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Aniplex of America Adds *Darwin's Game* to Winter 2020 Line-Up



Darwin's Game

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***When a mobile game turns deadly, only the fittest survive
in this thrilling shonen series full of twists and turns.***

SANTA MONICA, CA (DECEMBER 24, 2019) – Aniplex of America is excited to announce that suspense thriller, *Darwin's Game*, has been added to the winter anime 2020 lineup and will premiere on FunimationNow on January 3rd with a special hour-long episode. Based on FLIPFLOPs serialized manga series in “*Bessatsu Shonen Champion*” by AKITASHOTEN, this heart pounding shonen story follows Kaname Sudo, an ordinary high school student who has been entwined in a high-stakes, life-or-death battle after receiving an invitation to download a mobile app called “Darwin's Game.”

Original creator and one half of FLIPFLOPs, Hide Fukuyama, is contributing to the series' composition and screenplay, while animation production will be by Nexus (*Granbelm, Chivalry of a Failed Knight*). Yoshinobu Tokumoto (*Comic Girls*) has signed on as the director for the series, accompanied by Kenichiro Suehiro (*Cells at Work!, Golden Kamuy*) handling the music. FunimationNow subscribers will have a head start to watch the series first, before a subsequent weekly release on Crunchyroll and HIDIVE beginning February 2nd.

The series stars Yusuke Kobayashi (*Fate/Apocrypha, Dr. Stone*) as main character Kaname alongside Reina Ueda (*Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba, Lord El-Melloi II's Case Files {Rail Zeppelin} Grace note*) as Shuka Karino, who is known as "The Undefeated Queen" and top-ranking player within the game. Rounding out the cast is Nichika Omori (*Dropkick on My Devil!, Invaders of the Rokujyoma!?*) as Rein Kashiwagi, Taku Yashiro (*Aho-Girl, Idolm@ster SideM*) as Ryuji Maesaka, and Yumiri Hanamori (*Kaguya-sama: Love is War, Laid-Back Camp*) as Sui and Sota.

The series recently announced that the opening theme song "CHAIN" will be performed by ASCA and ending theme song "Alive" by Mashiro Ayano.

For more information on *Darwin's Game*, please visit: www.darwinsgame-anime.com

And follow the official Facebook page at: <http://facebook.com/darwinsgame.anime>

About *Darwin's Game*:

Kaname Sudo, an ordinary high school student, receives an invitation email to try a mysterious app called "Darwin's Game."

Kaname, upon launching the app, is drawn into a game where players fight one another using superpowers called Sigils.

Without knowing the reason for all this, can Kaname survive furious battles against the powerful players who attack him?

STAFF

Original Work: FLIPFLOPs (Serialized in "Bessatsu Shonen Champion" by AKITASHOTEN)

Director: Yoshinobu Tokumoto

Series Composition / Screenplay: Hide Fukayama (FLIPFLOPs)

Character Design: Kazuya Nakanishi

Weapons Supervisor: Kenichi Kaneko

Art Director: Kei Takeuchi

Assistant Art Director: Lee Bun Sun

Color Design: Naoto Tanaka

Director of Photography: Gaku Hirooka

Editor: Kentaro Tsubone

3DCG Director: Shinji Ikeda
Music: Kenichiro Suehiro
Sound Director: Jin Aketagawa
Sound Production: MAGIC CAPSULE
Animation Producer: Hiroshi Nakamura
Animation Production: Nexus

CAST

Kaname Sudo: Yusuke Kobayashi
Shuka Karino: Reina Ueda
Rein Kashiwagi: Nichika Omori
Ryuji Maesaka: Taku Yashiro
Sui / Sota: Yumiri Hanamori

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*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *March comes in like a lion*, *Blue Exorcist*, *KILL la KILL*, *Gurren Lagann*, *Monogatari* series, *anohana -The Flower We Saw That Day-*, *Cells at Work!*, *The Promised Neverland*, and *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba*. In 2017, the company released the English version of the popular mobile game, *Fate/Grand Order*, followed by the release of mobile game, *Magia Record: Puella Magi Madoka Magica Side Story*'s English version in the U.S. and Canada in June of 2019.

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