



# SMALL, SLOW BUT STEADY

(Keiko, me wo sumasete)

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**Release:** 2022

**Cert (UK):** 12

**Country:** Japan

**Language:** In Japanese with English subtitles

**Runtime:** 1 hour 39 mins

**Director:** Shō Miyake

**Written by:** Shō Miyake, Keiko Ogasawara, Masaaki Sakai

**Cinematographer:** Yûta Tsukinaga

**Cast:** Yukino Kishii, Masaki Miura, Shinichirō Matsuura



Set in a near-deserted, Covid Tokyo, this is a beautiful study of the small, slow but steady young woman Keiko who has been deaf since birth. She takes to boxing as a way to break out of her isolated world, but then has to face up to her loss of the desire to win and the closure of her gym, run by her major supporter Mr Sasaki.

*'It requires a personal search by the intensely quiet Keiko, helped by the silent bond shared between herself and Mr. Sasaki, to pull her forward.'*

*[The actors] Miura and Kishii are wonderful together. Their father-daughter dynamic adds an external heart-warming mood in a movie where the greatest drama often occurs internally'* - Robert Daniels, RogerEbert.com.

