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I want to eat your pancreas
North America Premiere Announced



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A heartwarming tale about two people and their unforgettable spring

SANTA MONICA, CA (September 19, 2018) – Aniplex of America will be premiering the anime film, *I want to eat your pancreas*, at the ANIMATION IS FILM (AIF) festival in Los Angeles, California on October 21st. The second annual animation festival is a collaboration between the Annency International Animation Film Festival, GKIDS, and Variety, and will feature the film in what the festival describes as a “highly selective, annual showcase of the best new works of animation from around the world.” The heartwarming film, based on Yoru Sumino’s award winning novel, premiered in Japan earlier this month and opened at #10 in the box office, with over 100 million yen grossed in its first two days in theaters. Soon after the film premiered, Japan’s largest cinema community site, *Pia Eiga Seikatsu*, gave the film a 92.6% approval rating, ranking it at number one in their opening day movie satisfaction charts. The film is produced by Studio VOLN (*Ushio & Tora*), with Shinichiro Ushijima (*One Punch Man*, *All Out!!*) making his directorial debut. The unnamed male lead, “me,” is voiced by popular actor and 72nd Mainichi Film Awards Best New Actor winner, Mahiro Takasugi; voice actress Lynn

(*High School Fleet, A Place Further Than the Universe*) lends her talents to the female lead, Sakura. Tickets are now on sale at www.Iwanttoeatyourpancreas.com/tickets.

In a recent review of the film, Anime News Network writes that “this film will definitely get you if you're a sucker for tearjerkers...there is some amazing crying animation in this film, and the voice acting in those parts is just sublime. Even watching those scenes out of context would probably give me a visceral reaction. It's especially impressive that this film made me feel things when this is my third time experiencing the story. For that alone, *I want to eat your pancreas* is worth recommending.”

About *I want to eat your pancreas*:

With no interest in others, a high schooler spends all of his time reading books - this is "me." One day, “me” comes across a book, titled *Living With Dying*.

It turns out to be a secret journal kept by Sakura Yamauchi, who is a popular girl in class with a genuine personality. Diagnosed with a pancreatic illness, the diary notes about her limited time left.

Sakura, who lives with a secret illness, and "me," who keeps her secret.
--- Their relationship doesn't have a name yet.

STAFF

Original Story: Yoru Sumino "I want to eat your pancreas" (Futabasha)

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Sound Director: Shoji Hata

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Music: Hiroko Sebu

Animation Producer: Keiji Mita

Animation Production: Studio VOLN

Produced by: Your Pancreas Anime Film Partners

CAST:

Me: Mahiro Takasugi

Sakura Yamauchi: Lynn

Kyoko: Yukiyo Fujii

Takahiro: Yuma Uchida

Gum Boy: Jun Fukushima
My Mother: Atsuko Tanaka
My Father: Shin-ichiro Miki
Sakura's Mother: Emi Wakui

For more information, please visit: <http://Iwanttoeatyourpancreas.com>

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