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Aniplex of America Announces 10th Anniversary Event for *Gurren Lagann* at Otakon 2017

ANIPLEX OF AMERICA PRESENTS
GURREN LAGANN
10th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

SPECIAL GUESTS

KYLE HEBERT
voice of Kamina

MICHELLE RUFF
voice of Yoko

TONY OLIVER
ADR Director /
Script Writer

SAT, AUGUST 12th
7:30pm @ Panel 7
(WEWCC 146)
@OTAKON 2017

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*Anime's most prolific series celebrates its 10th anniversary
with an event that pierces the heavens!*

SANTA MONICA, CA (July 24, 2017) – Aniplex of America is celebrating the 10th anniversary of *Gurren Lagann* with an all-star event at Otakon in Washington D.C. on August 12, 2017. The event will feature a panel with English dub cast members Kyle Hebert (voice of *Kamina*) and Michelle Ruff (voice of *Yoko*), as well as Tony Oliver, who served as English ADR Director and script writer for the series. Aniplex of America has also reached out to fans with an online survey to determine which episode they will be screening at the event. The survey also asks fans to share their favorite scenes, quotes, characters and best personal memories of *Gurren Lagann*.

To celebrate the milestone, Aniplex of America will also be releasing a complete Blu-ray Disc Box available on August 8th, which includes all 27 episodes of the TV series and both feature length movies –*Childhood's End*- and –*The Lights in the Sky Are Stars*-. Described as “one of the greatest super robot anime series ever created” by Forbes’ Ollie Barder, ***Gurren Lagann*** is well known for its passionate fan base and the impact the series has had on its audience.

“We’ve watched a fair share of anime here at Nerd Reactor. One thing that many of us can agree on is that episode #7 of ***Gurren Lagann*** is in our top 5 best written of all time,” writes Adam “Kharakov” Kharatian of Nerd Reactor in a 2014 review. “You’ll laugh, cheer, and eventually cry harder than ever before for a man that isn’t even real.”

Theron Martin of Anime News Network writes in his 2008 review: “Most viewers will not be able to resist getting swept up in the torrent of high-spirited energy that permeates the early episodes through to their core. It is utterly over-the-top, deliciously bombastic, bodacious, unapologetically sexy, and loaded with enough bravado to face down an entire herd of charging bulls.”

Attendees of the ***Gurren Lagann*** 10th Anniversary Event at Otakon can look forward to exclusive giveaways. The results from the survey will be announced at the Anniversary Event and on Aniplex of America’s social media.

“I’m thrilled to be a part of this 10th anniversary celebration of ***Gurren Lagann***. When I first came on board with the project I was taken by the fact that the spirit of the show seemed so comfortably familiar, but was entirely new at the same time,” says Tony Oliver. “The storytelling is very bold and sometimes ‘in-your-face,’ but the depth of the characters, their complex relationships, and the scope of the story itself gives the show a near perfect balance. All in all recording the dub for ***Gurren Lagann*** was a fulfilling and satisfying experience that has directly led to everything I’ve been able to do since. Happy 10th ***Gurren Lagann!***”

About *Gurren Lagann*:

This is the story of a man who has yet to realize what destiny holds in store for him....

In the distant future, mankind has lived restlessly underground for hundreds of years, subject to earthquakes and cave-ins. Living in one such village are two young men: one named Simon who is shy and naïve, and the other named Kamina who believes in the existence of a “surface” world above their heads. The destiny of these two starts moving drastically when the ceiling of their village falls in, and a gigantic “Gunmen” and a beautiful girl named Yoko, wielding a superconductive rifle, come from the surface. Together, Kamina, Simon and Yoko ride the mecha “Lagann” that Simon digs out of the ground, and fly up to the surface!

For more details, please visit: www.aniplexusa.com/gurrenlagann/

STAFF

Original Story: GAINAX

Director: Hiroyuki Imaishi
Assistant Director: Masahiko Ohtsuka
Series Structure: Kazuki Nakashima
Character Design: Atsushi Nishigori
Mechanical Design: You Yoshinari
Design Works: Shigeto Koyama
Art Director: Yuka Hirama
Color Setting: Harumi Takahoshi
Director of Photography: Toyonori Yamada
Editing: Junichi Uematsu
Sound Director: Tohru Nakano
Music: Taku Iwasaki
Animation Production: GAINAX
Produced by TV TOKYO, DENTSU, Aniplex

Opening Theme Song: “Sorairo Days” / Shoko Nakagawa

CAST (Japanese/English)

Simon: Tetsuya Kakihara / Yuri Lowenthal
Kamina: Katsuyuki Konishi / Kyle Hebert
Yoko: Marina Inoue / Michelle Ruff
Nia: Yukari Fukui / Hynden Walch
Nia (adult): Yukari Fukui / Bridget Hoffman
Boota: Shizuka Ito/ Julie Ann Taylor
Leeron: Masaya Onosaka / Steve Blum
Dayakka: Daiki Nakamura / Doug Stone
Viral: Nobuyuki Hiyama / Sam Riegel
Kittan: Kisho Taniyama / Christopher Smith
Kiyoh: Rina Sato / Karen Strassman
Kinon: Kana Ueda / Stephanie Sheh
Kiyal: Kana Asumi / GK Bowes
Rossiu: Mitsuki Saiga / Johnny Yong Bosch
Gimmy: Takako Honda / Brianne Brozey
Darry (English): Mela Lee
Lordgenome: Narushi Ikeda / Jamieson Price
Anti-spiral: Takaya Kamikawa / Dave Mallow
Narrator: Takayuki Sugou / Tony Oliver

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 including *Fate/stay night*

[Unlimited Blade Works], Fate/Zero, the Sword Art Online series, Your lie in April, KILL la KILL, Bakemonogatari, Puella Magi Madoka Magica, Blue Exorcist, NISEKOI, the OREIMO series, DURARARA!!×2, Magi series, Expelled From Paradise, The irregular at magic high school, and ALDNOAH.ZERO. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows include: March comes in like a lion, Blue Exorcist: Kyoto Saga, ERASED, The Asterisk War, OWARIMONOGATARI, KIZUMONOGATARI, Charlotte, Occultic;Nine, WWW.WAGNARIA!!, GRANBLUE FANTASY, Eromanga Sensei, and Katsugeki TOUKEN RANBU. In June 2017, the company launched its first mobile game based on the Fate franchise, Fate/Grand Order for iOS and Android.

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