

# Rebuilding for a better tomorrow

**Film Projection Series: February 17 – March 10, 2013**

In commemoration of the East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster of March 11, 2011

## negative: nothing

STEP BY STEP FOR JAPAN a documentary film



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### Everything Starts with a Single Step 全てはその一歩から

March 11<sup>th</sup> marks a turning point in the life of Swiss travel agent Thomas Köhler. After the Tsunami and the nuclear disaster in Japan he loses all his customers, and eventually his job. Nevertheless, giving up is not an option. He decides to walk through Japan, 2900 kilometers from north to south, in order to show that not all of Japan is Fukushima. A trip of a lifetime starts through a country trying to cope with its biggest crisis since the end of World War II, but never losing hope for better days. The documentary film «Negative: Nothing» is a journey that changes the life of a travel agent forever and gives hope and strength to a nation. Even the longest journey starts with a single step.

Written and directed by Jan Knüsel, Stephan Knüsel – 2012 / 78 minutes

Subtitles in German and Japanese – [www.negative-nothing.com](http://www.negative-nothing.com)

### First screening in Bern , presented by the Embassy of Japan in Switzerland

**Sun 17.02.2013 17:00-20:00, Kino Kunstmuseum Bern**

Followed by a discussion with Jan Knüsel (co-director) and Thomas Köhler and by an Apéro.

Kino Kunstmuseum – Hodlerstrasse 8 – 3011 Bern

#### Admission Free

Reservation is needed, due to limited seats. For reservation and inquiry: Japan Information and Cultural Center, Embassy of Japan in Switzerland (031 305 15 70 or [jicc@br.mofa.go.jp](mailto:jicc@br.mofa.go.jp))

An additional screening of «Negative: Nothing» is planned by Kino Kunstmuseum Bern for Sun, 24.02.2013, 11:00 (tickets can be reserved and purchased through Kino Kunstmuseum, 031 328 09 99)

## Film Projection (Japan Information and Cultural Center)

Sun 24.02.2013

16:00 **Quartet!** / カルテット!

(Drama/Junichi MIMURA/English subtitle/118'/Jan 2012)

Celebrating 30 years for city of Urayasu. Chiba prefecture. Kai Nagae hopes to become a professional violinist. He lives in Urayasu with his parents and older sister. The family used to perform classical music together, however nowadays they care less for music and for each other. Wishing to be back together, Kai decides to form a family quartet. Shot during the Great East Japan Earthquake, over 700 civilian volunteers supported the completion of the film in hopes for a quick recovery.



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Sun 03.03.2013

16:00 **Light up Nippon**

(Documentary/Kensaku KAKIMOTO/English subtitle/90'/Jul 2012)

LIGHT UP NIPPON is a fireworks display project that launched fireworks at 10 disaster-stricken areas simultaneously following the Great East Japan Earthquake. Traditionally, fireworks in Japan serve as a memorial to the victims and a symbol of hope and prayers for relief and recovery. After overcoming many obstacles with strong commitment and sheer determination, the first fireworks event of this project took place on August 11, 2011, much to the delight and excitement of many people.



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Sun 10.03.2013

16:00 **Fukushima Hula Girls** / がんばっぺフラガール

(Documentary/Masaki KOBAYASHI/English subtitle/100'/Oct 2011)

Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture. After the earthquake on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the staff and hula dancers of a resort faced everyday energy problems and struggled daily until the re-opening of their beautiful resort hotel facilities called «Spa Resort Hawaiians» as a first step toward the reconstruction of Fukushima.



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