

Creation and Dissemination of Arts and Culture



Kawasaki has a wealth of diverse and wonderful cultural arts facilities and events. Countless films and filmmakers have ties to Kawasaki. It is a city where people can “film, create, and view” to their heart’s content.

»Museum and art gallery complex **19**
Kawasaki City Museum MAP

Collection includes materials on Kawasaki’s history and folklore, as well as one of Japan’s best collections of posters, manga, and film. Highlights include unique exhibitions and workshops.



»Place for creating, cultivating, and enjoying the arts **20**
Kawasaki Art Center MAP

Core facility of *Shinyuri-City of Art*. Visitors can enjoy the latest performances at the ARTELIO THEATER and a range of international films at the ARTELIO CINEMA. The Art Center features a film editing room and an exchange space to also allow residents to disseminate their artworks.



»Promoting Kawasaki’s “picturesque city” through film works
Film and TV locations in Kawasaki



Kawasaki has a variety of “faces,” ranging from the coastal area to the Tama Hills and from the industrial zone to the agricultural area. Its proximity to Tokyo makes Kawasaki an ideal location for films and TV dramas. Public facilities, including the City Hall, and commercial facilities are used for shooting, and Kawasaki’s appeal is transmitted through such film works.

»Japan’s first university for film **22**
Japan Academy of Moving Images MAP

The first university dedicated to film in Japan. It was preceded by the academy established in 1975 by the late-film director Shohei Imamura. Film critic Tadao Sato is the Principal. Through the creation of films, the university aims to cultivate film directors who will spread their wings around the world.



My dream is to star in and direct my own film. I am living in Asao Ward to commute to my university. The area around Shinyurigaoka Station has movie theaters and also hosts the KAWASAKI Shinyuri Film Festival. It makes me realize that I am really living in the *City of Films*.



Ms. Kazusa Sato
 Japan Academy of Moving Images

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»What is “peace”?
Kawasaki Peace Museum **21** MAP

Museum on the theme of war, including the mass air raids on Kawasaki, and human rights and the environment. Permanent exhibits include film for learning about the importance of peace while reflecting on the “history of war,” and exhibit of war momentos. Other exhibits include a hands-on display of an air-raid shelter and a section devoted to “Ms. Megumi Yokota” in support of the families of the abduction victims.



»Comprehensive art festival featuring a variety of stage performances
Arte Ricca Shinyuri

Art festival held in Shinyurigaoka (Asao Ward) during the Golden Week holiday. A diverse range of stage performances are given, including music, opera, musical, play, and comedy. Many of the performers belong to music bands or theater troupes based in Kawasaki or have ties to Kawasaki. Enjoyable for all ages from adults to children.



2011 performance by the Mingei Theatre Company

»A film awards ceremony with a long tradition
Mainichi Film Contest

One of the three major film awards ceremonies in Japan, which has been held in Kawasaki since 2010. The opening ceremony, where people can see award-winning directors and actors up close, as well as film-related events organized in coordination with local shopping centers and commercial facilities, add excitement to the *City of Films*.



»Festival abound with people’s ideas
KAWASAKI Shinyuri Film Festival

Held every fall near Shinyurigaoka Station. The films selected by theme and shown are outstanding domestic and international works, as well as works created by young film directors who will lead the next generation. Residents plan events such as discussions with film directors, barrier-free screenings for the visually- and hearing-impaired, and film production and presentation sessions by junior high school students.



Outdoor screenings for children are held in the summer