



## JAPANEMA

JFLA provides high quality Japanese film screening every second and fourth Wednesday, 7:00pm at JFLA Auditorium (5700 Wilshire Blvd, #100, Los Angeles, CA 90036)

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### 3/14/2018@ 7PM

An Anime Adaptation of Mary Stewart's Fantasy Novel "The Little Broomstick"

### Mary and The Witch's Flower (102mins, 2017)

**Directed by Hiromasa Yonebayashi**



©Mary and the Witch's Flower

From Academy Award®-nominated Hiromasa Yonebayashi – animator on Studio Ghibli masterpieces *Spirited Away*, *Howl's Moving Castle*, and *Ponyo*, and director of *When Marnie Was There* and *The Secret World of Arrietty* – comes a dazzling new adventure about a young girl named Mary, who discovers a flower that grants magical powers, but only for one night.

Mary is an ordinary young girl stuck in the country with her Great-Aunt Charlotte and seemingly no adventures or friends in sight. She follows a mysterious cat into the nearby forest, where she discovers an old broomstick and the strange Fly-by-Night flower, a rare plant that blossoms only once every seven years and only in that forest. Together the flower and the broomstick whisk Mary above the clouds, and far away to Endor College – a school of magic run by headmistress Madam Mumblechook and the brilliant Doctor Dee. But there are terrible things happening at the school, and when Mary tells a lie, she must risk her life to try to set things right.

Based on Mary Stewart's 1971 classic children's book *The Little Broomstick*, *Mary and The Witch's Flower* is an action-packed film full of jaw-dropping imaginative worlds, ingenious characters, and the simple, heartfelt story of a young girl trying to find a place in the world.

*\*In Japanese with English subtitles*

**Trailer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm0YYNgNr7A>

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