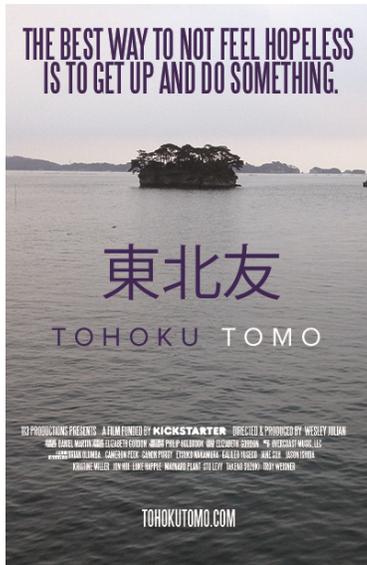


Tohoku Tomo

Documentary Screening and Q&A with Wesley Julian, Producer/Director & Tim Schraeder, Marketing Manager

Tohoku Tomo, a story of true friendship and commitment to Japan's recovery by the international community following The Great East Japan Earthquake



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Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

6:00 pm-Registration

6:30 pm-*Tohoku Tomo* Screening

7:30 pm Q&A

Venue: Schaumburg Prairie Center
for the Arts (Lecture Hall)

201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193

Fee: Children & Students Free/\$5 Admission

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About the Documentary:

As the world marks the third anniversary of The Great East Japan Earthquake (March 11, 2011), Chicago-based filmmaker Wesley Julian is preparing to debut a documentary film, *Tohoku Tomo* (translated: "Friends of Tohoku") to bring attention to the ongoing efforts to rebuild the Tohoku region of Japan which was directly impacted by the disaster.

Julian, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, was in Japan on March 11, 2011, when the earthquake struck. Seeing the devastation first-hand and losing a close friend in the tsunami, he returned to the USA committed to helping bring attention to the ongoing needs in the areas devastated by the tsunami.

In 2013, with funding from a Kickstarter campaign, Julian and a small team traveled back to Japan to interview individuals and organizations that have been working in the Tohoku region since March 11.

"It was important to me to not forget what happened, but also to tell the story of what's happening now in Japan," Julian said. "The film captures the stories of people who saw a need and did what they could to make a difference. My hope is that it will inspire others to visit the area and be a part of the rebuilding efforts in Japan."

The film includes over a dozen interviews, footage from the impacted areas, and features J-Pop artist Maynard Plant from the band *Monkey Majik*; Stu Levy, producer of the film *Pray for Japan*; and host of Tokyofoodcast, Etsuko Nakamura.

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