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Aniplex of America Announces Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld Complete Blu-ray Set!



SWORD ART ONLINE

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SANTA MONICA, CA (March 23, 2021) – Aniplex of America is delighted to announce the next home video release of the *Sword Art Online Alicization* series, with the *Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld* Complete Blu-ray Set coming June 22, 2021! The complete Blu-ray set comes with six Blu-ray discs and includes all 23 episodes plus 2 recap episodes in both English and Japanese audio, housed in a stunning box featuring art by abec (Original Illustrator/ Character Design Concept). The set also includes bonus content such as trailers, commercials, textless openings and endings, as well as audio commentary by Japanese cast and staff members, along with a special booklet and an original soundtrack CD by the acclaimed composer, Yuki Kajiura. The *Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld* Complete Blu-ray Set is now available for pre-order at RightStuf Anime (<u>https://www.rightstufanime.com/</u>).

Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld is the final chapter of the thrilling Alicization arc, the longest and most glorious battle of the Sword Art Online series. Featuring animation production by A-1 Pictures (*Blue Exorcist, The Promised Neverland*), the series chronicles the events leading up to the final, epic battle between the Human Empire and the Dark Territory. While *Sword Art Online Alicization* focuses on Kirito and beloved newcomer Eugeo's journey through the Underworld to defeat the evil Pontifex, *War of Underworld* follows Alice, who rediscovers her will to be a knight, as she cares for Kirito, who has lost his soul. Joined by familiar friends from the *Sword Art Online* series, the fate of Underworld and the future of mankind rest on the still-slumbering Black Swordsman, Kirito.

The *War of Underworld* arc premiered in October 2019, with the English dub airing on Adult Swim's Toonami in January 2020. Aniplex of America released the *Sword Art Online Alicization* Complete Blu-ray Set on April 21, 2020, available now on RightStuf.

All episodes of season 1 and 2 of *Sword Art Online Alicization* are streaming now on Hulu, Crunchyroll, and Funimation, while *Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld* is streaming on HIDIVE.

For more information, please visit the official website at: <u>sao-alicization.com</u>

Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld Complete Blu-ray Set includes:



<Disc Specs>

• Spoken Languages: English & Japanese

- Subtitles: English
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9 HD Widescreen 1920x1080p
- Episodes: 1-23 + 2 recap episodes
- Number of Discs:6 Blu-ray Discs
- Total Run Time: Approx. 610 minutes
- Rating: 16 UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Trailers and Commercials
- Textless Openings and Endings
- Audio Commentaries for 1 & 23 by Japanese cast and staff
- *Bonus content subject to change.

*Bonus content includes English subtitles.

< Bonus Materials & Package>

- Box art by abec (Character Design Concept)
- Special booklet
- Original Soundtrack CD by Yuki Kajiura
- *Bonus materials subject to change.

Product number and UPC bar code:

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store Price
<i>Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld Complete Blu-ray Set</i>	6/22/2021	A0A-13002	816546024604	\$299.98	\$229.98

Retailer Link: <u>https://www.rightstufanime.com/Sword-Art-Online-Alicization-War-of-Underworld-Box-Set-Blu-ray</u>

About Sword Art Online Alicization War of Underworld:

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The final load test... The war between the Human Empire and the Dark Territory has engulfed Underworld entirely. The battle has shifted course with the Dark Territory army led by Gabriel, who seeks to capture Alice, the Priestess of Light, in their fight against Asuna and the Human Empire forces fighting to save Underworld.

As Kirito's consciousness remains buried in a deep sleep, Gabriel, standing in as the Dark God Vecta, has recruited thousands of American players to log in to the Underworld to annihilate the Human Empire forces.

In this great war, the stakes are not only the Underworld's continued existence, but also the bottom-up artificial intelligence, the ultimate AI, and even the very future of mankind!

Though he has yet to awaken, only one man holds the fate of this world: the Black Swordsman.

STAFF

- Written by Reki Kawahara (Dengeki Bunko)
- Original Illustration / Character Design Concept: abec
- Director: Manabu Ono
- Assistant Director: Takashi Sakuma
- Character Design: Shingo Adachi, Go Suzuki, Tomoya Nishiguchi, Yumiko Yamamoto,
- Kento Toya
- Chief Animation Directors: Go Suzuki, Yumiko Yamamoto, Kento Toya
- Prop Design: Asami Hayakawa, Kiminori Ito
- Monster Design: Toshiya Kouno
- Action Scene Animation Directors: Yoshihiro Kanno, Hirokatsu Maruyama
- Art Directors: Yukako Ogawa, Keito Watanabe
- Art Setting: Kenichi Morioka, Yuho Taniuchi
- Color Setting: Naomi Nakano
- Directors of Photography: Kentaro Waki, Kenta Hayashi, Shota Kodera
- Motion Graphics Designer: Hiromu Oshiro
- CG Directors: Ryuta Undo, Kengo Oda
- Editing: Yuji Kondo
- Sound Director: Yoshikazu Iwanami
- Effects: Yasumasa Koyama
- Sound Production: sonilude
- Music: Yuki Kajiura
- Produced by EGG FIRM, Straight Edge
- Animation Production: A-1 Pictures
- Production Committee: SAO-A Committee

English Voice Director / ADR Script Writer: Alex von David

CAST (Japanese / English)

- Kirito (Kazuto Kirigaya): Yoshitsugu Matsuoka / Bryce Papenbrook
- Asuna (Asuna Yuuki): Haruka Tomatsu / Cherami Leigh
- Alice: Ai Kayano / Kayli Mills
- Lisbeth: Ayahi Takagaki / Sarah Anne Williams
- Silica: Rina Hidaka / Christine Marie Cabanos
- Klein: Hiroaki Hirata / Kirk Thornton
- Agil: Hiroki Yasumoto / Patrick Seitz
- Sinon: Miyuki Sawashiro / Michelle Ruff
- Selka: Kaori Maeda / Jackie Lastra
- Ronie Arabel: Reina Kondo / Deneen Melody

Tiese Schtrinen: Kaori Ishihara / Kimberly Woods Rinko Kojiro: Sanae Kobayashi / Jennifer Losi Seijirou Kikuoka: Toshiyuki Morikawa / Matt Mercer Deusolbert Synthesis Seven: Hikaru Hanada / Armen Taylor Fanatio Synthesis Two: Hitomi Nabatame / Laila Berzins Bercouli Synthesis One: Junichi Suwabe / Imari Williams Leafa (Suguha Kirigaya): Ayana Taketatsu / Cassandra Lee Morris Yui: Kanae Ito / Stephanie Sheh Takeru Higa: Kenji Nojima / Brian Beacock Golgorosso Balto: Ryo Sugisaki / Mick Lauer Sheyta Synthesis Twelve: Lynn / Justine Huxley Renly Synthesis Twenty-Seven: Mutsumi Tamura / Morgan Berry Linel Synthesis Twenty-Eight: Hina Kino / Brianna Knickerbocker Fizel Synthesis Twenty-Nine: Konomi Kohara / Michelle Marie Eldrie Synthesis Thirty-One: Takeaki Masuyama / Ethan Murray Gabriel Miller / Dark God Vecta: Akira Ishida / Greg Chun Vassago Casals: Tsuyoshi Koyama / Xander Mobus Critter: Isshin Chiba / Jon Allen Iskahn: Taku Yashiro / Khoi Dao Dee Eye Ell: Yuhko Kaida / Kari Wahlgren Lilpilin: Junya Enoki / Aleks Le

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, <i>Fate/Grand Order*.

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