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**"Muybridge's Strings," Produced and Funded by Polygon Pictures
Announcing the Blu-ray DVD Release**

Polygon Pictures Inc. ("PPI," President and CEO: Shuzo Shiota, Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo) is proud to announce that our film "Muybridge's Strings" will be released nationwide on Blu-ray DVD on August 25, 2012, through Kinokuniya Books. The animated short film was directed by Koji Yamamura and produced in collaboration with National Film Board of Canada and NHK.

This film, which has already received high praise around the world, was recently selected for competition at the 14th International Animation Festival Hiroshima (8/23-27). Advance copies of the DVD will be on sale at the festival's "Lappy Booth" starting 8/23 (Thurs).

The Blu-ray disc offers fans the chance to explore deep inside the world of the film, featuring 52 minutes of bonus footage edited by Director Koji Yamamura himself, plus an 80-page booklet with extensive commentary.

Kinokuniya Books Online Store, Forest Plus

<http://forest.kinokuniya.co.jp/ItemIntro/714314>

In keeping with our stated mission to "do what no other has done, in unparalleled quality, for all the world to see and enjoy," PPI will continue striving to launch Japan's renowned animation business on a global scale.



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About the film, "Muybridge's Strings"

In 1878, the photographer Eadweard Muybridge succeeded in photographing a galloping horse in continuous motion. This animated short film contrasts his world with the scene of a mother and daughter in modern-day Tokyo in order to explore the concept of "time."

2011, 12 min. 39 sec, Canada/Japan No dialogue, Subtitles: English & Japanese, Black-and-white & color

Official site: <http://www.muybridges-strings.com/>

Produced by: National Film Board of Canada

Co-Produced by: NHK, Polygon Pictures

Direction/Script/Editing/Design/Animation by: Koji Yamamura

Original Music/Sound Design by: Normand Roger, Pierre Yves Drapeau, Denis Chartrand

J.S. Bach, "Crab Canon." Arranged by: Normand Roger

Distributed/Promoted by: Polygon Pictures, Yamamura Animation

About the Director, Koji Yamamura



Koji Yamamura was born in 1964 and is a graduate of Tokyo Zokei University. His 2002 film "Atama Yama (Mt. Head)" was awarded six grands prix at major international animation festivals including Annecy and Zagreb, and was nominated for the 75th Academy Awards. In 2010, Yamamura traveled to Canada as a cultural ambassador and he is also active as an illustrator and as a creator of picture books. He is currently a professor of animation at the Tokyo University of the Arts, Graduate School of Film and New Media.

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