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Aniplex of America Announces U.S. Theatrical Release of
KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU



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PART 1: TEKKETSU

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*The Origin Story of the Monogatari Series to Hit Select U.S. Theaters
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SANTA MONICA, CA (December 24, 2015) – *Monogatari Series* fans were pleasantly surprised with an early gift for the holidays as Aniplex of America announced today their plans to release ***KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU*** (lit. Wound Story Part 1: Iron Blood) in select U.S. theaters starting February 26, 2016. Aniplex of America has also launched the official U.S. website that features the newest English subtitled trailer of the film at: www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com. They also plan to announce on their website the details on the participating theaters at a later date.

PART 1: TEKKETSU is the first chapter in a three-part film series and will be featured in the original Japanese language with English subtitles by the distribution company, Azoland Pictures.

KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU features the origin story of the highly popular *Monogatari Series* originally created by author NISIOISIN and is a direct prequel to the *BAKEMONOGATARI* television series. The story follows the protagonist Koyomi Araragi and his encounter with the horrifying vampire, Kiss-shot Acerola-orion Heart-under-blade A.K.A. the “King of Apparitions.” Koyomi saves Kiss-shot who was fatally wounded by offering his blood to her in exchange for his own

life as a human. This highly anticipated film will be bringing together an all-star creative staff team including Director Tatsuya Oishi (Series Director of *BAKEMONOGATARI*), Character Designer Akio Watanabe, who worked on the entire *Monogatari* series, and Chief Director Akiyuki Shimbou (*Madoka Magica*, *The Monogatari Series*, *NISEKOI*). Studio SHAFT will be responsible for the anime production.

For more details on ***KIZUMONOGATARI PART 1: TEKKETSU***, please visit the official homepage: www.Kizumonogatari-USA.com

STAFF:

Original Works: NISIOISIN "KIZUMONOGATARI" (Kodansha BOX)

Chief Director: Akiyuki Shimbou

Director: Tatsuya Oishi

Character Design: Akio Watanabe, Hideyuki Morioka

Sound Director: Yota Tsuruoka

Music: Satoru Kosaki

Animation Production: SHAFT

Produced by: Aniplex, KODANSHA, SHAFT

CAST (Japanese):

Koyomi Araragi: Hiroshi Kamiya

Kiss-shot Acerola-orion Heart-under-blade: Maaya Sakamoto

Tsubasa Hanekawa: Yui Horie

Meme Oshino: Takahiro Sakurai

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 including *Sword Art Online*, *KILL la KILL*, *Bakemonogatari*, *Fate/Zero*, *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, *Blue Exorcist*, *NISEKOI*, *OREIMO 2*, *Magi: The Kingdom of Magic*, *Expelled From Paradise*, *The irregular at magic high school*, *ALDNOAH.ZERO*, *Fate/stay night [Unlimited Blade Works]* and *DURARARA!!*×2. The company's ever-growing line-up of shows includes our most recent titles *Sword Art Online II*, *The Asterisk War*, *OWARIMONOGATARI*, *Your lie in April*, *Charlotte*, *Classroom Crisis*, *WAGNARIA!!*3 and *GOD EATER*.

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Azoland Pictures, LLC is a film distribution company that offers Japanese anime and live-action films to the audiences in North America.

The company also organizes movie premieres, anime related film festivals, and J-Pop events in the Los Angeles area. In 2015, Azoland Pictures has theatrically distributed *LOVE LIVE! The School Idol Movie* and *Mobile Suit Gundam: The Origin Part I: Blue Eyed Casval and Part II: Artesia's Sorrow*. More information available at www.azolandpictures.com.