



## ANIPLEX OF AMERICA AND FATHOM EVENTS TEAM UP TO BRING A DOUBLE FEATURE OF "RASCAL DOES NOT DREAM" MOVIES TO THE BIG SCREEN

## Event Marks U.S. Theatrical Premiere of Both Movies and the First Ever Showing of an English Dub within the Rascal Does Not Dream Series

"Rascal Does Not Dream of a Sister Venturing Out" and "Rascal Does Not Dream of a Knapsack Kid" in theaters nationwide on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>



**LOS ANGELES AND DENVER – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024** – Aniplex of America and Fathom Events announced earlier this week that two films from the legendary "Rascal Does Not Dream" series will be coming to movie theaters nationwide in March 2024.

This special double feature will be the U.S. theatrical premiere for both films and the first time an English dub of either movie has been shown. This will be the first English dub within the "Rascal Does Not Dream" series. Exclusive to Fathom Events will be a special video message for the fans from the film's Japanese voice cast, shown prior to the screening.

Tickets for this special double feature will be available for purchase from Fathom events starting today, February 23rd. More information can be found <u>HERE</u>. Tickets can also be purchased via participating theater box offices. A complete list of theater locations (*subject to change*) can be found at <u>Fathom Events</u>.

Film synopses:

**"Rascal Does Not Dream of a Sister Venturing Out**" - After a draining December, Sakuta is quickly nearing the end of his second year of high school. Since Mai is a third-year student, they don't have much time left together before graduation rolls around. Meanwhile, his sister, Kaede, is slowly but steadily venturing outdoors again. Just as she begins to find her footing, she announces her most ambitious goal yet - attending her brother's high school. Sakuta knows better than anyone how difficult this will be for Kaede, and he's ready to support her however he can. He's just not sure what's best for her…or what she really wants.

**"Rascal Does Not Dream of a Knapsack Kid**" - March begins, and there is only one month left in the third term. Sakuta Azusagawa is about to celebrate the graduation of his girlfriend Mai Sakurajima. As he waits for Mai at Shichirigahama beach, an elementary schoolaged girl who looks like Mai did when she was a child actress appears in front of him. While reflecting on this mysterious encounter, he receives a phone call from his father. Kaede's mother never came to terms with what happened to Kaede. Having been hospitalized for so long, their mother finally wants to see her daughter. To fulfill their mother's wish, Sakuta makes the decision to meet face-to-face–something they haven't done in a long time. He's unable to hide his nervousness about all this. Never-before-seen scars begin to appear on Sakuta's body. Could these be warning signs of a new type of puberty syndrome?

## About Fathom Events

Fathom Events is a recognized leader in the entertainment industry as one of the top distributors of content to movie theaters in North America. Owned by AMC Entertainment Inc. (NYSE: AMC); Cinemark Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CNK); and Regal, a subsidiary of the Cineworld Group (LSE: CINE.L), Fathom operates the largest cinema distribution network, delivering a wide variety of programming and experiences to cinema audiences in all the top U.S. markets and to more than 45 countries. For more information, visit <u>FathomEvents.com</u>.

## About Aniplex of America Inc.

Aniplex of America, Inc. (Santa Monica, California) is a subsidiary of Aniplex, Inc. (headquartered in Tokyo, Japan), a division of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan), Inc., and a leading provider of anime content, music production, and distribution in Japan. The company's ever-growing lineup of shows includes: *Sword Art Online, FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST: BROTHERHOOD, Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works], Fate/Zero, KILL la KILL, GURREN LAGANN, Monogatari series, anohana -The Flower We Saw That Day-, The Promised Neverland, Kaguya-sama: Love Is War, Lycoris Recoil, MASHLE: MAGIC AND MUSCLES, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba,* and many more. The company released the English version of the popular mobile game, *Fate/Grand Order,* in 2017, as well as the critically acclaimed mobile JRPG *Disney Twisted-Wonderland* in 2022. Media Contacts: For Aniplex pr@aniplexusa.com

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