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**Aniplex of America tends to “the Garden of sinners” with Blu-ray Disc  
Box release on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

劇場版 空の境界  
**the  
Garden of sinners**



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***The stunning, legendary seven-chapter animated epic that  
captivated Japan's movie audience is finally here!***

SANTA MONICA, CA (December 13, 2010) – Aniplex of America Inc. announced today that *the Garden of sinners - Blu-ray Disc Box* will be imported from Japan and released in North America on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through anime distributor RightStuf.com. This highly anticipated release—featuring seven theatrical chapters, and an unseen bonus chapter, all subtitled in English over eight Blu-ray discs—is the latest example of the company’s objective to expedite its line-up of wildly popular properties to North America. To that end, the BD box will be released almost simultaneously with Japan’s release date (February 2<sup>nd</sup>), and will mark the first time that *the Garden of sinners - Blu-ray Disc Box* is officially made available in North America.

“We’re very excited that we can finally bring this epoch-making title to North America,” says Hideki Goto, the president of Animation Business of Aniplex of America. “Fans, movie enthusiasts and general viewers alike will become entranced by the films’ breathtaking visual beauty and the multilayered, evolving storylines, as well as the dynamic yet delicate music. For the creative staff, this was a painstaking labor of love, as their passion and energy went into the production of the release, so it would be a tremendous honor bestowed if every enthusiast in North America shares the same love and enthusiasm for *the Garden of sinners - Blu-ray Disc Box*. It’s our hope that you’ll find this a worthy showpiece to add to your collection to enjoy and treasure repeatedly.”

*the Garden of sinners - Blu-ray Disc Box* features:

<BD Features and Bonus Contents>

- Video: 16:9 HD Widescreen / 1920×1080p / MPEG-4 AVC (“Special Program” on the bonus disc is in 1080i)
- Audio: Japanese dialog / Linear PCM 5.1 surround (“Special Program” on the bonus disc is in stereo)
- Subtitles: English and Japanese
- Includes 8 Blu-ray discs (7 film discs + 1 bonus disc): Total length of more than 640 minutes!!
- *the Garden of sinners*: the Final Chapter: A new, never-before-seen bonus chapter created exclusively for Blu-ray Disc Box!
- *the Garden of sinners*: Remix - Gate of Seventh Heaven- (approx. 60 min.) Highlighted scenes from each movie with music by fan-favorite composer Yuki Kajiura (performed by Kalafina)
- Special Program "Retracing All Seven Chapters of the Garden of sinners" (50 min.) which originally aired on TV in Japan

<Special Packaging>

- Deluxe Visual Chronicle Book: Staff interviews, ALL key visuals, illustrations from each movie, artwork for DVD packages  
\* **Exclusive for the North American release: a separate booklet of just English translations of the Japanese text from the Deluxe Visual Chronicle Book!**
- New cover art\* exclusively drawn by Co-creator/Artist TAKASHI TAKEUCHI, who envisioned the series’ original character concepts and designs. (\* see below)



\*Illustrated by TAKASHI TAKEUCHI



Extraordinary elaborate packaging

***the Garden of sinners Blu-ray Disc Box*** can be pre-ordered and purchased at:  
Right Stuf: <http://www.rightstuf.com/i/4534530040961>

Product number and UPC bar code

Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store price
February 8 <sup>th</sup> 2011	ANZX-3921~3928	4534530 040961	\$598.98	\$398.98

For detailed information on the ***the Garden of sinners Blu-ray Disc Box*** and to view the official trailer, visit: [www.AniplexUSA.com/theGardenOfsinners](http://www.AniplexUSA.com/theGardenOfsinners)

### **About *the Garden of sinners***

“the Garden of sinners” is a series of hit cult novels written by KINOKO NASU of TYPE-MOON (“Tsukihime -Lunar Legend-”, “Fate/stay night”) and published in KODANSHA BOX series. The best-selling novel series has since been adapted into seven fully animated theatrical films, of which each corresponding movie directly covers one of the original seven chapters. In Japan, the series of movies was released in theaters, starting December 2007. Each successive release became a box office smash with record numbers of attendees, while skyrocketing DVD sales of each movie outperformed many other series and movies.

### **Story of *the Garden of sinners***

After spending two years in a coma caused by a traffic accident, Shiki Ryougi awakens with amnesia. Inexplicably, she finds, in turn, that she has also obtained “Mystic Eyes of Death Perception” in which she can see the invisible lines of mortality that hold every living and non-living thing together. Working for a small independent agency, Shiki attempts to unravel the baffling mystery behind a series of abnormal, horrifying incidents, but are they a foreshadowing that leads to something even more tragic and ominous? Things are not what they appear to be on the surface, but what dark revelations lie underneath? This is a modern occult-action thriller where Shiki must tackle supernatural incidents with her special abilities while searching for a reason to live.

### **About the music of *the Garden of sinners***

The movie soundtrack is composed by Yuki Kajiura (“Black Butler”, “.hack”, “Baccano!!”, “Gundam Seed Destiny”). A fan-favorite sensation within the anime landscape, musician Kajiura’s emotional melodies provide the audience with an unforgettable aural resonance throughout “the Garden of sinners.” Theme songs are performed by the group Kalafina, also led by Kajiura, whose 1<sup>st</sup> album titled “Seventh Heaven” which includes the movie’s theme songs, is available from iTunes and most major digital music providers.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/seventh-heaven/id315159124>



Yuki Kajiura



Kalafina

Official Website (Japanese):

<http://fictionjunction.cocolog-nifty.com/>

[www.kalafina.jp](http://www.kalafina.jp)

### **STAFF**

Original Story: Kinoko Nasu (Published in Kodansha Novels)

Director: Ei Aoki (Chapter 1) / Takuya Nonaka (Chapter 2) / Mitsuru Obunai (Chapter 3) /  
Teiichi Takiguchi (Chapter 4) / Takayuki Hirao (Chapter 5) / Takahiro Miura (Chapter 6) /  
Shinsuke Takizawa (Chapter 7)

Character Concept: Takashi Takeuchi

Character Designer & Animation Director: Tomonori Sudou / Takuro Takahashi /  
Mitsuru Obunai

Screenplay: Masaki Hiramatsu (ufotable)

Music: Yuki Kajiura

Art Director: Nobutaka Ike / Kazuo Ogura

Shooting Director: Yuichi Terao / Shigeji Matsuda

3D Director: Shintaro Nakamura

Color Setting: Emi Chiba

Sound Director: Yoshikazu Iwanami

Production Manager: Noboru Suzuki

Producer: Hikaru Kondo

Animation Production by: ufotable  
Distributed by: Aniplex Inc.  
Produced by: the Garden of sinners The Movie Committee

### **CAST**

Shiki Ryougi: Maaya Sakamoto  
Mikiya Kokutou: Kenichi Suzumura  
Touko Aozaki: Takako Honda  
Azaka Kokutou: Ayumi Fujimura  
Araya Souren: Jouji Nakata  
Kirie Fujou: Rie Tanaka  
Fujino Asagami: Mamiko Noto

### **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 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,” “R.O.D -THE TV-,” and “Blood+,” all of which are licensed and distributed worldwide. In addition to licensing business, the company launched its direct video release business, starting with Gurren Lagann the Movie –Childhood’s End- and –The Lights in the Sky Are Stars- in summer 2010. The company continues to release selected titles in North America including R.O.D –THE COMPLETE- Blu-ray Box and Durarara!! DVDs.

Official Websites:

[www.AniplexUSA.com/theGardenOfsinners](http://www.AniplexUSA.com/theGardenOfsinners)

[www.youtube.com/aniplexUS](http://www.youtube.com/aniplexUS)

Japanese official websites

[www.Aniplex.co.jp](http://www.Aniplex.co.jp)

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

### **About Right Stuf Inc.**

Currently celebrating its 23rd year in business, **Right Stuf, Inc.** was one of the first players in the U.S. Japanese Animation ("anime") industry, as both an anime producer/distributor and a retailer. Right Stuf works to promote knowledge of its own products, as well as the anime and manga industry, through its online storefront at RightStuf.com and a variety of media including podcasts and special publications. For more information, visit

[www.RightStuf.com](http://www.RightStuf.com).

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