



Storming

外は強風

Storming 2024 Short drama 16 min

Synopsis

At a mountain hut taken as refuge, three young people encounter one another. As a storm rages outside, they confess the nightmares of their pasts and form unexpected bonds. Each is on the verge of being crushed by social pressures; in particular, the woman is attempting to escape a discriminatory environment. Their fragile peace, however, does not last long.

Cast

Shun Hatakeyama

Ayane Takizawa

Manabu Tomita

— Best Ensemble Acting Nomination (LA Indy Short Fest)

Director / Screenplay / Editing

Nobuko Kato

Cinematography

Yasunori Kakegawa

Sound Recording / Sound Effects

Satoshi Amenomori

Sound Mix

Bruce Wuilloud

— Best Sound Mix (LA Indy Short Fest)

Music Supervisor

Yelena Ganshof van der Meersch

Lighting / Art Direction

Go Ogomma

Line Producer

Asuka Okamura

Casting / Acting Advisor

Yasunori Ikunishi

Awards

- Chandler International Film Festival (USA) — Best New Filmmaker
- Seattle Filmmaker Awards (USA) — Best Film on Women
- L.A. Indy Short Fest (USA) — Best Film Noir Short; Best Sound Mix
- WRPN Women's International Film Festival (USA) — Best Light Short

Other Festival Screenings

- Fukuoka Asian Film Festival (Japan)
- Cinema d'iDEA (Rome, Italy)
- Short Sweet Film Fest (Cleveland, USA)
- International Kolkata Short Film Festival (India)

Director — Nobuko Kato

Based in Switzerland and Fukuoka. She studied art history at International Christian University and comparative literature at the University of Geneva. After writing novels, she discovered cinema. She launched a film review channel on YouTube (Nobi Nobi Movie) and ultimately made her first film, *Storming* (2024). She continues to make films in Switzerland and Japan.

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