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TMS Entertainment, Ltd. in conjunction with Akita Shoten both headquartered in Tokyo, Japan have jointly formed a Production Committee to produce an initial 13 episodes of the Original Video Animation series "Saint Seiya The Lost Canvas" of which the 1st release shall commence in June.

"Saint Seiya The Lost Canvas" is a spinoff of the worldwide classic and renown bestseller "Saint Seiya" by famed author Masami Kurumada. The stage is set approximately 200 years before the "Saint Seiya" era in 18th Century Europe, where Goddess Athena's "Saints" and the King of the Underworld, Hades are preparing for battle. The manga, which is currently being published in one of Akita Shoten's magazines, "Weekly Shonen Jump" has thus far sold a phenomenal 1.2 million copies in its initial 12 volume release.

The main character of the story is Tenma who is a young boy who has a strong sense of justice but some violent tendencies. There also is a gentle and kind boy named Aaron who loves to draw. Although the two are tied together in close friendship, because Tenma unknowingly realizes the "Cosmo," and because Aaron is so pure, they are pulled into their fierce and ultimate tragic destiny.

Led by the Gold Saint, Dohko, Tenma begins his Saint training, while Aaron's pure body is taken over by Hades for his rebirth. What is to become of the two friends, amidst the dreadful battle between the Athena Army and the Hades Army?



Masami Kurumada's "Saint Seiya" was 1st introduced in 1985 and has sold over 20 million copies. It has also been adapted into animation and several assorted action figures have also been developed. This title has managed over the years to amass a huge and loyal worldwide audience.

"Saint Seiya The Lost Canvas" is a highly anticipated new series from Masami Kurumada and Shiori Teshirogi and it is not only likely to please those existing fans but it will also capture the hearts and minds of a whole new generation.

TMS, as the committee leader, will take an aggressive lead in the production of the animation. TMS will also partake in both the domestic and the international licensing sales to all media with the exception of publishing.

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The impressive main staff for this series includes those who previously worked on the titles "D.Gray-man," "Fist Of The Northstar," as well as the original "Saint Seiya" television series.

There will also be a notable lineup of very current and popular voice actors including some surprise guest voice actors for each episode. It is assured that this exciting and new OVA series will be of the highest quality.

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The first of many promotional activities that will unfold will start with the TMS booth display at the “Tokyo Anime Fair 2009” which will take place at the Tokyo Big Site this coming March 18 – 21 prior to the official release in June. Additional updates such as DVD information will be released via “Weekly Shonen Jump” and also through “Cosmo Connection” that has already started posting information for the OVA at regular intervals.

【OVA “Saint Seiya THE LOST CANVAS” Official Site】

<http://loscan.jp/>



■ Akita Shoten website:

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