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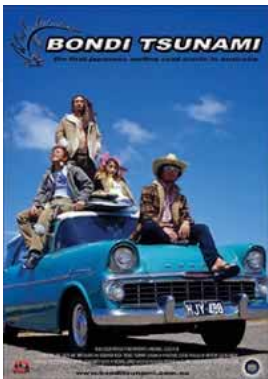


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Australian film has premiere screening at Aichi Expo

The Australian Pavilion at the 2005 World Exposition Aichi Japan is proud to host a special preview screening of the cult Australian film *'Bondi Tsunami'* will take place at the Australian Pavilion on Saturday 9 April.

Directed by young Australian film maker Rachel Lucas, *Bondi Tsunami* is a feature length road movie about the Japanese surfing sub-culture in Australia. The film was inspired by the many thousands of young Japanese that have come to Australia on working holiday visas.



Bondi Tsunami is a new style of movie-making, a music video motion picture designed for the MTV generation. It follows the adventures of four young Japanese as they travel up the east coast of Australia from Sydney to the Gold Coast in a 1961 EK Holden car – one of Australia's iconic cars of the sixties.

Mr Andrew Todd, Commissioner-General for Australia at the 2005 World Expo, said that *Bondi Tsunami* represents the dynamic connections developing between young people in Australia and Japan today.

“The film's producer Anthony Lucas-Smith spent five years in Japan in the early 1990's, and like many Australians who have studied Japanese or lived in Japan, has an understanding of the contemporary youth culture in Japan today.

“Similarly, many of the attendants at the Australian Pavilion at the 2005 World Expo are young Australians who have studied Japanese from primary school to university and lived in Japan as exchange students, studied in Japanese universities and worked on the JET program or for Japanese companies,” he said.

Bondi Tsunami will be shown to an invited audience in the VIP Reception Room of the Australian Pavilion from 5pm on Saturday 9 April. Ten VIP Invitations will be distributed to the Japanese public through Lovearth FM Expo radio station. Anthony Lucas-Smith, Rachel Lucas and stars Taki (“Shark”) Abe and Miki (“Kimiko”) Sasaki.

About Bondi Tsunami:

Production Company: Burlesque Productions
Stars: Taki Abe, Miki Sasaki, Keita Abe, Nobuhisa Ikeda
Director: Rachel Lucas
Website: www.bonditsunami.com.au

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