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Aniplex of America and Bang Zoom! Entertainment to Host *ALDNOAH.ZERO* Open Auditions at Anime Expo 2015



The Fan-Favorite Joint Open Auditions are back for the Third Time!

SANTA MONICA, CA (June 6, 2015) –Anime fans were excited to hear Aniplex of America's announcement at their industry panel at A-Kon (Dallas, Texas) today that they have green-lit an English dub for the popular mecha anime series, *ALDNOAH.ZERO*, produced by esteemed creators including Director Ei Aoki (*Fate/Zero*, the Garden of sinners) and Writer Gen Urobuchi (*Madoka Magica, Fate/Zero*). Aniplex of America Inc. has also confirmed that they will once again be hosting the popular Open Auditions event in partnership with Bang Zoom! Entertainment at this year's Anime Expo to give anime fans a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be featured in an anime series.

Starting from the first day of Anime Expo 2015 on July 2nd Bang Zoom! Entertainment will be accepting auditionees through the whole convention weekend until Sunday July 5th. Con-goers are encouraged to follow the official Bang Zoom! Entertainment Facebook page as details on the event including audition times and sign-up directions will be available very soon. Due to this

event's huge popularity, participants are advised to sign-up as early as possible if they wish to avoid missing the audition time-slots they prefer.

Out of the hundreds of people who tried out at last year's open auditions, eight lucky participants were selected as the "AX Call Backs" and were offered a formal audition at Bang Zoom! Entertainment's studios in Burbank, California. Several lucky finalists were chosen to experience dubbing select characters of the anime series *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*.

Main cast members of the English dub of *ALDNOAH.ZERO* such as Zach Aguilar, Max Mittelman, and several others are previous participants of the Open Auditions event. "We were able to discover such talented people like Max and Zach thanks to the Open Auditions these past two years, and I'm so thrilled to have them as members of the main cast for *ALDNOAH.ZERO*. We keep our doors open for everyone who deserves an opportunity to grow and shine." says Sawako Furuya, the Producer of *ALDNOAH.ZERO* at Aniplex of America.

"We're thrilled to have the full support of Anime Expo to bring back our Open Auditions in an even better way this year!" says Producer and CEO of Bang Zoom! Entertainment, Eric P. Sherman, "We've had such great results every year we do this, and we couldn't be more excited to be working directly with Aniplex of America on a new anime series this year!"

Mami Okada, Casting Director at Bang Zoom! says she's been delighted with the caliber of some of the new talent they've discovered at Anime Expo. "Each year it seems that we're finding better and better voice actors – as if they've been preparing for this and really know that it's about *acting* first and *interesting voices* second."

The two companies will also be hosting the Open Auditions Kick-off Panel on Thursday July 2nd from 2PM where they plan to announce an additional anime title from Aniplex of America that will be getting an English dub. Participants will also be able to audition for this new title.

About ALDNOAH.ZERO

ALDNOAH.ZERO is an original anime series written by Gen Urobuchi (*Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *Fate/Zero*) and directed by Ei Aoki (*Fate/Zero*, *the Garden of sinners*). The story features inhabitants of Earth and Mars waging in an interplanetary war. The story touches upon the effects wars have on a country's government and its people.

Fifteen years have passed since the Hyper Gate collapsed on the moon's surface. -- A catastrophe known as the HEAVENS FALL-- The war between Earth and the VERS Empire of Mars is now in a cease-fire. The VERS' Princess Asseylum Vers Allusia descends upon Earth as an ambassador hoping to encourage reconciliation while some citizens are not willing to compromise. Inaho Kaizuka, a terran high school student... and Slaine Troyard, who swears his allegiance to Princess Assylum... Their fates cross as both societies watch in horror as a missile crashes on Asseylum's motorcade. This incident marked the beginning of a new war.

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About Aniplex of America Inc.

Aniplex of America Inc. (Santa Monica, California) is a subsidiary of Aniplex Inc. (headquartered in Tokyo, Japan), a group of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc. and a leading provider of anime content and music production and distribution in Japan. Aniplex of America has launched fan-favorite Blu-ray and DVD releases such as *Bakemonogatari*, *Durarara!!*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *the Garden of Sinners*, *Sword Art Online*, *Blue Exorcist*, *Fate/Zero*, *Blast of Tempest*, *Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic*, *Oreshura*, and *Vividred Operation*. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows includes our most recent titles *KILL la KILL*, *MEKAKUCITY ACTORS*, *The irregular at magic high school*, *Mushi-Shi (The Sequel)*, *Nanana's Buried Treasure*, *Nisekoi*, *World Conquest Zvezda Plot*, *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, *Samurai Flamenco*, *Silver Spoon*, and *Oreimo* 2.

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