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Aniplex of America Announces *The Asterisk War* English Dub and Product Release Details



The Asterisk War

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Popular Anime Adaptation Slated to Receive English Dub and Home Release

SANTA MONICA, CA (June 4, 2016) – Aniplex of America announced today at their industry panel at A-Kon in Dallas, Texas their plans to dub and release the first season of *The Asterisk War* on Blu-ray starting this September. This anime series based on the hit light novel by Yuu Miyazaki will be released in two volumes, with limited and standard editions available for both. Volume 1 is scheduled for release on September 20th and Volume 2 on November 22nd of this year. Pre-orders for all four SKUs will begin next Monday (June 6th) on the official *The Asterisk War* U.S. website (www.asteriskwar.com).

Aniplex of America has also unveiled the English dub trailer confirming the cast members. Under the direction of Chris Cason, the dub will star Erik Scott Kimerer (*Magi, Your lie in April*) as Ayato Amagiri, Kira Buckland (*Blue Exorcist, Aldnoah.Zero, Durarara!!x2*) as Julis-Alexia von Riessfeld, Erika Harlacher (*Aldnoah.Zero, KILL la KILL*) as Claudia Enfield, Sarah Anne Williams (*Puella Magi Madoka Magica, Sword Art Online, KILL la KILL*) as Saya Sasamiya, Brianna Knickerbocker (*Fate/stay night: Unlimited Blade Works, Durarara!!x2*) as Kirin Toudou, and Max Mittelman (*Your lie in April, Aldnoah.Zero*) as Eishiro Yabuki. Detailed cast list is shown below.

From Director Manabu Ono (*The irregular at magic high school*), *The Asterisk War* has been widely praised for its art style and animation by renowned studio, A-1 Pictures (*Sword Art Online, Your lie in April, Aldnoah.Zero*). The series' soundtrack, composed by Swedish DJ and producer Rasmus Faber, has also impressed fans and critics alike.

About *The Asterisk War*:

Invertia--The astral catastrophe that annihilated many cities in the 20th century also gave birth to a new human race with special powers called the "Genestella." At the same time, the special element found within the meteors of Invertia facilitated humanity's technological advancement. At the academic-city above water Rikka, also known as "Asterisk," students from each of the six schools at Asterisk prepare for the ultimate battle tournament – known as "Festa". Seidoukan Academy's Ayato Amagiri takes up the challenge along with his partner Julis, a.k.a. Glühen Rose, the Witch of the Resplendent Flames. Ayato learns Julis has a big dream to achieve and decides to protect her to the end.

For details on *The Asterisk War*, please visit: www.asteriskwar.com

The Asterisk War Blu-ray Volume 1 features:



**Art subject to change*

<BD Features>

- Spoken Languages: Japanese & English
- Subtitles: English & Spanish
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9 widescreen
- Episodes: #1-6
- Number of Discs: 2 Blu-ray Discs
- Total Run Time: Approx. 150 min.
- Rating: 13UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Bonus Previews
- Web Previews
- Textless Opening
- Textless Ending Versions 1 & 2
- Textless Prologue

** Bonus contents include English subtitles.*

<Package>

- Package Illustrated by Tetsuya Kawakami (Character Design)
- Clear Cases with 2-sided Wraps

<Bonus Materials (only included in Limited Edition)>

- Soundtrack Remix CD “The Asterisk War Infusion Mix #1” by Composer Rasmus Faber
- Deluxe Booklet
- Illustration Post Cards

**Bonus contents and materials subject to change.*

Product number and UPC bar code

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store price
<i>The Asterisk War</i> Limited Edition Blu-ray Vol. 1	9/20/2016	AOA-7301L	816546020286	\$114.98	\$89.98
<i>The Asterisk War</i> Standard Edition Blu-ray Vol. 1	9/20/2016	AOA-7301B	816546020293	\$74.98	\$59.98

The Asterisk War Blu-ray Volume 2 features:



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<BD Features>

- Spoken Languages: Japanese & English
- Subtitles: English & Spanish
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9 widescreen
- Episodes: #7-12
- Number of Discs: 2 Blu-ray Discs
- Total Run Time: Approx. 150 min.
- Rating: 13UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Bonus Previews
- Web Previews

** Bonus contents include English subtitles.*

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- Package Illustrated by Tetsuya Kawakami (Character Design)
- Clear Cases with 2-sided Wraps

<Bonus Materials (only included in Limited Edition)>

- Soundtrack CD “The Asterisk War Expanded Universe #2” by Composer Rasmus Faber
- Deluxe Booklet
- Illustration Post Cards

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Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store price
<i>The Asterisk War</i> Limited Edition Blu-ray Vol. 2	11/22/2016	AOA-7302L	816546020309	\$114.98	\$89.98
<i>The Asterisk War</i> Standard Edition Blu-ray Vol. 2	11/22/2016	AOA-7302B	816546020316	\$74.98	\$59.98

All 4 SKUs will be available through official Aniplex of America retailers. For a list of our retailers, please visit: www.AniplexUSA.com/retailers

STAFF:

Original Story: Yuu Miyazaki ("Gakusen Toshi Asterisk" MF Bunko / KADOKAWA)

Original Character Design: okiura

General Director: Manabu Ono

Director: Kenji Seto

Character Design & Animation Director: Tetsuya Kawakami

Set Design: Kenichi Morioka

Color Design: Aiko Matsuyama

Art Director: Yukihiro Watanabe

Directors of Photography: Yasuhiro Nakanishi, Hiroki Sugiyama

CG Director: Nao Kudo

Editing: Masahiro Goto

Music: Makoto Yoshimori

Sound Director: Satoshi Motoyama

Music: Rasmus Faber

Music Production: FlyingDog

Animation Production: A-1 Pictures

Opening Theme: “Brand-new World” by Shiena Nishizawa

Ending Theme: “Waiting for the rain” by Maaya Sakamoto

CAST (Japanese/English):

Ayato Amagiri: Atsushi Tamaru / Erik Scott Kimerer

Julis-Alexia von Riessfeld: Ai Kakuma / Kira Buckland

Claudia Enfield: Nao Toyama / Erika Harlacher

Saya Sasamiya: Shiori Izawa / Sarah Anne Williams

Kirin Toudou: Ari Ozawa / Brianna Knickerbocker

Eishiro Yabuki: Yuuma Uchida / Max Mittelman

Lester MacPhail: Takanori Hoshino / Patrick Seitz

Ernesta Kuhne: Chinatsu Akasaki / Cassandra Lee Morris

Camilla Pareto: Mutsumi Tamura / Cristina Vee
Haruka Amagiri: Mai Nakahara / Michelle Ruff
Silas Norman: Yuuichi Iguchi / Kyle McCarley
Randy Hooke: Nobuyuki Kobushi / Vic Mignogna
Shuma Sakon: Nobuo Tobita / Lucien Dodge
Fan Xinglou: Minami Omi / Cherami Leigh
Ernest Fairclough: Takahiro Sakurai / Vic Mignogna
Dirk Eberwein: Tomokazu Sugita / Kaiji Tang
Kyouko Yatsuzaki: Yuhko Kaida / Johanna Luis
Kouichiro Toudou: Unsho Ishizuka / Richard Epcar

English Voice Director: Chris Cason

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