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Double Winner of YTV's two documentary titles at the NEW YORK FESTIVALS® in 2023

At the **2023 NEW YORK FESTIVALS® TV & Film Awards**, YTV (Yomiuri Telecasting Corporation) documentary's *MY SON AND THE SUN* and *Michan's Sweets Shop: The Dream of a Girl with Selective Mutism* won the Gold Award and Silver Award respectively in the category of DOCUMENTARY Health/Medical Information.

The Gold Award-winning *MY SON AND THE SUN* is a documentary about a family and their one-year-old son with Xeroderma pigmentosum, a condition that causes burn like symptoms when exposed to ultraviolet light, and the family's struggle against the incurable disease.

The Silver Award-winning *Michan's Sweets Shop* depicted a 15-year-old girl with a developmental disorder called Selective mutism, who developed a talent for baking sweets and showed how she and her family coped with the emotional difficulties that she experienced along the way.

Masako Horikawa, the chief producer of the two titles, says, "Both documentaries are carefully filmed and edited to show how the families try to keep moving forward despite facing an intractable disease or developmental disability in Japan. In accepting the award, those involved also expressed their hope that the broadcast would be a catalyst for the medical system and medicines to move forward, even if only by one step."

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MY SON AND THE SUN

Director: Yuma Abe
Producer: Hidekazu Yoshikawa
Chief Producer: Masako Horikawa
Cinematographer: Yusuke Hayashi
Editor: Kunihiko Asada



Michan's Sweets Shop: The Dream of a Girl with Selective Mutism

Director: Yuya Maekawa
Producer: Hidekazu Yoshikawa
Chief Producer: Masako Horikawa
Cinematographer: Kenji Sugimori
Editor: Shingo Akiyama

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