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Aniplex of America Announces
Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU
Complete Blu-ray Box Set And English Dub Cast



Katsugeki
TOUKEN RANBU

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***Get ready to slice your way into summer
with the Sword Warriors of Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU!***

SANTA MONICA, CA (March 30, 2018) – Aniplex of America announced at their industry panel at Sakura-Con (Seattle, Washington) that the smash hit anime series ***Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU*** will be released for the first time as a complete Blu-ray box set just in time for the summer. Based on the immensely popular game “TOUKEN RANBU ONLINE” developed by DMM Games/Nitroplus, the TV series was produced by renowned studio ufotable with Director Tokshiyuki Shirai, both known for their groundbreaking work on *Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works]*, *Fate/Zero*, and *God Eater*. The complete Blu-ray set includes the highly anticipated English dub featuring an all-star English voice cast including Robbie Daymond (*March comes in like a lion*, *Occultic;Nine*), Ben Diskin (*ERASED*, *Blue Exorcist –Kyoto Saga-*), Zach Aguilar (*Fate/Apocrypha*, *ALDNOAH.ZERO*), Xander Mobus (*March comes in like a lion*, *Fate/Grand Order –First Order-*), with the talented David Vincent (*Fate/Zero*, *Fate/stay night*

[*Unlimited Blade Works*]) serving as ADR Director. The box set also contains a bonus soundtrack CD featuring the music by veteran composer, Hideyuki Fukasawa, whose past projects include the *Street Fighter* and *Dragon Ball Z* video games. The Blu-ray box set also comes with a slew of bonus content and materials including a deluxe booklet, illustration postcards featuring artwork from the show, textless OP and ED, as well as the comical episode previews styled after the original game. Preorders are now open for the ***Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU*** TV Complete Blu-ray Box Set, with the set scheduled to be available on July 10th.

Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU takes viewers back to a turbulent time in Japanese history where swords come to life in this action packed and visually stunning series. “The history buff in me enjoys seeing the swords of Sakamoto Ryōma and a prominent Shinsengumi member constantly rubbing each other the wrong way – reformation versus preservation, nicely reflecting their approach to (not) altering the course of history and their former masters' political positions,” says Anne Lauenroth in a 2017 Anime News Network review of the series. “But even for non-history geeks and people unfamiliar with the property, *Katsugeki* started out as very accessible, competently executed, and beautiful to look at.”

Aesthetics play a big role within the series as it boasts three highly experienced sword fight animators (Mitsuru Obunai, Masaru Kimura, and Masayuki Kunihiro) in addition to eight different female character designers (Toko Uchimura for Izuminokami Kanesada, Moe Tsuzuki for Mutsunokami Yoshiyuki, Miyuki Ishizuka for Horikawa Kunihiro, Rio Niisato for Yagen Toushirou, Yuka Shiozima for Tonbokiri, Miki Yamazaki for Tsurumaru Kuninaga, Kayo Kizawa for Saniwa, and Yukako Serai for Konnosuke) for each of the main characters on the show. Considering the franchise’s large female fan base, the female staff at ufotable played a pivotal role in producing the series. In an interview for the June 2017 issue of *Newtype Magazine*, ufotable producer Hikaru Kondo revealed part of the charm of the series is the fact that “veteran sword fight animators in their forties laid the groundwork and the younger female staff in their twenties (the character designers) refined and beautified the final work.”

Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU TV Complete Blu-ray Box Set includes:



<Blu-ray Features>

- Spoken Languages: Japanese & English
- Subtitles: English & Spanish
- Aspect ratio: 16:9 widescreen
- Episodes: 13
- Number of Disc: 3 Blu-ray Discs & 1 CD
- Total Run Time: Approx. 300 Minutes
- Rating: 13 UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Episode Previews
 - Textless OP & ED
- * Bonus contents subject to change
* Bonus contents include subtitles.

<Bonus Materials and Special Packages>

- Deluxe Booklet
 - Bonus Soundtrack CD
 - Illustration Postcards
- * Bonus contents subject to change.

Product number and UPC bar code

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store price
<i>Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU TV Complete Blu-ray Box Set</i>	7/10/2018	AOA-11001	816546021313	\$159.98	\$129.98

About Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU:

From the studio that brought you Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works], ufotable's Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU will take you on a sword-fighting action journey through history!

The year is 1863, Japan is split between the pro-shogunate and anti-shogunate factions. In this chaotic time, the era of the swords is coming to a close.

Horikawa Kunihiro has manifested as a Sword Warrior and is joined by Izuminokami Kanesada, a warrior who served under the same master as him. With a single goal in mind, the two rush through the mountains...

Sword Warriors are “Tsukumogami,” spirits and willpower that reside within a sword. These spirits are awakened by Saniwa to protect the world from the “Time Retrograde Army,” who were sent by historical revisionists from the future to alter history.

Along their journey, Kunihiro and Kanesada encounter fellow Sword Warriors Mutsunokami Yoshiyuki, Yagen Toushirou, Tonbokiri, and Tsurumaru Kuninaga. They band together and devote themselves to confronting and defeating the Time Retrograde Army.

The fate of history lies in these heroes' hands. What destinies await the blades have yet to be uncovered...

For more details, please visit the official U.S. website at: www.Katsugeki-ToukenUSA.com

STAFF

Original Concept: TOUKEN RANBU ONLINE (DMM GAMES/Nitroplus)

Director: Toshiyuki Shirai

Music: Hideyuki Fukasawa

Character Design: Toko Uchimura / Moe Tsuzuki / Miyuki Ishizuka / Rio Niisato / Yuka Shiozima / Miki Yamazaki / Kayo Kizawa / Yukako Serai

Sword Animator: Mitsuru Obunai / Masaru Kimura / Masayuki Kunihiro

Historical Research: Tatsuya Yamamura

Sword Instructor: Kougyoku Watanabe

Animation Production: ufotable

Opening Theme Artist: Soma Saito (SACRA MUSIC)

Ending Theme Artist: Kalafina (SACRA MUSIC)

CAST

Izuminokami Kanesada: Ryohei Kimura / Robbie Daymond

Mutsunokami Yoshiyuki: Kento Hama / Ben Diskin

Horikawa Kunihiro: Junya Enoki / Zach Aguilar

Yagen Toushirou: Seiichiro Yamashita / Billy Kametz

Tonbokiri: Toru Sakurai / Xander Mobus

Tsurumaru Kuninaga: Soma Saito / Mark Whitten

Konosuke: Takuma Nagatsuka / Khoi Dao

Saniwa: Junko Minagawa / Cristina Vee

Yamanbagiri Kunihiro: Tomoaki Maeno / Alan Lee
Honebami Tousei: Yuto Suzuki / Griffin Burns
Mikazuki Munechika: Kosuke Toriumi / Todd Haberkorn
Higekiri: Natsuki Hanae / Kyle McCarley
Hizamaru: Nobuhiko Okamoto / Joe Zieja
Oodenta Mitsuyo: Daisuke Namikawa / Kaiji Tang

ADR Director: David Vincent

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*, *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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