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CATEGORY	Drama
DURATION	2011 - Distance of Strap (26min) / Fireworks Bridge (33min) 2012 - Touch Your Smile (43min) / Poem of First Love (32min) 2013 - Meg and Ai-kun (55min) 2014 - Look Up at the Sky (50min) 2015 - When the Tenth Bell Tolls (51min)

Love Stories from Fukuoka is a popular romantic drama series produced annually for more than 10 years by Kyushu Asahi Broadcasting (KBC), based in Fukuoka Prefecture. Each stand-alone episode is based on a true story contributed by the viewers. The series has attracted a following for casting budding actors and members of idol groups such as AKB48 in leading roles, and for featuring scenic spots and tourist destinations in Fukuoka.

Distance of Strap



Misaki (Hazuki Tsuchiya) starts attending high school and falls in love with a boy (Yuki Hashiguchi) commuting on the same train who is a senior at her school. He always takes the same train and stands grasping the same strap every morning. One year passes without any conversation, and he graduates. That winter, Misaki misses the train and finds him on the next train. He is standing in the same position. At last, Misaki starts to make approaches to him. Each day, she shifts the strap one by one to get closer to him.

(26min)

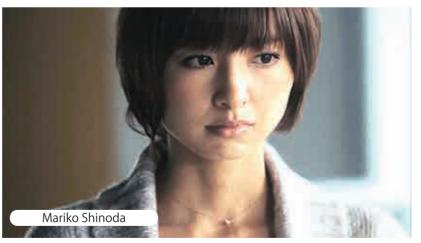




Fireworks Bridge **※**

Kumiko (Mariko Shinoda) lives alone in Kurume City. News arrives that her father has been hospitalized with cancer. Lying on the bed, he orders Kumiko to "Bring your boyfriend," but Kumiko has no lover. Kumiko goes to a matchmaking party and meets Tsuda (Daisuke Kikuta), who is three years younger than her. When Kumiko is invited on a date, she asks Tsuda to meet her father. "Did you go out with me to reassure your father?" Kumiko cannot answer. The separate emotions of the three characters are united by the memory of a fireworks festival at the Chikugo River.

(33min)







Touch Your Smile *





College student Yuki (Anna Ishibashi) is reunited by chance with Jun (Shunya Shiraishi), a junior high school classmate. Jun confesses his love for her, but Yuki chooses Kazuya (Sho Jinnai), a senior in the same club whom she has secretly admired. The relationship between Yuki and Kazuya seems to go well, but Kazuya has an affair with a girl whom he has dated before. Yuki decides to say good-bye, and Jun asks Yuki to come back. However, Yuki cannot cut off her relationship with Kazuya. Swaying between the two men leads Yuki into an unexpected tragedy. (43min)



Poem of First Love



Kaori (Rino Sashihara) is in love with a classmate, Horiuchi (Riku Ozeki), who gave her an eraser when they were both first graders. There is no progress at all, yet Kaori deepens her feelings for him. With the sole desire to remain close to him, she dedicates herself to studying and passes difficult examinations to enter the same high school and university. Horiuchi breaks Yuki's heart in high school by saying, "You are only a classmate." But Kaori never gives up. After 13 years of unrequited love, the surprising truth comes out. (32min)





Meg and Ai-kun 🥍











Itsuki Akiyoshi (Ryota Ozawa) is obsessed with the memory of a woman he cannot forget, although he has a girlfriend, Sae (Yuki Kashiwagi). When Sae tells him that she is pregnant, Itsuki abruptly begins to talk about the woman.

Three years ago, Itsuki, dreaming to open a restaurant, moved to Yanagawa City to work at a tavern as a cook. Having few acquaintances there, his senior introduced him to a woman, Megumi (ICONIQ), three years older than Itsuki. Megumi was a stunning beauty, and he fell in love with her at first sight. Itsuki was invited on a date by her. They called each other "Megu" and "Ai-kun," and gradually nurtured their relationship. However, Megumi behaved as if some part of her refused to be Itsuki's girlfriend. In fact, Megumi had a secret that she could not tell him.

What is Megumi's secret? Why does Itsuki begin to tell such a story all of a sudden? And how does Sae feel? Itsuki, Megumi and Sae-the three hearts overflow with agony.



(55min)

Look Up at the Sky 🦃













Mai (Mikie Hara) has suffered a great wound to her face in an accident. It is a minor injury, but the doctor says, "If you are exposed to UV light before it cures, a scar will be left". To hide the wound, Mai puts a large bandage on her face and comes to avoid the public eye. Takuya (Ren Yagami), who helped Mai at the time of the accident, tries to cheer her up. He had been in love with Mai from before, but Mai takes his kindness as pity and cannot accept his love honestly. With encouragement from her colleague Aki (Haruna Kojima), little by little the ice in her mind melts. Then Aki decides to be a cupid of love at last. When Mai regains her honesty under the sun, will she be united in love with Takuya?

(50min)

When the Tenth Bell Tolls











Miyu (Rika Adachi) is a girl who believes in destiny. She develops a crush on Yuzuru (Syu Watanabe), who transferred to the same junior high school on the same day and even shares her birthday. Miyu confesses her love to Yuzuru, and the two begin dating. They study together, aspiring to attend the same high school. One day Yuzuru's childhood friend Wakana (Mai Fukagawa) shows up. A rift forms in the relationship, leading to an abrupt break up.

Seven years later, Miyu is hunting for a job when she meets Yuzuru by chance. But Wakana is there again to keep the two apart. Another two years later, Miyu runs into Yuzuru once more to find Wakana by his side. Wakana reveals a part of Yuzuru's past unknown to Miyu. And Yuzuru struggles to face the true feelings he has long suppressed. Will the star-crossed lovers be united after a decade-long setback? (51min)

