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**Aniplex of America to Premiere the Animated Series**  
***The Asterisk War* this Fall Season**



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*Crunchyroll to Begin Streaming on 10/3*

SANTA MONICA, CA (September 22, 2015) –Aniplex of America Inc. announced today they have acquired the anime series ***The Asterisk War*** for this upcoming fall season. The first episode is scheduled to premiere on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be streaming exclusively on Crunchyroll. From the same producer of *Sword Art Online*, Shinichiro Kashiwada, ***The Asterisk War*** will be animated by studio A-1 Pictures (*Sword Art Online II*, *Your lie in April*), directed by Manabu Ono (*The irregular at magic high school*) and featuring music by Swedish EDM sensation Rasmus Faber. For more details on ***The Asterisk War***, please visit [AsteriskWar.com](http://AsteriskWar.com)

**About *The Asterisk War***

*Invertia* (meteor storm)... an unprecedented disaster that struck the world during the 20th century.

Because of this disaster, numerous cities around the world were destroyed. However, within the meteor, an unknown element called *mana* (the all-encompassing element), was discovered, which allowed

human technology to make rapid strides.

This also gave rise to a new species of human born with unique skills – the Star Pulse Generation (*Genestella*).

The setting for the world's greatest comprehensive battle spectacle, the *Festas* (Star Warrior Festivals), is an academy city above the water surrounded by six academies called "Rikka," also commonly known as "Asterisk." Having transferred into Seidoukan Academy in order to fulfill his own wish, scholarship student Ayato Amagiri swears he too will fight in this city.

Burning souls race...

The curtain rises on this school battle spectacle!

#### STAFF:

Based on story by 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

Director of Photography: Yasuhiro Nakanishi / Hiroki Sugiyama

CG Director: Nao Kudo

Editor: Masahiro Goto

Sound Director: Satoshi Motoyama

Music: Rasmus Faber

Music Production: FlyingDog

Produced by: A-1 Pictures

OP Theme: Shiena Nishizawa

ED Theme: Maaya Sakamoto

#### CAST:

Ayato Amagiri: Atsushi Tamaru

Julis-Alexia von Riessfelt: Ai Kakuma

Claudia Enfield: Nao Toyama

Saya Sasamiya: Shiori Izawa

Kirin Toudou: Ari Ozawa

Eishiro Yabuki: Yuuma Uchida

Lester MacPhail: Takanori Hoshino

Ernesta Kuhne: Chinatsu Akasaki

Camilla Pareto: Mutsumi Tamura

Irene Urzaiz: Yumi Uchiyama

Priscilla Urzaiz: Juri Nagatsuma

Dirk Eberwein: Tomokazu Sugita

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content and music production and distribution in Japan. Aniplex of America has launched fan-favorite Blu-ray and DVD releases such as *Sword Art Online*, *KILL la KILL*, *Bakemonogatari*, *Durarara!!*, *Fate/Zero*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *the Garden of sinners*, *Blue Exorcist*, *Anohana: The Movie*, *NISEKOI*, *OREIMO 2*, *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, *Expelled From Paradise*, *VALVRAVE: The Liberator*, *NISEKOI and World Conquest Zvezda Plot*. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows includes our most recent titles *Sword Art Online II*, *ALDNOAH.ZERO*, *Persona4 the Golden ANIMATION*, *The irregular at magic high school*, *Your lie in April*, *Fate/stay night: Unlimited Blade Works*, *Charlotte*, *Classroom Crisis*, *DURARARA!! ×2*, *WAGNARIA!! 3* and *GOD EATER*.

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