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The Animated Series “*Blast of Tempest*” is set to broadcast on Crunchyroll this Fall



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The new anime series will be streaming a couple hours after it airs in Japan starting in October

SANTA MONICA, CA (October 1, 2012) – Aniplex of America announces the new anime series **Blast of Tempest** will be streaming on Crunchyroll. This brand new animated murder-mystery is one of the highly anticipated series of this fall. A couple hours after its broadcast in Japan, **Blast of Tempest** will be available for streaming in the following territories: United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The 1st episode will premiere at 10:00am PST on Thursday, October 4th for Crunchyroll premium members. Free members will be able to view **Blast of Tempest** one week after initial broadcast on Crunchyroll (www.crunchyroll.com/zetsuen).

A synopsis of Blast of Tempest: The Kusaribe family is a family of sorcerers under the protection of the “Tree of Origins”. Their princess, Hakaze Kusaribe, was the greatest sorceress of their family. But Samon Kusaribe, a member of their family seeking to resurrect the “Tree of World's End”, a tree that opposes the “Tree of Origins” and controls the power of destruction, stuffs her into a barrel, and

banishes her to a deserted island. From the deserted island, she sends a message out to sea, which is picked up by Mahiro Fuwa, a young boy who's sworn vengeance upon the criminal who killed his little sister, Aika. Mahiro agrees to help Hakaze under the condition that she find Aika's killer with her magic. But once Mahiro's best friend and Aika's lover, Yoshino Takigawa is rescued from danger, he too gets dragged into this tale of revenge. More information about Blast of Tempest can be found at: www.AniplexUSA.com/blastoftempest

“Blast of Tempest is an exciting new title for Aniplex and I hope many viewers will enjoy this dark murder-mystery. We’re happy to see that fans in several different countries will be able to watch this series immediately after its airing in Japan” says Hideki Goto, the president of Animation Business of Aniplex of America. “**Blast of Tempest** is another example how we continue to strive to provide fans with access to more anime content immediately as possible”

About Aniplex of America Inc.

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