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<u>Aniplex of America Acquires</u> <u>Sci-Fi Thriller *ERASED* for January 2016</u>



僕だけがいない街 ERASED

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SAO Director and Blue Exorcist Character Designer to Produce Anime Adaptation of Popular Thriller Mystery Series!

SANTA MONICA, CA (December 9, 2015) –Aniplex of America announced today that they have acquired the anime series, *ERASED (Japanese title: Boku Dake Ga Inai Machi,* lit. *The town where only I am missing),* for their upcoming winter simulcast season. This highly anticipated anime adaptation of the award-winning manga currently serialized in *Young Ace* monthly magazine will premiere on Crunchyroll on January 7, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. (PST). Aniplex of America has also

launched the official homepage of *ERASED* (<u>www.AniplexUSA.com/erased</u>) where they plan to announce more details on the series at a later time.

ERASED is a sci-fi thriller series featuring the story of Satoru Fujinuma, a struggling manga creator who suffers from a peculiar phenomenon called REVIVAL, where he is forcibly transferred back in time moments before a life-threatening occurrence. Satoru soon realizes that this phenomenon continues to occur only to him until he successfully eliminates the cause of this threat. Originally created by author Kei Sanbe, the **ERASED** manga series has won second place for the 2014 *Manga Taisho* award and has been featured in *Kono Manga Ga Sugoi* (lit. This Manga is Amazing!) for the same year. The anime adaptation will be produced by A-1 Pictures (*Sword Art Online II, Blue Exorcist, Your lie in April*) and directed by Tomohiko Ito (*Sword Art Online II, Silver Spoon*) and Keigo Sasaki (*Blue Exorcist, World Conquest Zvezda Plot*) will be working as the character designer.

For more details on ERASED, please visit the official homepage: www.AniplexUSA.com/erased

About Aniplex of America Inc.

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