

## Ghibli fans rejoice! Hirokatsu Kihara and Azumi Inoue set to appear at Hyper Japan Festival 2016

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*(L-R) Hirokatsu Kihara, Azumi Inoue and Yuyu*

[HYPER JAPAN Festival 2016](#) has announced Author and Ex-Production Desk for Studio Ghibli, [Hirokatsu Kihara](#), and singer [Azumi Inoue](#) together with her daughter Yuyu will be featuring at London's tenth HYPER JAPAN in Olympia London.

**Hirokatsu Kihara** and **Azumi Inoue** will be at the festival in light of a special focus on Studio Ghibli. Fans and enthusiasts of the anime powerhouse will be able to question Kihara about his experience and listen to their favourite songs from Azumi Inoue.

Hirokatsu will be taking guests on a spellbinding journey back almost 30 years in time to his days at the Ghibli studio workshop.

Azumi, the songstress behind many Ghibli hits from Laputa: Castle in the Sky to Kiki's Delivery Service and My Neighbor Totoro, will be singing alongside her daughter Yuyu.

HYPER JAPAN Festival 2016 will also be hosting an [Anime Insiders Panel](#) for anime lovers and film enthusiasts. There will be **Tetsuya Watanabe**, **Kaoru Wada**, as well as **Michihiko Suwa** at the panel. Tetsuya has worked on a number of anime series such as Young Kindaichi as a producer at the leading Japanese advertising agency, Dentsu. Kaoru, a veteran composer and conductor, has been closely involved with the musical aspects of anime hits including Inuyasha and Gegege no Kitaro as well as theatricals, film, events and television. Michihiko is a serial anime producer with hit series such as Detective Conan, which is heavily influenced by Sherlock Holmes.

The forum will be an open discussion where attendees can gain insight into the world of Anime and understand Anime from a commercial perspective.

The schedule for all programs can be found [here](#).

HYPER JAPAN Festival 2016 will be taking place from Friday 15 July 2016 to Sunday 17 July 2016 at Olympia London.



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#### Notes to Editor:

HYPER JAPAN Festival 2016 is organised by CROSS MEDIA, LTD.

HYPER JAPAN is curated by local Japanese people, and intends to introduce the 'eclectic' Japan to the UK.

HYPER JAPAN Festival 2016 marks the tenth HYPER JAPAN festival held in London.

#### Event Information:

Date: Friday 15 July 2016 to Sunday 17 July 2016

Venue: Olympia Grand  
Hammersmith Road  
London  
W14 8UX

Tickets: Single session passes range from £15 - £17 per session

A full day Saturday ticket is £23

A three day pass is £43

Sake Experience Tickets cost an additional £15

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