IZUMO KAWABE

FILM DIRECTOR / WRITER / EDITOR

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PROFILE

Japanese film director raised in Singapore and based in New York. Making films since age nine, with experience across international feature, commercial and social-production sets. Currently studying Film and Television Production at NYU Tisch School of the Arts.

SELECTED DIRECTING

Mother's Recipe — 2023

Writer, Director, Editor. U-25 Best Short Award, Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2024; four Singapore Youth Film Festival nominations; JAL in-flight entertainment; 3.5M+ social views.

Mother's Recipe — 2026

Writer, Director, Editor. 49th Asian American International Film Festival, New York. Japan / Singapore, 12 minutes.

KuneKune — 2026

Writer, Director. A New York-set adaptation of the Japanese internet legend.

Slit-Mouthed Woman — 2024

Writer, Director. Short horror film inspired by the Japanese urban legend.

Rain That Never Ceases — 2020

Writer, Director, Camera. Short film.

SELECTED PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Spirit World — Eric Khoo — 2023–2024

Storyboard Artist, Bilingual Assistant, Behind-the-Scenes Videographer. Japan / France / Singapore co-production; Busan International Film Festival 2024 closing film.

Orang Ikan (Monster Island) — Mike Wiluan — 2024

Bilingual Script Supervisor, Casting Assistant, Translator and Behind-the-Scenes Videographer.

Hidden Sun — Assistant Director

Assistant Directing credit.

Thomas Percy Kim × Izumo Kawabe — Content Creation

Social content creation and channel management, reaching more than 4M across platforms.

GrabForGood × Nas Academy — 2020

Selected from 2,000 applicants to create monthly content, interviewing restaurant owners and drivers under the mentorship of Nas Daily.

COMMERCIAL & SKILLS

Commercial portfolio: Hakuba, Japan Airlines, Hotel Kusakabe ArmeriA, Seibu and Takayama.

Directing / Screenwriting / Editing / Assistant Directing / Storyboarding / Script Supervision / Behind-the-Scenes Video / Social Media Management

EDUCATION & LANGUAGES

New York University — Tisch School of the Arts — Current

Film and Television Production.

Japanese: Native / English: Fluent / Based in New York; available worldwide.

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