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**ANIPLEX AND STUDIO BONES TO DEBUT THE US PREMIERE OF
STAR DRIVER AT NEW YORK COMIC CON & ANIME FESTIVAL 2010**

*Japan's newest breakout anime show features fan-favorite creators from
Fullmetal Alchemist, Soul Eater, Revolutionary Girl Utena and Haruhi Suzumiya!*



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Santa Monica, CA (September 9, 2010) – *Aniplex of America Inc.*, in collaboration with *Studio BONES* will screen the US Premiere of *STAR DRIVER -Kagayaki no Takuto- Episode 1* at the New York Comic Con and Anime Festival, the largest comic and anime convention in the east coast, held at the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City.

This exclusive screening will be presented with English subtitles on Saturday, October 9, 2010

at 1:15pm (EST) in Room 1E14, to be immediately followed by a Q&A and autograph session with Mr. Masahiko Minami, the president and executive producer of Studio BONES.

About *STAR DRIVER*

STAR DRIVER is headlined by a creative powerhouse dream team from the anime industry, that includes Takuya Igarashi (Director/ *Soul Eater*, *Ouran High School Host Club*), Yoji Enokido (Screenplay/ *Revolutionary Girl Utena*, *Aim for the Top! Gunbuster 2*), Yoshiyuki Ito (Character Design/ *Fullmetal Alchemist*, *Soul Eater*) and Satoru Kousaki (Music/ *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya*, *Bakemonogatari*) with animation production anchored by the highly renowned Studio BONES (*Fullmetal Alchemist*, *Soul Eater*, *Cowboy Bebop the Movie*, *Sword of the Stranger*).

The official 1st episode airs October 3rd and subsequent episodes thereafter will broadcast every Sunday evening through MBS and TBS, Japan's major national networks.

STAR DRIVER -KAGAYAKI NO TAKUTO- Japanese official website:

www.star-driver.net

New York Comic Con & New York Anime Festival official websites:

www.newyorkcomiccon.com

www.newyorkcomiccon.com/en/NYAF/

STORY of *STAR DRIVER*

In the southern edge of Japan lies the Southern Cross Island where its inhabitants lead a seemingly normal daily existence, but far beneath the surface a monumental secret lingers in silence—that is, until the dubious arrival of a boy named Takuto Tsunashi into Southern Cross High School. When it's revealed that a trove of approximately twenty giant machines called "Cybody" are sealed and hidden underground, Takuto and his classmates become embroiled with a ruthless, clandestine society bent on usurping this newfound power at any cost. The pivotal key to unlocking the "Cybody" lies within a special shrine maiden, and as old secrets stir and new ones begin to arise, how will Takuto deal with his own secrets? An intensive power struggle is about to erupt and tear apart the isle of Southern Cross!

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 and leading provider of anime content and music production and distribution in Japan. Aniplex Inc. has introduced a

variety of properties including such hits as “Gurren Lagann,” “Fullmetal Alchemist,” “Kuroshitsuji (Black Butler),” “Rurouni Kenshin (Samurai X),” “R.O.D -THE TV-,” and “Blood+,” all of which are licensed and distributed worldwide. In 2005, the company established A-1 Pictures, currently the largest and most technically advanced animation studio in Japan.

About Studio BONES

Studio BONES is an animation studio and production company founded in October 1998 and headquartered in Igusa Suginami, Tokyo, Japan. The company’s primary focus involve the planning, development and production of animated works for movies, television and direct-to-video release, alongside character product planning and development, publications, music publishing and other multimedia projects. Among its lengthy body of work, Studio BONES has been involved in the production of “Cowboy Bebop the Movie,” “Eureka Seven,” “Wolf’s Rain,” “RahXephon,” and the “Fullmetal Alchemist” movie, television series and original animated videos.

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