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**AniPLEX of America Announces**  
**GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation**  
**Blu-ray Release**



**GRANBLUE FANTASY**  
*The Animation*

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***The adventure fantasy anime invites fans into the Blu-ray and beyond!***

SANTA MONICA, CA (March 2, 2017) – AniPLEX of America announced at their industry panel at Kawaii-Kon (Honolulu, HI) today that the smash hit game turned anime TV series ***GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation*** will be released on Blu-ray in two volumes in 2018. The series is directed by Yuuki Ito (*Blue Exorcist*, *Sword Art Online*) and Animation Series Director Ayako Kurata (*Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, *Your lie in April*) with character design handled by Toshifumi Akai (*Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic*, *Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood*). The Blu-ray packages will contain exclusive illustration cards, a deluxe booklet containing a collection of the character, prop, and background art, along with an original soundtrack featuring the works of famed composer, Nobuo Uematsu, who is well-known for his music in the *Final Fantasy* games. Volume 1's bonus content includes textless OP and ED, while Volume 2 contains a never before seen episode, exclusive to the Blu-ray release. Pre-orders start today with Volume 1 available on May 15, 2018 and Volume 2 on July 17, 2018.

***GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation*** follows the adventures of the bright-eyed protagonist, Gran, who sets off on an epic voyage after an encounter with a mysterious girl named Lyria. “Where this show shines is in the small interactions of its characters,” writes Rebecca Silverman of Anime News Network in a 2017 review. “In terms of character relationships, *Granblue Fantasy* has mastered showing rather than telling.” Much of that can be credited to the series’ truly veteran all-star cast consisting of Yuuki Ono (*DURARARA!! x 2*, *VALVRAVE the Liberator*), Nao Toyama (*NISEKOI*, *The Asterisk War*), Rie Kugimiya (*Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood*, *Persona4 the Golden ANIMATION*), Miyuki Sawashiro (*Fate/Apocrypha*, *Sword Art Online the Movie -Ordinal Scale-*), and Hiroaki Hirata (*God Eater*, *Sword Art Online* series). The English dub featured in the new Blu-ray releases boasts an equally talented English cast including Kyle McCarley (*Your lie in April*, *DEVILMAN Crybaby*) as Gran, Kira Buckland (*Blue Exorcist*, *Fate/Grand Order -First Order-*) as Lyria, and Sandy Fox (*DURARARA!!*, *ALDNOAH.ZERO*) as Gran’s ever loyal companion, Vyrn.

The anime series is based on an immensely popular mobile game planned, developed, and operated by Cygames, Inc., which has amassed a following of over 14 million players. The game is known for its compelling visuals, colorful soundtrack, and top-tier voice cast. Since the game’s release, *Granblue Fantasy* has expanded beyond gaming into novels, merchandise, and a web radio program. Now with the Blu-ray releases, fans will get another opportunity to venture into the blue and beyond with Gran and crew!

***GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation Blu-ray Volume 1*** includes:



<Blu-ray Features>

- Spoken Languages: Japanese & English
- Subtitles: English & Spanish
- Aspect ratio: 16:9 widescreen
- Episodes: Episodes 1-7 (7 Episodes)

- Number of Disc: 2 Blu-ray discs + 1 OST
- Total Run Time: Approx. 165 minutes
- Rating: 13 UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Textless OP & ED
- \* *Bonus contents subject to change.*

<Bonus Materials and Special Packages>

- Deluxe Booklet (Collection of character, prop, and background art)
- Original Soundtrack 01
- Exclusive Illustration Cards
- \* *Bonus contents subject to change.*

Product number and UPC bar code

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store price
<i>GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation Blu-ray Volume 1</i>	5/15/2018	AOA-10201	816546021153	\$ 99.98	\$ 79.98

**About *GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation Blu-ray Volume 1:***

Gran and Vyrn live on the sleepy, far-flung island of Zinkenstill.

Their quiet lives are rocked by the sound of a sudden explosion and the sight of a battleship in the sky. As they follow a light that falls from the battleship into the forbidden woods, they encounter a mysterious girl.

***GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation Blu-ray Volume 2* includes:**



<Blu-ray Features>

- Spoken Languages: Japanese & English
- Subtitles: English & Spanish
- Aspect ratio: 16:9 widescreen
- Episodes: Episodes 8-12 + Extra 1-2 (7 Episodes)
- Number of Disc: 2 Blu-ray discs + 1 OST
- Total Run Time: Approx. 160 minutes
- Rating: 13 UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Includes a never before seen episode exclusive to the Blu-ray release.  
\* *Bonus contents subject to change.*

<Bonus Materials and Special Packages>

- Deluxe Booklet (Collection of character, prop, and background art)
- Original Soundtrack 02
- Exclusive Illustration Cards  
\* *Bonus contents subject to change.*

Product number and UPC bar code

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store price
<i>GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation Blu-ray Volume 2</i>	7/17/2018	AOA-10202	816546021160	\$ 99.98	\$ 79.98

**About *GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation Blu-ray Volume 2*:**

Gran and the crew land in the beautiful Auguste Isles. But they are immediately greeted by foul-smelling slime on the shore and a disquieting mood in town. They meet Eugen, an agent and old acquaintance of Rackam, who explains that the Erste Empire is responsible for Auguste's current state. That's when Lyria begins to hear the faint call of a primal beast...

Information on ***GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation*** is available at:

<http://granbluefantasyanimeusa.com/>

**STAFF**

Director: Yuuki Ito

Animation Series Director: Ayako Kurata

Screenplay: Cygames

Character Design: Toshifumi Akai

Chief Animation Directors: Asami Komatsu / Akira Takata / Yuki Imoto

Prop Design: Akira Takata

Effect Animation: Takashi Hashimoto

Art Setting: Shiho Takeuchi / Kazushi Fujii  
Art Director: Masatoshi Kai (STUDIO KAIMU)  
Color Setting: Kazuko Nakashima  
3D Director: Shuji Shinoda (BUEMON)  
Director of Photography: Yoshihiro Sekiya (Graphinica)  
2D Works / Special Effect: Saya Utsumi (Graphinica)  
Editor: Akinori Mishima (Graphinica)  
Music: Nobuo Uematsu / Tsutomu Narita / Yasunori Nishiki  
Sound Directors: Youichi Hayakawa / Ryo Tanaka  
Sound Production: TOHOKUSHINSHA  
Animation Production: A-1 Pictures  
Production Committee: GRANBLUE FANTASY: The Animation Production Committee

**CAST (Japanese/English):**

Gran: Yuuki Ono / Kyle McCarley  
Lyria: Nao Toyama / Kira Buckland  
Vyrn: Rie Kugimiya / Sandy Fox  
Katalina: Miyuki Sawashiro / Erica Lindbeck  
Rackam: Hiroaki Hirata / Kyle Hebert  
Sierokarte: Emiri Kato / Faye Mata  
Io: Yukari Tamura / Jackie Lastra  
Drang: Tomokazu Sugita / Ray Chase  
Sturm: Kanae Ito / Katelyn Gault  
Rosetta: Rie Tanaka / Allegra Clark  
Eugen: Kazuhiro Yamaji / Richard Epcar  
Djeeta: Hisako Kanemoto / Erika Harlacher

ADR Director: Julie Maddalena-Kliewer  
ADR Writer: Michael McConnohie

**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 *Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works]*, *Fate/Zero*, the *Sword Art Online* series, *Your lie in April*, *KILL la KILL*, *Bakemonogatari*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *Blue Exorcist*, *anohana -The Flower We Saw That Day-*, *NISEKOI*, the *Oreimo* series, *Durarara!!×2*, *Magi* series, *Expelled From Paradise*, *The irregular at magic high school*, and *ALDNOAH.ZERO*. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows include: *March comes in like a lion*, *Blue Exorcist: Kyoto Saga*, *ERASED*, *The Asterisk War*, *OWARIMONOGATARI*, *KIZUMONOGATARI*, *Charlotte*, *Occultic;Nine*, *WWW.WAGNARIA!!*, *GRANBLUE FANTASY The Animation*, *Eromanga Sensei*, *Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU*, *BLEND-S*, *Fate/stay night [Heaven's Feel] I. presage flower*, *Slow Start*, *Record of Grancrest War*, and *Today's MENU for EMIYA Family*. In June 2017, the

company launched the English version of the popular mobile game, *Fate/Grand Order*, which has exceeded two million downloads.

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