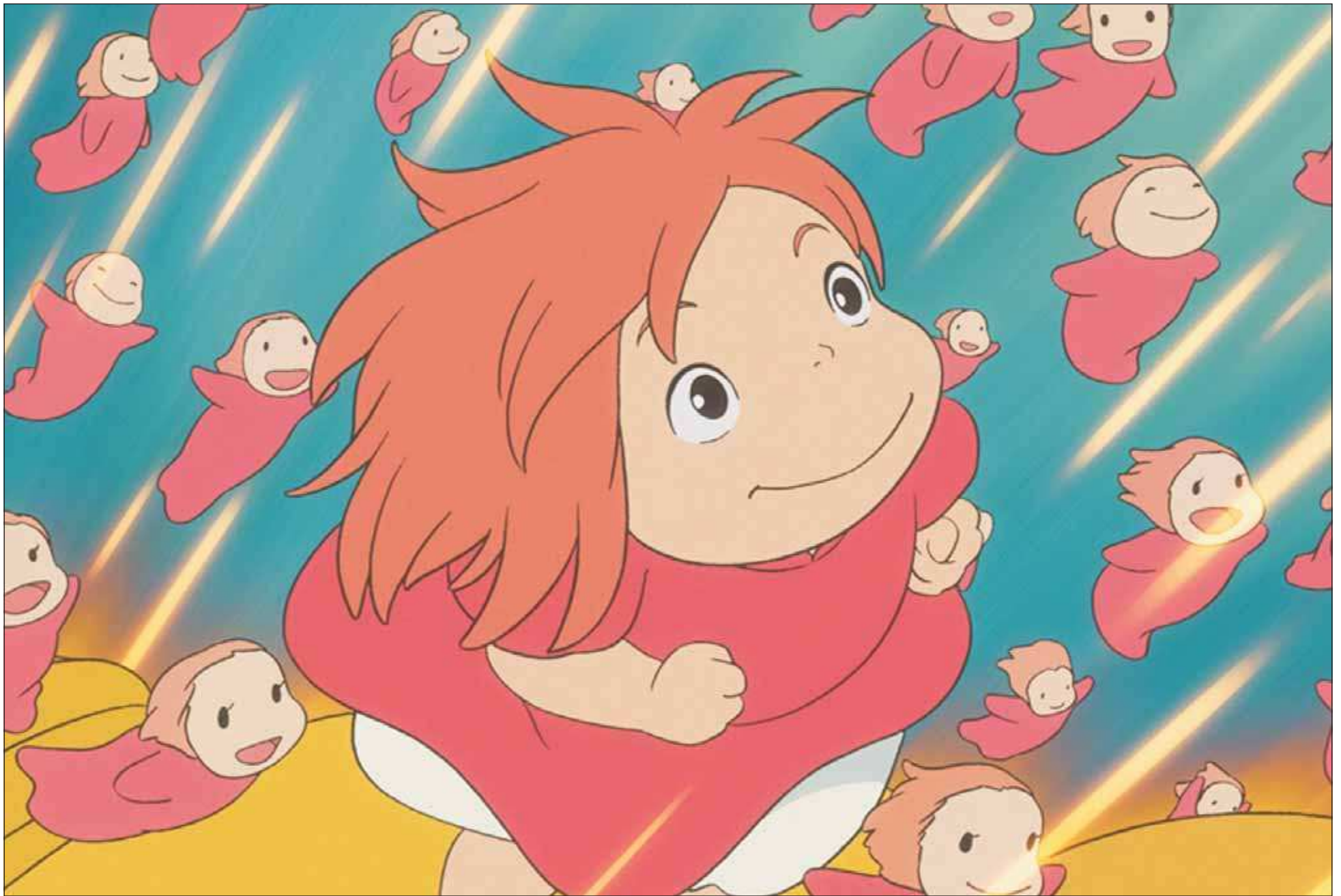


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## Hayao Miyazaki series featured during April at Portland's Hollywood Theatre



**MIYAZAKI CELEBRATION.** *Ponyo*, celebrated animator Hayao Miyazaki's tale about the adventures of a five-year-old boy and a goldfish princess who longs to become human, is screening April 7 and 8 as part of the Hollywood Theatre's Hayao Miyazaki series. Miyazaki is known for his themes of pacifism and environmentalism, as well as for stories featuring strong female characters. The series, which begins April 5 with *Princess Mononoke* and ends April 28 and 29 with *My Neighbor Totoro*, features screenings of eight of Miyazaki's best films. (Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures)

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The highlighted cinematic pieces are:

### *Princess Mononoke*

April 5, 7:30pm

*Princess Mononoke* tells the adult-oriented tale of a classic battle of good and evil as a young hero dives into a world of violence in which he encounters gods, spirits, demons, and other maladies in a film that examines the conflict between

humans and nature. (1997, 134 minutes)

### *Spirited Away*

April 6, 7:30pm & April 7, 4:00pm

The first foreign film to ever win a best animated film Oscar, *Spirited Away* focuses on a young girl who is whisked away to a magical bath house, where gods and other nonhuman beings come to refresh, relax, and recharge. (2001, 125 minutes)

### *Ponyo*

April 7, 7:30pm & April 8, 4:00pm

*Ponyo* follows the adventures of a five-year-old boy and a goldfish princess who longs to become human. As their friendship grows, the princess becomes more humanlike. (2008, 101 minutes)

### *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind*

April 8, 7:00pm

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