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Aniplex of America Announces
Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond
Blu-ray Release in November



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The only feature-length film from the mysterious and ethereal world of Natsume Yujin-cho finally arrives on Blu-ray!

SANTA MONICA, CA (SEPTEMBER 12, 2019) – Aniplex of America is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated release of *Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond* on Blu-ray on November 26th. The first and only film from the beloved series features a brand new, original story by creator Yuki Midorikawa along with veteran director Takahiro Omori (*Durarara!!*, *Hell Girl*) returning as Chief Director with help from Hideki Ito, who has taken on the role of director for the film, and Tatsuo Yamada, who handled the yokai design and role of action animation director. The film’s animation production is by studio Shuka, who produced the TV series since 2016, with screenplay by Sadayuki Murai (*Kino’s Journey*, *Knights of Sidonia*) and music by Makoto Yoshimori, who has composed the music for the series since its premiere in 2008. The Blu-ray release comes with one disc featuring bonus contents including a teaser, special commercial, and both a trailer and extended trailer, as well as illustration cards, and a special Nyanko-sensei sticker. Pre-orders are now open for *Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond* at online retailer, Righstufanime.com.

Cherished by fans for years, the *Natsume Yujin-cho* series has been widely praised for its heartwarming storytelling and unique, yet loveable ensemble of characters. The film finds Natsume, voiced by Hiroshi Kamiya (*Monogatari* series, *Blue Exorcist*) in an unlikely predicament when his trusted bodyguard, Nyanko-sensei, voiced by veteran voice actor Kazuhiko Ito (*Naruto*, *Detective Conan*), splits into three after eating some strange fruit. Throughout the film, Natsume encounters many fan-favorite characters that have appeared within the series' six seasons, including Shuichi Natori, voiced by Akira Ishida (*Gintama*, *Neon Genesis Evangelion*), his familiar Hiiragi, voiced by Satsuki Yukino (*Inuyasha*, *Monogatari* series), and many yokais, who provide some truly laugh out loud moments as they attempt to help Natsume and Nyanko-sensei. The film also introduces an old acquaintance of Natsume's grandmother, Yorie Tsumura, voiced by the legendary voice actress Sumi Shimamoto, who is best known for her leading role in *Nasuicaa of the Valley of the Wind*.

Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond premiered in Japan in September of 2018 followed by a U.S. premiere at Anime NYC in November 2018 hosted by Aniplex of America.

Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond Blu-ray includes:



<Disc Specs>

- Spoken Languages: Japanese
- Subtitles: English
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9 HD Widescreen
- Episodes: Movie
- Number of Discs: 1 Disc
- Total Run Time: Approx. 104 minutes
- Rating: 13 UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Teaser
 - Special commercial
 - Trailer
 - Extended Trailer
- * Bonus content subject to change.

< Bonus Materials & Package >

- Exclusive package artwork
 - Nyanko-sensei sticker
 - Illustration cards
- * Bonus materials subject to change.

Product number and UPC bar code:

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store Price
<i>Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond</i> <i>Blu-ray</i>	11/26/2019	AOA-13901	816546022297	\$ 49.98	\$39.98

About *Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond*:

A kind yet sad lie was told.

Natsume has been busy, navigating between humans and yokai when he coincidentally reunites with an old classmate, Yuki.

The reunion brings back painful memories of a certain yokai. Meanwhile, Natsume also becomes acquainted with Yorie Tsumura, a woman in the memories of a yokai whose name Natsume had returned. Yorie knows much about Reiko, and now lives a peaceful life with her only son, Mukuo. Interacting with this family is comforting for Natsume, but a mysterious yokai has been lurking in their town. On the way back from investigating, a “yokai seed” that had latched itself to Nyanko-sensei drops into the Fujiwara Family’s garden and grows overnight into a fruit tree. When Nyanko-sensei eats a fruit that is somewhat shaped like himself, he suddenly splits into three!

For more details on *Natsume Yujin-cho the Movie: Ephemeral Bond*, please visit:

<https://natsume-movieusa.com/>

STAFF

Original Story: Yuki Midorikawa (Monthly LaLa / Hakusensha)

Chief Director: Takahiro Omori

Director: Hideki Ito

Screenplay: Sadayuki Murai

Yokai Design & Action Animation Director: Tatsuo Yamada

Sub-character Design: Hiromitsu Hagiwara

Background Art: Yukihiro Shibutani

Color Setting: Hiromi Miyawaki

Editing: Kazuhiko Seki

Photography: Hitoshi Tamura & Tetsuo Kawada

Music: Makoto Yoshimori

Animation Production: Shuka

Produced by: Natsume Yujin-cho project

CAST

Reiko Natsume: Sanae Kobayashi

Takashi Natsume (Child): Ayumi Fujimura

Daisuke Yuki: Ayumu Murase

Toko Fujiwara: Miki Ito

Shigeru Fujiwara: Eiji Ito

Kaname Tanuma: Kazuma Horie
Toru Taki: Rina Sato
Satoru Nishimura: Ryohei Kimura
Atsushi Kitamoto: Hisayoshi Suganuma
Jun Sasada: Miyuki Sawashiro
Shuichi Natori: Akira Ishida
Hiiragi: Satsuki Yukino
Sasago: Ayako Kawasumi
Urihime: Akari Higuchi
Hinoe: Akemi Okamura
Misuzu: Takaya Kuroda
Chobihige: Cho
One-eyed Mid-class Yokai: Takashi Matsuyama
Cow-faced Mid-class Yokai: Hiroshi Shimozaki
Kappa: Kyoko Chikiri
Monmonbo: Eiji Kotouge
Ropponude: Mizuki Nishimura
Yorie Tsumura: Sumi Shimamoto
Mukuo Tsumura: Kengo Kora
etc.

About Aniplex of America Inc.

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