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**Aniplex of America Announces Theater Details for
KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU**



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Part 1 of Highly Anticipated Trilogy to Hit 24 U.S. Theaters Starting 2/26!

SANTA MONICA, CA (January 11, 2016) – Aniplex of America has confirmed today their plan to release the theatrical feature, ***KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU***, the first of the highly anticipated trilogy, in 24 U.S. theaters starting on February 26th. As they have previously announced last month, ***PART 1: TEKKETSU*** will be featured in the original Japanese language with English subtitles and distributed by Azoland Pictures. Fans can now visit the official U.S. website (www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com) to get details on the participating theaters and their respective showtimes. Aniplex of America has also confirmed that patrons will receive a special giveaway item with each purchased ticket at the theater while supplies last. Details on the special giveaway will be announced at a later date.

In addition, to commemorate this theatrical release, Aniplex of America has also announced the release of the *MONOGATARI Series* soundtrack, “UTAMONOGATARI –MONOGATARI SERIES THEME SONGS COMPIATION ALBUM-“on January 18th. The gorgeous Limited Edition album includes all 23 of the opening and ending theme songs from *BAKEMONOGATARI* through *MONOGATARI Series 2nd Season* on 2 CDs as well as Textless Opening and Ending videos on a Blu-ray disc. The Standard

Edition also includes all 23 tracks on 2 CDs. Both editions feature newly illustrated cover art by character designer Akio Watanabe.



For pre-orders and details on both of these products, please visit: www.AniplexUSA.com/utamonogatari

KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU features the origin story of the highly popular *Monogatari Series* originally created by author NISIOISIN and is a direct prequel to the *BAKEMONOGATARI* television series. The story follows the protagonist Koyomi Araragi and his encounter with the horrifying vampire, Kiss-shot Acerola-orion Heart-under-blade A.K.A. the “King of Apparitions.” Koyomi saves Kiss-shot who was fatally wounded by offering his blood to her in exchange for his own life as a human. This highly anticipated film will be bringing together an all-star creative staff team including Director Tatsuya Oishi (Series Director of *BAKEMONOGATARI*), Character Designer Akio Watanabe, who worked on the entire *Monogatari* series, and Chief Director Akiyuki Shimbou (*Madoka Magica*, *Monogatari Series*, *NISEKOI*). Studio SHAFT will be responsible for the anime production.

For more details on **KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU**, please visit the official homepage: www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com

STAFF:

Original Works: NISIOISIN "KIZUMONOGATARI" (Kodansha BOX)

Chief Director: Akiyuki Shimbou

Director: Tatsuya Oishi

Character Design: Akio Watanabe, Hideyuki Morioka

Sound Director: Yota Tsuruoka

Music: Satoru Kosaki

Animation Production: SHAFT

Produced by: Aniplex, KODANSHA, SHAFT

CAST (Japanese):

Koyomi Araragi: Hiroshi Kamiya

Kiss-shot Acerola-orion Heart-under-blade: Maaya Sakamoto

Tsubasa Hanekawa: Yui Horie

Meme Oshino: Takahiro Sakurai

About Aniplex of America Inc.

Aniplex of America Inc. (Santa Monica, California) is a subsidiary of Aniplex Inc. (headquartered in Tokyo, Japan), a group of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc. and a leading provider of anime content and music production and distribution in Japan. Aniplex of America has launched fan-favorite Blu-ray and DVD releases including *Sword Art Online*, *KILL la KILL*, *Bakemonogatari*, *Fate/Zero*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *Blue Exorcist*, *NISEKOI*, *OREIMO 2*, *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, *Expelled From Paradise*, *The irregular at magic high school*, *ALDNOAH.ZERO*, *Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works]* and *DURARARA!!×2*. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows includes

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The company also organizes movie premieres, anime related film festivals, and J-Pop events in the Los Angeles area. In 2015, Azoland Pictures has theatrically distributed *LOVE LIVE! The School Idol Movie* and *Mobile Suit Gundam: The Origin Part I: Blue Eyed Casval* and *Part II: Artesia's Sorrow*. More information available at www.azolandpictures.com.

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