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Aniplex of America Announces World-Class Schedule of Events Featuring Special Guests and Premieres at Anime Expo 2023



SANTA MONICA, CA (JUNE 6, 2023) – Aniplex of America returns to Anime Expo 2023 with a star-studded schedule of special events, premieres, and guests at the Los Angeles Convention Center on July 4th weekend. To see the full schedule of Aniplex of America events and special guests at Anime Expo 2023, visit: <https://aniplexusa.com/ax2023/>

Kicking off the festivities on Saturday, July 1st will be the world premiere of *Fate/strange Fake -Whispers of Dawn-*, where fans will be the first to experience a new Holy Grail War in the western American city of Snowfield with the English dub screening presented by Aniplex of America. This exclusive event happening at the Main Events stage will have special appearances by directors Shun Enokido and Takahito Sakazume.

Later in the day, join Aniplex of America in Petree Hall for the *MASHLE: MAGIC AND MUSCLES* panel with a special guest lineup featuring both the Japanese and English cast of Mash Burnedead, **Chiaki Kobayashi** and **Aleks Le!**

The fun continues on Sunday, July 2nd with the *Disney Twisted-Wonderland* panel at the Main Events stage, which will welcome voice actors **Natsuki Hanae** (Riddle Rosehearts) and **Chiaki Kobayashi** (Deuce Spade).

Demon Slayer fans can also look forward to Aniplex of America's ***Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*** Special Event at the Main Events stage featuring guests including voice actors **Natsuki Hanae** (Tanjiro Kamado), **Kengo Kawanishi** (Muichiro Tokito), and Aniplex producer **Yuma Takahashi**.

Closing out the day will be the **FGO 6th Anniversary x TYPE-MOON Projects** in Petree Hall hosted by localization producer Albert Kao with special guests **Ayako Kawasumi** (Altria Pendragon), **Kenji Akabane** (Kadoc Zemlupus), **Rie Takahashi** (Mash Kyrielight), and Director of Development for Part 2 of *Fate/Grand Order*, KANOY YOSHIKI.

On Monday, July 3rd, Aniplex of America will present the U.S. premiere of the highly anticipated series, ***Rurouni Kenshin***, at the Main Events stage. This exclusive screening will be followed by a conversation with voice actor **Soma Saito** (Kenshin Himura), **Rie Takahashi** (Kaoru Kamiya), and Aniplex producer **Masami Niwa**.

For the first time ever, Aniplex of America and A-1 Pictures will be teaming up for the ultimate joint industry panel in Petree Hall with the ***Aniplex of America x A-1 Pictures Industry Panel***. Anime enthusiasts will be able to learn about Aniplex's 2023 anime line-up from the staff of Aniplex of America, followed by an exclusive behind the scenes look into anime production from the staff of the prestigious A-1 Pictures studio.

At the JW Platinum Ballroom, Aniplex of America will be bringing the ***My Love Story with Yamada-kun at Lv999*** Event, where voice actor **Koki Uchiyama** (Akito Yamada) and Aniplex producer **Masami Niwa** will be appearing as guests.

For the final event hosted by Aniplex of America, the esteemed studio behind *BOCCHI THE ROCK* and *My Dress-Up Darling*, CloverWorks, will present the U.S. premiere of ***Rascal Does Not Dream of a Sister Venturing Out*** in the JW Platinum Ballroom. Fans of the popular series will be the first in the U.S. to watch the latest film from the anime adaptation of Hajime Kamoshida's "Seishun Buta Yaro" series published by Dengeki Bunko.

Attendees can also look forward to stopping by both of Aniplex of America's booths including Booth #1800 in the Exhibit Hall, where fans can shop for exclusive merchandise and pick up free giveaways, plus beautiful displays featuring some of Aniplex's most popular shows!

In the Entertainment Hall, Aniplex of America's booth #E-14 will showcase another jaw-dropping presentation for the hit mobile game ***Fate/Grand Order***, along with a Mini Stage that will see appearances from the fan-favorite kigurumi, as well as demo stations for the upcoming Metroidvania style-game, ***Venture to the Vile!***

Saturday, July 1

- **Fate/strange Fake -Whispers of Dawn- World Premiere at Anime Expo 2023**
 - **Time:** 7 pm PDT
 - **Room:** Main Events
 - **Special Guests:** Shun Enokido (Director) and Takahito Sakazume (Director)
- **MASHLE: MAGIC AND MUSCLES presented by Aniplex of America**
 - **Time:** 8 pm PDT
 - **Room:** Petree Hall
 - **Special Guests:** Chiaki Kobayashi and Aleks Le

Sunday, July 2

- **Disney Twisted-Wonderland at Anime Expo 2023**
 - **Time:** 10 am PDT
 - **Room:** Main Events
 - **Special Guests:** Natsuki Hanae and Chiaki Kobayashi
- **Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Special Event presented by Aniplex of America**
 - **Time:** 4:30 pm PDT
 - **Room:** Main Events
 - **Special Guests:** Natsuki Hanae, Kengo Kawanishi, and Yuma Takashi (Aniplex Producer)
- **FGO 6th Anniversary x TYPE-MOON Projects**
 - **Time:** 7 pm PDT
 - **Room:** Petree Hall
 - **Special Guests:** Ayako Kawasumi, Kenji Akabane, Rie Takahashi, KANOY YOSHIKI, and Albert Kao (Host)

Monday, July 3

- **Rurouni Kenshin U.S. Premiere presented by Aniplex of America**
 - **Time:** 10 am PDT
 - **Room:** Main Events
 - **Special Guests:** Soma Saito, Rie Takahashi, and Masami Niwa (Aniplex Producer)
- **Aniplex of America x A-1 Pictures Industry Panel**
 - **Time:** 11:30 am PDT
 - **Room:** Petree Hall
- **My Love Story with Yamada-kun at Lv999 Event presented by Aniplex of America**
 - **Time:** 4:30 pm PDT
 - **Room:** JW Platinum Ballroom
 - **Special Guests:** Koki Uchiyama and Masami Niwa (Aniplex Producer)
- **Rascal Does Not Dream of a Sister Venturing Out presented by CloverWorks**
 - **Time:** 6:30 pm PDT
 - **Room:** JW Platinum Ballroom

About Aniplex of America Inc.

Aniplex of America, Inc. (Santa Monica, California) is a subsidiary of Aniplex, Inc. (headquartered in Tokyo, Japan), a division of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan), Inc., and a leading provider of anime content and music production and distribution in Japan. The company's ever-growing lineup of shows includes: *Sword Art Online*, *FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST: BROTHERHOOD*, *Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works]*, *Fate/Zero*, *KILL la KILL*, *GURREN LAGANN*, *Monogatari series*, *anohana -The Flower We Saw That Day-*, *The Promised Neverland*, *Kaguya-sama: Love Is War*, *Lycoris Recoil*, *MASHLE: MAGIC AND MUSCLES*, *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba*, and many more. The company released the English version of the popular mobile game, *Fate/Grand Order*, in 2017, as well as the critically acclaimed mobile JRPG *Disney Twisted-Wonderland* in 2022.

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