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**Aniplex of America Announces U.S. Premiere of**  
**-KIZUMONOGATARI- PART 2: NEKKETSU**



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PART 2: NEKKETSU

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SANTA MONICA, CA (August 13, 2016) –Aniplex of America announced today at their industry panel at OTAKON (Baltimore, MD), their plans to premiere **-KIZUMONOGATARI- PART 2: NEKKETSU** in the U.S. starting in October 2016. This is the highly anticipated second installment of the **-KIZUMONOGATARI-** film trilogy. Aniplex of America premiered the first film, **-KIZUMONOGATARI- PART 1: TEKKETSU** this past February across the U.S. and also in Canada starting on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Aniplex of America also confirmed that theater patrons will receive an exclusive giveaway item with each purchased ticket while supplies last. Ticket sales for **-KIZUMONOGATARI- PART 2: NEKKETSU** will begin at a later date through the official **-KIZUMONOGATARI-** website ([www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com](http://www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com)). **-KIZUMONOGATARI- PART 2: NEKKETSU** will be distributed by AZOLAND PICTURES in the original Japanese language with English subtitles.

**-KIZUMONOGATARI- PART 2: NEKKETSU** 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 the fatally wounded Kiss-shot 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 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 2: NEKKETSU**, please visit the official website: [www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com](http://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:**

Koyomi Araragi: Hiroshi Kamiya  
Kiss-shot Acerola-orion Heart-under-blade: Maaya Sakamoto  
Tsubasa Hanekawa: Yui Horie  
Meme Oshino: Takahiro Sakurai  
Episode: Miyu Irino  
Dramaturgy: Masashi Ebara  
Guillotincutter: Hochu Otsuka

### **About Aniplex of America Inc.**

Aniplex of America Inc. (Santa Monica, California) is a subsidiary of Aniplex Inc. (headquartered in Tokyo, Japan) – a Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) group. Aniplex Inc. is a leading provider of anime content, along with music production and distribution in Japan. Aniplex of America has launched fan-favorite Blu-ray and DVD titles including the *Sword Art Online* series, *Your lie in April*, *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 our most recent titles such as: *ERASED*, *The Asterisk War*, *OWARIMONOGATARI*, *Charlotte*, *Classroom Crisis*, *WAGNARIA!!3*, *GOD EATER* and *HAIFURI (High School Fleet)*.

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**About Azoland Pictures, LLC.**

Azoland Pictures, LLC is a film distribution company that offers Japanese anime and live-action films to the audiences in North America.

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](http://www.azolandpictures.com).

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