







Registration is required.

Limited number of tickets for USA viewers only.

Ticket sales will open this Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 AM EST.

Screening period is from Friday, January 20 to Monday, January 23 starting/ending at 7:00 PM EST.



My Sweet Grappa Remedies

『甘いお酒でうがい』

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exploration.

Our next J-Film is My Sweet Grappa Remedies, a 2019 slice of life drama about womanhood and self-

outside of societal norms. First, she explored the lives of Japanese women in their 20s with *Tremble All You Want*, winner of the Audience Award at the 30th Tokyo International Film Festival. She then moved onto the 30s with 2018's *Marriage Hunting Beauty*; and now, Ooku explores the life of a woman in her 40s.

Adapted from a novel written by a comedian known as "Jiro," The story follows **KAWASHIMA Yoshiko**

In recent films, acclaimed director OOKU Akiko has explored the lives of Japanese women who live

who is played by **MATSUYUKI Yasuko**. Yoshiko is in her 40s, single, and works as a temporary employee at a quiet office job. She bikes to work, records small details in her diary, and observes the beauty in mundanity. Her happiest times are spent with co-worker Wakabayashi, a friendship centered around a tradition of going out for a meal once they get their paychecks. When she meets Okamoto, a junior colleague twenty-four years younger than her, an unexpected romance begins to blossom.

What does companionship mean to us? What does it mean to live a life on your own terms? The

movie asks these questions through heightened and fantastical visual elements. Watch as we get a whimsical glimpse into a quiet but beautiful life.

(Description adapted from FSP & Japan Film Database)

In Japanese with English Subtitles | Not Rated | 115 min | Sept 2019 | Directed by OOKU Akiko



This event is **free** with a limited number of tickets available to online attendees in the US only.

Registration through Eventbrite is also required in order to receive access to the virtual

Virtual screening hosted online by the Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan

and co-presented with the Japan Commerce Association of Washington DC, Inc.

screenings. This screening will be accessible through Eventbrite and Vimeo only. Online 72-hour program begins on Friday, January 20 at 7:00 PM EST and ends on Monday, January 23 at the same time.

In the event of a cancellation or if you require further assistance,

please contact us at <u>jicc@ws.mofa.go.jp</u>. Thank you!

