



GLOBAL BOX OFFICE SENSATION "DEMON SLAYER -KIMETSU NO YAIBA- THE MOVIE: MUGEN TRAIN" THEATRICAL FILM COMES TO NORTH AMERICA DISTRIBUTED BY ANIPLEX OF AMERICA AND FUNIMATION

Record-Killing Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train Set for an April 23, 2021 Theatrical Release in English Dub and Subtitled



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Culver City and Santa Monica, California (March 16, 2021) – Young Tanjiro of the Demon Slayer Corps is on a mission to figure out a way to turn his sister back into a human. And his emotional journey continues, as the new film that has slayed box office records in the Asia-Pacific region heads to the big screens in North America.

Aniplex of America and Funimation are bringing the cinematically praised, emotionally charged, and action-packed anime film *Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train* to theaters nationwide in the U.S. and Canada on <u>Friday, April 23, 2021</u>, including in 4DX and on IMAX screens. The film will be available in both English dub as well as subtitled. Tickets are available beginning April 9 at **funimation.com/demonslayermovie.**

In addition to theaters, it was also announced that fans can enjoy **the film on EST (Electronic Sell-Through) beginning June 22, 2021** on Apple TV, Microsoft Store, Vudu, Google Play*, PlayStation Store,

and Amazon. Pre-orders for the film will begin on **April 26, 2021** on Apple TV, Microsoft Store, and PlayStation Store.

Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train is directed by Haruo Sotozaki featuring the original story by Koyoharu Gotoge (JUMP COMICS/SHUEISHA) with screenplay and animation production by studio ufotable. The running time for the film is one one hour and 57 minutes and is rated R.

The *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* anime series, streaming on Funimation both subtitled and dubbed, premiered in 2019 and is based on Koyoharu Gotoge's manga, which boasts over 150 million copies in circulation in Japan. Since bursting on the scene, *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* is an action-packed, thrilling tale of a young man in search of a cure for his sister, who has been turned into a demon after their family is viciously slaughtered by demons. Together with a captivating story and distinct visual aesthetic by studio ufotable, *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* offers a glimpse into Japan in the early 1900s, which is inhabited by demons and those that vow to slay them.

Set after the events of the television series, *Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train* has Tanjiro, Nezuko, Zenitsu, and Inosuke embark on a new mission. Together with one of the most powerful swordsmen of the Demon Slayer Corps, Flame Hashira Kyojuro Rengoku, they investigate the mysterious disappearance of over 40 people aboard the Mugen Train.

"We are thrilled to be bringing *Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train* to theaters in North America," said Shu Nishimoto, president of Aniplex of America. "The support from fans worldwide has truly been the driving force behind the series, and we can't wait for everyone to experience the next chapter in Tanjiro's journey as a Demon Slayer."

"Demon Slayer's record-breaking box office sales in Japan have elevated the series—and anime itself—to a new level," said Colin Decker, CEO of Funimation Global Group. "It is a truly global-scale franchise, and we're honored to be the home and distributor of the film in many territories worldwide."

Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train opened in Japan on October 16, 2020 and is now the highest grossing anime and Japanese film (animated or live action) of all time. The film opened on 403 screens (including 38 IMAX theaters), is the fastest film to achieve over \$100 million at the box offices in Japan after only 10 days in theaters, and is the most successful IMAX release of all time in the market. The film opened at #1 in Australia and New Zealand last month.

For more information on *Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train*, visit <u>demonslayer-anime.com</u> and follow the official <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</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 and 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-, Cells at Work!, The Promised Neverland, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba, The Millionaire Detective — Balance: UNLIMITED, and many more. In 2017, the company released the English version of the popular mobile game, Fate/Grand Order.

About Funimation

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Funimation has nine 9 offices in six 6 countries and hundreds of employees worldwide. As an independently operated joint venture between U.S.-based Sony Pictures Entertainment and Japan's Aniplex, a subsidiary of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc., Funimation benefits from deep entertainment expertise across cultures, territories, and languages.

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