

Polygon Pictures 30th Anniversary Commemorative Series *Knights of Sidonia* NA/SA/EU Distribution Via Netflix in Summer 2014!

Polygon Pictures ("PPI," President and CEO: Shuzo Shiota, Head Office: Tokyo, Japan) is proud to announce that the animated series *Knights of Sidonia* will be distributed in the North America, South America, and Europe beginning Summer 2014, via a direct partnership agreement with Netflix, Inc. (CEO: Reed Hastings, Head Office: Los Gatos, CA). The series, based on the popular manga by Tsutomu Nihei, is co-produced and co-funded by King Record Co. Ltd. (President: Hirofumi Shigemura, Head Office: Tokyo, Japan) and Kodansha Co., Ltd. (President: Yoshinobu Noma, Head Office: Tokyo, Japan).

This exclusive deal will introduce *Knights of Sidonia*, which debuts on Japanese television in Spring 2014, to viewers throughout North America, South America, and Europe. PPI is thrilled at this opportunity to partner with Netflix to bring this exciting new show to viewers across these Netflix territories.

"Netflix has a huge base of anime fans and we are thrilled to be bringing exclusively for the first time them a first-run anime series, especially one as well-plotted and beautifully animated as *Knights of Sidonia*," said Erik Barmack, VP, Independent Content at Netflix.

In keeping with our mission to "do what no other has done, in unparalleled quality, for all the world to see and enjoy," PPI strives to expand our global presence and create ever more exciting, action-packed works for the enjoyment of audiences across the world.

About Netflix, Inc.

Netflix is the world's leading Internet television network with over 40 million members in more than 40 countries enjoying more than one billion hours of TV shows and movies per month, including original series. For one low monthly price, Netflix members can watch as much as they want, anytime, anywhere, on nearly any Internet-connected screen. Members can play, pause and resume watching, all without commercials or commitments.

About *Knights of Sidonia*

This popular sci-fi manga by Tsutomu Nihei is currently serialized in Kodansha's monthly magazine *Afternoon*, with eleven volumes of the series published in book form. The animated television adaptation of the manga is set to begin airing across Japan in Spring 2014.

Story: It's been a thousand years since the Gauna, a strange alien race with no known method of communication, destroyed the solar system. A portion of humanity managed to escape using enormous "seed ships" like the Sidonia, which have allowed them to maintain the population as the ships drift through space. Nagate Tanikaze is a young man who has been raised deep in the bowels of the ship. When he goes into training to pilot the huge robotic weapons known as Gardes, Nagate is entrusted with piloting the legendary unit known as Tsugumori. Nagate and his fellow pilots put their lives on the line against the Gauna, in the ultimate battle for the survival of humanity!



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Main Production Staff

Original Manga: Tsutomu Nihei (serialized in Kodansha monthly *Afternoon*)
Director: Kobun Shizuno (*Case Closed: Private Eye in the Distant Sea*, *G.I. Joe: Sigma 6*)
Co-Director: Hiroyuki Seshita (*Street Fighter X Tekken*, *Final Fantasy*)
Series Construction/Script: Sadayuki Murai (*Steamboy*, *Millennium Actress*)
Production Designer: Naoya Tanaka (*Princess Mononoke*, *Tron: Uprising*)
Art Director: Mitsunori Kataama (*Howl's Moving Castle*, *Tron: Uprising*)
CG Supervisor: Masayuki Uemoto (*Transformers Prime*, *CASSHERN*)
Battle Animatics: Eiji Ohkushi (*The Sky Crawlers*, *Oblivion Island: Haruka and the Magic Mirror*)
Character Design: Yuki Moriyama (*Street Fighter X Tekken*, *Dino Dominion*)
Director of Audiography: Yoshikazu Iwanami (*Psycho-Pass*, *Girls und Panzer*)
Audio Production: Studio Maus
Music: Noriyuki Asakura (*Ruroni Kenshin*, *Tenchu*)
Music Production: Starchild Records
Animation Production: Polygon Pictures (*Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, *Tron: Uprising*)
Production: KOS PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

Main Cast

Nagate Tanikaze: cv Ryota Oosaka
Shizuka Hoshijiro: cv Aya Suzaki
Izana Shinatose: cv Aki Toyosaki
Norio Kunato: cv Takahiro Sakurai
Yuhata Midorikawa: cv Hisako Kanemoto
Honoka Series: cv Eri Kitamura
Captain Kobayashi: cv Sayaka Ohara
Ichiro Seii: cv Tomohiro Tsuboi
Ochiai: cv Takehito Koyasu
Lalah Hiyama: cv Satomi Arai
Samari Ittan: cv Atsuko Tanaka
Eiko Yamano: cv Nanako Mori
Sasaki: cv Takako Honda
Tsuruuchi: cv Kousuke Toriumi
Mozuku Kunato: cv Ayane Sakura
Shinsuke Tanba: cv Osamu Saka

Official Site

www.knightsofsidonia.com

About Polygon Pictures



Polygon Pictures comprises one of the companies under the umbrella of Amana Holdings Inc. (President and Representative Director: Hironobu Shindo, Head Office: Tokyo, Japan, Securities Code: TSE Mothers 2402). Our main business focus is on providing creative, entertaining visual content services. This year we celebrated the 30th anniversary of our founding.

Since its founding in July 1983, PPI's mission has been to "do what no other has done, in unparalleled quality, for all the world to see and enjoy." Our production studio brings together over 300 creators from around the world, who devote their days to producing cutting-edge digital content. In addition to television series such as *Transformers Prime* (39th annual Daytime Emmy Award winner), *Tron: Uprising* (40th annual Annie Award winner), and *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* (40th annual Daytime Emmy Award winner), PPI creates digital animation for films, video games and exhibitions. In 2013 we established a joint company, "Silver Ant PPI Sdn. Bhd." To increase our production ability we are also upgrading and expanding our licensing business.

By fusing our unrivaled production know-how and technical development capacity, with the internationally recognized quality of Japanese animation, PPI aims to become a leading company in the content business. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ppi.co.jp>.

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