

Scotland Loves Anime Film Festival 2011 at The Filmhouse 14-16 October

✘ **Scotland Loves Animation** are delighted to announce the return of the hugely successful **Scotland Loves Anime Film Festival 2011**. In only its second year it boasts an incredible six day programme of anime film screenings, talks and workshops with prominent guests from the anime industry. The festival will run 14-16 October at the Filmhouse, Edinburgh.

Highlights will include a stunning line up of some of the freshest anime films including *Hotarubi no Mori E* (In the Forest of the Fireflies), *Mardock Scramble 1st* and *2nd* Compression, *Tekken Blood Vengeance*, *Votoms – Pailsen Files*, *Colorful*, *Five Numbers*, *Coicent*, *Escaflowne*, *Arrietty* and *Letter to Momo*; alongside screenings of some old favourites including Daft Punk's musical film *Interstella 5555*; an Education Day with keynote presentations from Aardman Animations (of Wallace & Gromit fame) and Glasgow's own Axis Animation; and a Japanese art exhibition.

This year there will be also be a Judge's Category, in ✘ which industry guests will select the best from the line up. This year's judges are Merlin Crossingham (Creative Director for Wallace & Gromit, Aardman Animation), Jonathan Clements (Muramasa Industries), Luca Della Casa (Future Film Festival, Asian Film Coordinator), Iain Gardner (Iain Gardner Animation) and Chris Fell (Festival Director, Leeds Film Festival).

The Glasgow weekend welcomed Shuko Yokoyama (Aniplex) and Yumi Sato (Brains Base), the producers of *Hotarubi no Mori E* (In the Forest of the Fireflies) who are also responsible for *Bacanno* and the hit phenomenon of *Durarara!!* They will

introduce the film then host a Q+A session after the screening. Ryosuke Takahashi (Sunrise), director of *Votoms Pailsen Files* will be speaking at the Edinburgh weekend.

Scotland Loves Anime, in association London MCM Expo, are proud to announce the 1st ever UK exhibition by The Art of Japanese Illustrations (www.aoji.fr), an art company dedicated to the promotion of the best Japanese illustrators. They will be exhibiting their work at the Filmhouse Gallery, Edinburgh from 9-17 October.