

Profile of Hiroshi Shinomiya

Hiroshi Shinomiya June 2001

- 1958 Born in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan.
- 1976 Graduated from Second Miyagi Prefectural High School.
- 1978 Entered the School of Economics at Nihon University. Left before graduating.
- 1979 Joined Shuji Terayama's Tenjo Sajiki theater group and trained as an actor for 3 years.
- 1984 Began working in cinema at Dentsu Film.
- 1986 Began directing TV commercials for a prominent Japanese designer fashion brand, arrston volaju, and promotional videos for Keith Harring.
- 1988(Sept.) Moved by the sight of Manila's working children and decided to make a film about them.
- 1989(Jan.) Began preparations for a documentary film about the children living near the garbage dump in north Manila named Smoky Mountain.
- 1989(Mar.) Began shooting.
- 1991(Aug.) Finished filming and returned to Japan with his Filipino wife and two children.
- 1992(Dec.) Returned for 3 months to the Philippines for additional filming.
- 1994(July) Completed Scavengers, a full length documentary in Tagalog.
- 1995(May) Re-completed Scavengers.
- 2000(Feb.) Started living in the Payatas dump and worked on location hunting .
- 2000(July) Began shooting.
- 2001(June) Completed God's Children:Forgotten Children Part 2.

Scavenger : Forgotten Children has received numerous awards including :

- 44th International Film Festival in Mannheim-Heidelberin 1995 (Germany) "Best Documentary" .
- Eco-Media International Ecological Film Festival in 1995 (Germany)"Hoimar von Ditfurth Prize".
- Earth Vision International Film Festival in 1995 (Japan)"Social Ecological Film Prize".
- Encontros internacionais de CINEMA in1996 (Portugal), "Best Documentary".