

Japanese Entertainment Buzz: J-Pop's Global Reach, Cannes Film Wins, and More

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1. Which popular J-pop group announced their final performance in June 2026 after over 26 years together?

- A) Arashi**
- B) XG
- C) BABYMETAL
- D) Perfume

2. At the MUSIC AWARDS JAPAN 2026, which artist's track 'IRIS OUT' won multiple awards, including Best J-POP Song?

- A) Fujii Kaze
- B) Kenshi Yonezu**
- C) Sakanaction
- D) Hana

3. Who became the first Japanese actress to win a major acting prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 2026 for her role in 'All of a Sudden'?

- A) Mei Nagano
- B) Haruka Ayase
- C) Tao Okamoto**
- D) Kanna Hashimoto

4. The JAPANESE NIGHT event at the Cannes Film Festival in 2026 showcased new Japanese film projects. Which film, directed by Taichi Kimura, was a highlight presentation?

- A) LITA
- B) Tokyo Love? Story
- C) Jubaku Shojo Bagira-chan
- D) FUJIKO**

5. Which music artist is set to headline Global Citizen Live: Tokyo in June 2026, alongside performers like &TEAM and Ai?

- A) Yuki Chiba
- B) YOSHIKI**
- C) G-Dragon
- D) Joe Hisaishi

6. In the Nikkei Talent Power Ranking for 2025-2026, who is recognized as the 'National Face' of Japan and holds the highest 'Power Score'?

- A) Hideo Kojima
- B) Ren Meguro
- C) Shohei Ohtani**
- D) Yoasobi

7. Which J-pop group embarked on their second world tour 'XG WORLD TOUR: THE CORE' in February 2026, starting in Japan?

- A) ATARASHII GAKKO!
- B) XG**
- C) WOLF HOWL HARMONY
- D) FRUITS ZIPPER

8. Japan Cuts 2026, a prominent Japanese film festival in New York, featured films like 'Tokyo Taxi' by Yoji Yamada and Hirokazu Kore-eda's 'Sheep in a Box'. Which award-winning actress was honored with the CUT ABOVE Award for Outstanding Achievement?

- A) Marika Matsumoto
- B) Suzu Hirose**
- C) Yuno Nagao
- D) Megumi

9. Which music duo, known for their international success, is dominating the music and 'Topicality' category in the 2026 Japanese entertainment landscape?

- A) Creepy Nuts
- B) King Gnu
- C) YOASOBI**
- D) back number

10. In June 2026, which AV actress was reportedly deported from New Zealand after a six-hour interrogation?

- A) Mai Fujisaki
- B) Yua Fukuda**
- C) SOD
- D) Miyuki Ariga