

LOVE LIFE



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(Myo) (BHIONODA) (EIIF)

Language: Japanese and Korean with English subtitles

Runtime: 2 hour 3 mins Director: Kôji Fukada

Written by: Kôji Fukada, Akiko Yano Cinematography: Hideo Yamamoto

Cast: Win Morisaki, Fumino Kimura, Kento Nagayama

In a film strangely reminiscent of 'Past Lives', but with a very different feel, 'Love Life' explores Love and Life as past loves come back to haunt the lives of a Japanese couple.

In a wonderful, chaotic family, 'The delicate domestic balance shared by Taeko and her second husband, Jiro, is upended when a tragedy strikes the family, in this wrenching Japanese melodrama from Kôji Fukada. Relations are further strained by the arrival of Taeko's deaf and seemingly vulnerable ex-husband, Park, back into her life. Since Taeko is the only person who can communicate with him – Park speaks Korean sign language – the

responsibility for his care falls to her. But the gap between Taeko and Jiro, both physical and emotional, grows ever wider. It's a solid, sensitively handled study of the aftermath of a trauma' -Wendy Ide, Observer. And I haven't even mention Jiro's parents involvement, or his ex-girlfriend Yamazaki...

