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**MARDOCK SCRAMBLE –THE FIRST COMPRESSION– SET FOR WORLD  
PREMIERE SCREENING AT NEW YORK COMIC CON & ANIME FESTIVAL**



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SANTA MONICA, CA (September 9, 2010) – Aniplex of America Inc. announced today that it will hold the **world premiere screening** of its newly animated theatrical thriller, *Mardock Scramble –The First Compression–*, a cyberpunk noir adventure, on Friday, October 8 at 7:00pm at the New York Comic Con and Anime Festival (Jacob K. Javits Center, New York). This exclusive film screening will be shown in Japanese language with English subtitles. In conjunction with this special event, New York Comic Con has invited **Tow Ubukata**—the award-winning author of the Sci-Fi novel which the movie is based upon—to make a personal appearance and presentation at the screening.

The highly anticipated and long-awaited ***Mardock Scramble –The First Compression–*** will be released theatrically in Japan starting November 6 and is the first part of a film trilogy, based entirely on Tow Ubukata’s cyberpunk novels.

*(\*Note: Audience members must be at least 18 years or older to attend this screening, as some content may not be suitable for those under the required age limit.)*

### **About *Mardock Scramble***

***Mardock Scramble*** originally began as a series of Sci-Fi adventure novels written by Tow Ubukata, that have since been published in three volumes (Hayakawa Bunko JA), selling over half a million copies to date. The novel series garnered the prestigious 24<sup>th</sup> Best Japanese SF Award in 2003, achieving a significant milestone in Japan’s SF literary history.

### STAFF

Original Story: TOW UBUKATA (Le Chevalier D’Eon, Fafner, Heroic Age)

Director: SUSUMU KUDO

Concept Design: KOICHI KIKUTA

Character Design & Supervising Animation Directors: SHINGO SUZUKI, JUN NAKAI

Music: Conisch / Starchild Records

Animation Production: GoHands

Produced by Mardock Scramble Production Committee (King Records, Aniplex, Brosta TV)

### MAIN CAST

Rune Balot: MEGUMI HAYASHIBARA (Neon Genesis Evangelion)

Shell Septinos: KAZUYA NAKAI (One Piece, Sengoku Basara)

### **STORY of *Mardock Scramble***

“Why me?” It was the last thought of Rune Balot, a teenage prostitute in Mardock City, when she was horribly burnt to death by a devious gambler named Shell, who had taken her in and made her a slave to his cruel and sadistic desires. Miraculously saved by Dr. Easter and his self-aware Universal Tool, Eufcoque, Rune is resurrected as a powerfully advanced cyborg, due to an unorthodox ordinance “Scramble-09,” which allowed the doctor to utilize forbidden scientific procedures and technologies. In search of her own past, Rune along with Eufcoque, confronts the worst of Mardock City’s harsh, psychotic underworld in an adrenaline-pumping cyberpunk noir adventure, but will she ever find the one killer who irrevocably destroyed her life?

***Mardock Scramble*** (The official Japanese website)

<http://m-scramble.jp/>

New York Comic Con & New York Anime Festival official websites:

<http://www.newyorkcomiccon.com/>

[www.newyorkcomiccon.com/en/NYAF/](http://www.newyorkcomiccon.com/en/NYAF/)

### **About TOW UBUKATA**

Born in Gifu Prefecture in 1977, Tow Ubukata was exposed to a blending of cultures from early childhood until the age of fourteen, having lived in Singapore and Nepal due to his father's work. In 1996, while in college, Ubukata won the first Sneaker Taisho Gold Prize for his light novel *Kuroi Kisetsu* (Black Season) and thus debuted as a writer. In 2003, he won the Japan SF Award for *Mardock Scramble*, originally published as a three-volume series. He is involved in a wide range of projects including anime production for *Fafner*, video game production, and original content writing for comics such as *Le Chevalier D'Eon*. His other works include the *Bye-Bye Earth* and *Spiegel* novel series. In 2009, Ubukata published his first historical novel, *Tenchi Meisatsu*, focusing on a mathematician of the Edo period. In 2010, the novel hit the bestseller lists and was awarded the Honya Award (voted on by book retailers).

### **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 and leading provider of anime content and music production and distribution in Japan. Aniplex Inc. has introduced a variety of properties including such hits as "Gurren Lagann," "Fullmetal Alchemist," "Kuroshitsuji (Black Butler)," "Rurouni Kenshin (Samurai X)," "R.O.D -THE TV-," and "Blood+," all of which are licensed and distributed worldwide. In 2005, the company established A-1 Pictures, currently the largest and most technically advanced animation studio in Japan.

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