- Anime United from Brazil, April 15, 2020
- Sora News 24 (soranews24.com), April 14, 2020
- Forbes Japan, April 14, 2020
- NY Japion, February 14, 2020
- NY Japion, April 13, 2020
- Shukan NewYork seikatsu, October 22, 2020
- San Diego YUYU, 2020
- Shukan NY Seikatsu, November 28, 2019
- 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







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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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 Netfilx. 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)

Selected Theater Performances Sakura - The Gift (2014) at Theater Brats Tokyo with Mukon Theater Company Wagahaiha Ningendearu (2008) at Yorozu Theater Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company Yanagisawa Omocha Honpo Shinsouhin Kikakushitsu Kaihatsu Shuninno Hanashi (2006) at Theater Momo Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company Maihama Vice (2009) at Duo Stage BBs Tokyo with Jaken Theater Company Kokuhakuno Omnibus (2007) at Theater Momo Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company Ame Monogatari (2005) at Ginza Play Theater Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company The Five Easels (2009) at Raft Tokyo with Jaken Theater Company Jinsei Owarai Gekijou (2006) at Ginza Play Theater Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company Kokkai Lunch (2005) at Akashi Studio Tokyo with Kantokirkto Theater Company

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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

- IMDb Mini Biography By: Ryuma Matsuzaka