

Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary
(Italian title: *I Cavalieri dello Zodiaco – La leggenda del Grande Tempio*)
Debuts At Italy's Lucca Comics and Games Festival

Special Premiere Anticipates Film's Nationwide February 12 Release



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Paris (October 30th, 2014) – Toei Animation's CGI-animated feature film, ***Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary***, will be given a special live screening on Saturday, November 1, at the upcoming Lucca Comics and Games Festival in Italy before its nationwide release on February 12, 2015.

Distributed in Italy by Key Films, ***Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary*** is the highly-anticipated 3D, CGI feature film based on the iconic manga and television series from the 1980's. Broadcasted in over 80 countries, along with 34 million copies of the manga sold, ***Saint Seiya*** spearheaded anime's global popularity. Directed by famed Japanese animated filmmaker, Keiichi Sato and executive produced by its original creator, Masami Kurumada, ***Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary***, is a modern retelling of the series acclaimed "Sanctuary Saga" arc, which sees the Saints racing against a twelve hour deadline in order to save the Princess Athena from an impending death. Featuring intense action, powerful drama and music from legendary JPop star, Yoshiki, ***Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary*** is an unprecedented cinematic achievement from the world's most respected anime powerhouse.

Special guests of Lucca Comics & Games Festival, the director **Keiichi Seito**, alongside with producer **Yosuke Asama** and film score conductor **Yoshihiro Ike** will be speaking at the event for the first time for the movie in Europe.

"We are delighted to join attendees at this year's Lucca Comics and Games Festival and present ***Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary*** to audiences for the first time," said Ryuji Kochi, Managing Director of Toei Animation Europe. "Working with Lucky Red, the amount of anticipation that has been built up over these past several months has been tremendous."

Saint Seiya: Legend of Sanctuary will screen for reporters at 10:00am, with a press conference at 11:40am. A public screening will premiere at 9:00pm at Cinema Astra.

Lucca Comics and Games Festival will be held from October, 30th until November 2nd in Lucca, Italy.



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