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SANTA MONICA, CA (March 15, 2017) – Aniplex of America is proud to announce that *Sword Art Online The Movie -Ordinal Scale-* has grossed 1.35 million dollars during the first four days of its North American run. The film set an opening weekend record for an Aniplex of America theatrical release. The film has played in 560 theaters nationwide and the positive response from both fans and critics has been absolutely phenomenal.

"I am honored that so many SAO fans came out and supported the film," said Hideki Goto, President of Aniplex of America. "*Ordinal Scale* has become a smash hit worldwide and has garnered some wonderful reviews from critics. We hope that our dub release next month will bring the same excitement and lead to more people being able to enjoy this wonderful film."

Sword Art Online The Movie -Ordinal Scale- will return on April 22 for a limited theatrical engagement featuring the highly anticipated dub. Tickets for this screening are available via the official website (www.sao-movie.net/us).

STAFF

Original Story: Reki Kawahara (Dengeki Bunko)

Director: Tomohiko Ito

Character Design & Chief Animation Director: Shingo Adachi

Prop Design: Tomoya Nishiguchi Art Director: Takayuki Nagashima Art Setting: Yoshinori Shiozawa

Concept Art: Sotaro Hori CGI Director: Ryuta Undo

Sound Director: Yoshikazu Iwanami Animation Production: A-1 Pictures Produced by: SAO MOVIE Project Character Design Concept: abec Script: Reki Kawahara/Tomohiko Ito Monster Design: Ryuta Yanagi UI Design: Satoshi Watsuji Art Supervision: Yusuke Takeda Color Design: Satoshi Hashimoto Director of Photography: Kentaro Waki

Editing: Shigeru Nishiyama

Music: Yuki Kajiura

VOICE CAST (JAPANESE / ENGLISH)

Kirito / Kazuto Kirigaya: Yoshitsugu Matsuoka / Bryce Papenbrook

Asuna / Asuna Yuuki: Haruka Tomatsu / Cherami Leigh

Yui: Kanae Ito / Stephanie Sheh

Leafa / Suguha Kirigaya: Ayana Taketatsu / Cassandra Lee Morris Rina Hidaka / Christine Marie Cabanos Silica / Keiko Ayano: Lisbeth / Rika Shinozaki: Ayahi Takagaki / Sarah Anne Williams Miyuki Sawashiro / Michelle Ruff Sinon / Shino Asada: Hiroaki Hirata / Kirk Thornton Klein: Agil: Hiroki Yasumoto / Patrick Seitz Seijirou Kikuoka: Toshiyuki Morikawa / Matt Mercer Akihiko Kayaba: Koichi Yamadera / Marc Diraison Yuna / Yuuna Shigemura: Sayaka Kanda / Ryan Bartley Eiji / Eiji Nochizawa: Yoshio Inoue / Chris Patton Tetsuhiro Shigemura: Takeshi Kaga / Taylor Henry

Voice Director & ADR Script Writer: Alex von David

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recent titles GOD EATER, March comes in like a lion, Occultic; Nine, The Asterisk War, OWARIMONOGATARI, and WAGNARIA!!3.

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