



IN THE SNOW

—Synopsis—

Risaki is coming back home to her wintry countryside, Yamagata which is 400 km away from Tokyo. There is seemingly unchanging snowy life of her beloved family and home village—snow shoveling, making pickles, bridges over a big river covered with snow, and kaki fruits left unharvested on its tree.

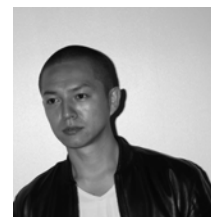
“WARM, GENTLE and STRONG”

—Director’s Statement—

Japanese persimmons are normally harvested in autumn, but in some northern areas of Japan, it is customary to leave some of the persimmons unharvested on its tree. It is said that they do this for travelers and birds to eat it. I think it is a custom of warmth and kindness from people living in wintry areas. And the unharvested persimmons become very ripe and gently sweet after enduring through a brutal winter and snow, and they are called "NAGORI GAKI" in Japanese. I thought they are just like the people who live there, "Warm, Gentle and Strong."

That was the starting point of this short film.

—Biography—



Director
KEI CHIKAURA

Kei Chikaura was born in 1977 in Japan and grew up in Germany in his childhood and moved back to Japan. He studied economics and cinema at Osaka University. In 2006, Chikaura founded “Creatps Inc.”, a media production based in Tokyo, and in 2012, started a career directing movies. He directed several music documentaries and live concert films of some of the most prominent musicians in Japan. The 1st narrative short film “Empty House (2013 / Japan / starring Tatsuya Fuji)” was invited to 10 international film festivals in different countries.



Original Title
NAGORI GAKI

International Title
THE LASTING PERSIMMON

Running Time
15 min

Year of Production
2015

Production Country
JAPAN

Genre
Drama

Aspect Ratio
1:1.85

Shooting Format
RED DRAGON

Screening Format
4K DCP, 2K DCP, ProRes 4444

Cast
Risaki Kobayashi
Ikuo Kobayashi

Director
KEI CHIKAURA

Writer
KEI CHIKAURA, YUKINARI TAKAMURA

Director of Photography
RYOTA KURATA

Sound Mixer
MASASHI FURUYA

Production Manager
KIE NAKAI

Production Company
Creatps Inc.