



AFTER THE STORM

(Umi yori mo mada fakaku)

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Season
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Release: 2016

Cert (UK): PG

Country: Japan

Language: Japanese with English Subtitles

Runtime: 1 hour 55 mins

Director: Hirokazu Koreeda

Writer: Hirokazu Koreeda

Cinematographer: Yutaka Yamazaki

Cast: Hiroshi Abe, Yôko Maki, Satomi Kobayashi



We first tried to show this at the festival earlier this year, but the DVD refused to play. As the festival program said at the time '*Hirokazu Koreeda, a favourite of Keswick audiences: 'I Wish', KFF 2013; 'Like Father Like Son', KFF 2014; 'Our Little Sister', KFC 2016; is back with another gentle contemplation on family life.*

Dwelling on his past glory as a

prize-winning author, Ryota wastes the money he makes as a private detective on gambling. After the death of his father, his mother and ex-wife seem to be moving on while Ryota struggles to take back control of his life and to find a lasting place in the future of his young son – until a stormy summer night offers them a chance to truly bond again'.

As in all his films, Koreeda lets small events show us the lives of his characters, but this time, by making his main character Shinoda a private detective, there is a sub plot which '*in other circumstances could make a brutally hardboiled noir thriller*' – Peter Bradshaw, Guardian.

Hirokazu Koreeda has won many awards over the years and become one of the main Japanese 'directors to watch'. Often compared to giants such as Yasujirō Ozu, '*even long-standing fans might be taken aback by the supreme subtlety of his latest, achingly beautiful ode to the quiet complexities of family life*' – Robbie Collin, Telegraph.

