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## <u>Darwin's Game Complete Blu-ray Set</u> Announced for March 2021 Release



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## A mysterious invitation turns Kaname Sudo's world upside down in an unpredictable battle of superpowers!

SANTA MONICA, CA (November 18, 2020) – Aniplex of America is excited to announce the release of *Darwin's Game* as a complete Blu-ray set on March 16, 2021. The set will contain all eleven episodes of the thrilling series in both English and Japanese audio, along with web previews, and textless opening and ending on three Blu-ray discs. Featuring an electrifying box art illustration by character designer Kazuya Nakanishi, the complete Blu-ray set includes a special booklet with character information.

Adapted from the original manga series by FLIPFLOPs, which was serialized in "Bessatsu Shonen Champion" by AKITASHOTEN, the animated series premiered in January 2020 and was produced by studio Nexus (*Comic Girls, Granbelm*) and directed by Yoshinobu Tokumoto, who served as episode director for many notable shows including *Bakemonogatari* and *Saekano: How to Raise a Boring Girlfriend.* The series features music by Kenichiro Suehiro (*Cells at Work!, Goblin* Slayer) with its opening theme, "CHAIN," by ASCA (*Sword Art Online Alicization, Fate/Apocrypha*) and ending theme, "Alive," by Mashiro Ayano (*Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works], Record of Grancrest War*).

The heart pounding series stars Yusuke Kobayashi (*Fire Force, Re:ZERO - Starting Life in Another World-*) and Stephen Fu (*Golden Kamuy, How Heavy Are the Dumbbells You Lift?*) as Kaname Sudo, a 17-year old high schooler who becomes an unwilling participant in a life-or-death battle after receiving a mysterious email inviting him to download an app called "Darwin's Game." As he fights to survive, he encounters Shuka Karino, a top-ranking player known as "The Undefeated Queen," played by Reina Ueda (*Lord El-Melloi II's Case Files {Rail Zeppelin} Grace note, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*) and Alexis Tipton (*Kaguya-sama: Love is War? A Certain Magical Index*).

The *Darwin's Game Complete Blu-ray Set* is now accepting pre-orders at online retailer RightStuf Anime (<u>https://www.rightstufanime.com</u>).

Darwin's Game Complete Blu-ray Set includes:



<Disc Specs>

- Spoken Languages: English & Japanese
- Subtitles: English
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9 HD Widescreen 1920x1080p
- Episodes: 11 Episodes
- Number of Discs: 3 Blu-ray Discs
- Total Run Time: Approx. 282 min.
- Rating: 13 UP

<Bonus Content>

• Textless Opening

- Textless Ending
- Web Previews
  \*Bonus content subject to change.
  \*Bonus content includes English subtitles.

### < Bonus Materials & Package>

- Box Illustration by Kazuya Nakanishi (Character Design)
- Special booklet with character reference guides *\*Bonus materials subject to change.*

#### Product number and UPC bar code:

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store Price
Darwin's Game Complete Blu-ray Set	3/16/2021	AOA-15801	816546023812	\$149.98	\$119.98

Retailer Link: https://www.rightstufanime.com/Darwins-Game-Blu-ray

## About Darwin's Game :

Kaname Sudo, an ordinary high school student, receives an invitation email to try a mysterious app called "Darwin's Game." Upon launching the app, Kaname is drawn into a game where players fight one another using superpowers called Sigils. Without knowing the reason for all this, can Kaname survive furious battles against the powerful players who attack him?

For more information, please visit: <u>https://darwinsgame-anime.com/</u>

STAFF

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English Voice Director: Cliff Chapin

CAST (Japanese/English) Kaname Sudo: Yusuke Kobayashi / Stephen Fu Shuka Karino: Reina Ueda / Alexis Tipton Rein Kashiwagi: Nichika Omori / Tia Ballard Ryuji Maesaka: Taku Yashiro / Jarrod Greene Sui / Sota: Yumiri Hanamori / Brittany Lauda

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