

WEATHERING WITH YOU ^(12A)



“Blissful” ★ ★ ★ ★

Kambole Campbell, Little White Lies

Fast Sell:

The creators of *“Your Name”* return with a breathtaking drama that’s stormed the Japanese box office, and become the country’s first anime entry for the Academy Awards’ Best International Feature Film in over 20 years!

Synopsis:

High school freshman Hodaka Morishima leaves his home on an isolated island and moves to Tokyo, but he quickly finds himself in financial trouble. Living his days in isolation, he eventually lands a job as a writer for a shady occult magazine. Then one day in an alley, Hodaka meets a young girl named Hina Amano, bright and strong-willed, who possesses a strange and wonderful ability: the power to stop the rain and clear the sky.

We Like It Because:

Ever since we were swept away by 2016’s phenomenal *“Your Name”*, the question perched almost nervously on our lips, has been how Makoto Shinkai could top what many consider to be his magnum opus. The answer, is a story that both improves on what we love about *“Your Name”*, while also crafting an identity that is uniquely *“Weathering With You”*.

The sensational animation of CoMix Wave Films returns us to the incredibly detailed and lifelike Tokyo, where even neon lights are reflected in puddles with pinpoint realism. This isn’t the same bright metropolis where Mitsuha delighted in upmarket cafés, however. This Tokyo is unforgiving, with its decaying, seedy underbelly on full display. Not being able to go out and play in the sun doesn’t mean we can’t enjoy those rainy days in though, and the connection forged between Hodaka and Hina in spite of this backdrop, is the film’s



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RELEASE DATE

Opening across UK cinemas
Friday 17th January, 2020

KEY TALENT INFORMATION

- Directed and Written by **Makoto Shinkai** (*“Your Name”*)
- Produced by **Genki Kawamura** (*“Mirai”*)
- Animated by **CoMix Wave Films** (*“Your Name”*)
- Music by **RADWIMPS** (*“Your Name”*)

Stars:

- **Kotaro Daigo** (*“Yowamushi Pedal”* Stage Production)
- **Nana Mori** (*“Tokyo Ghoul S”*)
- **Shun Oguri** (*“Harlock: Space Pirate”*)
- **Tsubasa Honda** (*“Fullmetal Alchemist”*)
- **Yuki Kaji** (*“Attack on Titan”*)
- **Kana Hanazawa** (*“Night is Short, Walk on Girl”*)

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marvellous rainbow.

Like how *"Your Name"* captured Japan's cultural zeitgeist with the backdrop of a natural disaster, the freak rainstorm central to *"Weathering with You"* and the story that builds around it taps into the collective consciousness about the ongoing climate disaster. The film also wonderfully blends themes of traditionalism versus modernisation that have been central to Shinkai's other works, creating a detailed, and delightfully complex world that reflects our own.

"Weathering with You" has followed in its predecessor's footsteps in taking Japan by storm, becoming their seventh highest-grossing domestic film of all time after only 52 days, and beating Disney's Aladdin remake to become Japan's highest grossing film of 2019. "Weathering with You" also has the awards season in its sights, becoming the first anime submitted for the Academy Awards' Best International Feature Film since Hayao Miyazaki's *"Princess Mononoke"* in 1998!

Hot Quotes:

"Breathtaking Animation! Will Make You Cry Oceans!" *Collider*

"Stunningly Beautiful" *Indiewire*

"Skybound Poetry" *The Hollywood Reporter*

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Editor's Notes:

About Makoto Shinkai

The visionary director behind the body-swapping romance *"Your Name"*, which earned him international acclaim. Shinkai has been celebrated for stories exploring young love and distance, like *"5 centimeters per second"* and *"The Garden of Words"*.

A graduate of Tokyo's Chuo University, Shinkai made his debut 20 years ago with the award-winning short film *"She & Her Cat"*, before quitting his full time job to produce, write and direct *"Voices of a Distant Star"*. Since then, he has helmed feature films including the Sci-Fi infused *"The Place Promised in our Early Days"*, the fantasy epic *"Children Who Chase Lost Voices"*, (released in the UK as *"Journey to Agartha"*), and his first break-out mainstream success, *"Your Name"*.

About Anime Limited:

Based out of Glasgow in Scotland, Anime Limited brings a fresh approach to delivering the best of anime direct from Japan. As an independent company, their emphasis is on breathing new life into beloved classics and introducing new theatrical favourites like *"Your Name"*, *"A Silent Voice"* and *"Mirai"*. With a focus on bringing more anime to the big screen, beautifully packaged home video collector's editions and new ways to reach fans digitally, Anime Limited is committed to offering a wide range of experiences for UK audiences.

About National Amusements:

National Amusements owns and operations Showcase and Showcase Cinema de Lux, a world leader in the motion picture exhibition industry, operating more than 940 screens in the US, UK, Brazil and Argentina. National Amusements is also a distributor specialising in event cinema, with a focus on anime and pre-school titles including *"Your Name"*, *"Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection F"* and *"Thomas & Friends: The Great Race"*. Based in Massachusetts, National Amusements is a closely held company operating under the third generation of leadership by the Redstone family. National Amusements is also the parent company of both Viacom and CBS Corporation.

