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**Aniplex of America and Bang Zoom! Entertainment to  
Host *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic* Open Auditions at Anime Expo 2014**



***Fans are Once Again Given a Chance to bring their  
Favorite Magi Characters to Life!***

SANTA MONICA, CA (April 18, 2014) –Aniplex of America announced today at their industry panel at Sakura-Con in Seattle, Washington, their plans to produce an English dub of *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, the second season of the fan-favorite Magi anime series. Aniplex of America has also announced that along with Bang Zoom! Entertainment, they plan to hold open auditions for *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic* at this year's Anime Expo.

The open auditions will be held at the Bang Zoom! Entertainment booth through the entire Anime Expo 2014 weekend starting from Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Bang Zoom! plans to hold multiple auditions on each day. Fans who are interested in participating in these open auditions for *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic* are encouraged to like the official Bang Zoom! Entertainment facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BangZoom>) as details on the audition such as the time-slots and how to sign up will be revealed there soon. Both Aniplex of America and Bang Zoom! Entertainment expect an extremely high participation rate this year, so fans are advised to sign-up early to avoid missing the audition time-slots.

Over 400 people tried out at last year's open auditions, and from that, several were chosen for call back auditions at Bang Zoom! Studios in Burbank. From those call backs, three finalists were chosen to voice over various characters for the first season of the TV series "Magi." Sawako Furuya, producer of Aniplex of America says, "We're excited to be able to provide this opportunity to ambitious voice actor apprentices once again. We had a wonderful experience for the first season with last year's call-backs so we're looking forward to welcoming more earnest, passionate dream-chasers into Team Magi this year."

"We're thrilled to be able to give loyal fans a chance to show us their raw talent," says Eric P. Sherman, President and CEO of Bang Zoom! Entertainment. Sherman shared that last year's open auditions were a bigger success than anyone expected. "People even flew in from all over the country to audition. It was truly inspiring!" Because of that Bang Zoom has decided to add more time-slots this year so more aspiring voice actors will have a chance to have their voices heard.

### **About *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic***

The bond has become stronger between Aladdin and the others following their great battles within the Zagan dungeon. But, each member knew that it was time for them all to move on from the Kingdom of Sindria in order to reach their own goals. Aladdin heads to the magical land of Magnoshutt where he enrolls as an exchange student at their Magic Academy and befriends his roommate Sphintus and the genius Mage Titus. However, peaceful days at the academy are suddenly interrupted when Headmaster Mogamett declares war on the Leam Empire claiming that this was the only way to protect their land! What will Aladdin do...and will he ever see Alibaba and the others again?!

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### **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 such as *Bakemonogatari*, *Durarara!!*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *the Garden of Sinners*, *Sword Art Online*, *Blue Exorcist*, *Fate/Zero*, *Blast of Tempest*, *Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic*, *Oreshura*, and *Vividred Operation*. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows includes our most recent titles *KILL la KILL*, *MEKAKUCITY ACTORS*, *The irregular at magic high school*, *Mushi-Shi (The Sequel)*, *Nanana's Buried Treasure*, *Nisekoi*, *World Conquest Zvezda Plot*, *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, *Samurai Flamenco*, *Silver Spoon*, and *Oreimo 2*.

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### **About Bang Zoom! Entertainment, Inc.**

Headquartered in Burbank, California, Bang Zoom! Entertainment, Inc. is a leading and award winning full service audio post production studio working in the fields of film, television, animation, video games and anime. Founded in 1993, Bang Zoom! Entertainment maintains operations in the U.S. with three buildings, nine recording/mixing stages and an award-winning staff of studio professionals. Bang Zoom! Entertainment is committed to carrying out innovative projects that contribute to the promotion of global cultural awareness.

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### **About Anime Expo**

Anime Expo (AX) brings together fans and industry from Japan, the US, and all over the world for the largest celebration of Japanese pop culture in North America. Anime Expo features the best in Japanese entertainment, music, fashion, and video games. For more information, visit [www.anime-expo.org](http://www.anime-expo.org).

### **About SPJA**

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