Shiny New Anime – 2025

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The selections listed below were broadcast from Spring season 2024 to Winter season 2025, with occasional exceptions. They contain information regarding where they can be obtained via legal means. "CC" indicates possible content considerations.

Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

Train to the End of the World – 12 Episodes – Spring 2024 – When 7G is unleashed across Japan, it transforms the landscape into one of fanciful horrors. Shizuru has spent the 2 years since then hoping to reconnect with a lost friend. This fanciful sci-fi tale places a tale of broken friendship amidst a setting that often defies explanation. Funny and exciting. **CC:** mild body horror. *Crunchyroll*

The Elusive Samurai – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – It's the year 1333, and child heir to the shogunate, Hojo Tokiyuki, loses it all after betrayal by his uncle. His one strength is that he is fleet-of-foot, and he'll need to use it in order to take back what is his. This is a playful-yet-intense shounen series with a good sense of style. **CC:** Moderate to heavy violence. *Crunchyroll*

Sengoku Youko – 35 Episodes – Winter 2024 – In this alternate version of Japan, humans and monsters called katawara vie for dominance. A ronin meets a strange duo – a fox katawara and her human brother, who aim to solve society's problems on their own terms. This series spans several years, and reiterates author Satoshi Mizukami's favorite themes of forgiveness over revenge, and diplomacy over violence. **CC:** Moderate to heavy violence. *Crunchyroll*

Kaiju No. 8 – 12 Episodes – Spring 2024 – In a world where kaiju exist, Kafka, a member of the clean-up crew, longs to fulfill his promise of fighting alongside his childhood friend Mina. Certain circumstances make him eligible to apply for the defense force, but there's an issue: Kafka has suddenly found himself transforming into a kaiju! This series combines action with some great comedy. **CC:** Gore, body horror. *Crunchyroll*

Dead Dead Demons Dededе Destruction – 18 Episodes – Spring 2024 – One day an alien ship appears over Japan. It takes very little time for this new reality to become an unremarkable reality. Two friends live their lives with the alien threat looming, and their story flows forward and backward in time as they work to create a reality in which they can continue to exist. This series faces some of life's existential challenges through the eyes of its main characters, who may or may not have the opportunity to grow up. **CC:** Violence. *Crunchyroll*

Dandadan – 12 Episodes – Fall 2024 – Okarun only believes in aliens, while Ayase only believes in ghosts. It turns out that both of their beliefs are true and they must now navigate their budding romance while also defending their hometown from alien and supernatural threats. Hilarious, action-packed, and vulgar. **CC:** Violence. Constant references to male genitalia, nudity. *Crunchyroll, Hulu, Netflix*

Sports and Hobbies

Blue Box – 25 Episodes – Fall 2024 – Taiki Inomata is a member of the boys' badminton team at his high school. He has feelings for Chinatsu Kano, his upperclassman and star of the girls' basketball

team. Their relationship changes irrevocably when Chinatsu begins living at Taiki's house. Multiple sports for the price of one, plus some great relationship drama. **CC:** One character often discusses weight/calories. *Netflix*

Medalist – 13 Episodes – Winter 2025 – Washed-up ice-dancer Tsukasa meets Inori, an aspiring young figure skater whose circumstances have held her back. He offers to become her coach and help make her dreams of becoming a medalist come true. This is a fun, uplifting, and emotional sports series, with great characters. **CC:** Sports injury, unsupportive parenting. *Hulu*

Sorairo Utility – 12 Episodes – Winter 2025 – After her online game is shut down, Minami searches for something to fill that void. By chance, she helps an elderly man get to a driving range, and she falls hard for the game of golf. This might finally be something that Minami can be passionate about. This story follows multiple characters as they define themselves through their golf game. *HIDIVE*

Negative Positive Angler – 12 Episodes – Fall 2024 – Tsunehiro has found himself at rock bottom after falling into debt and experiencing a health concern. After an unsuccessful suicide attempt, he's rescued by a group of people who enjoy a shared hobby – fishing. Tsunehiro begins to believe life might be worth living, once he begins to appreciate fishing. This drama explores the lifesaving nature of human connection through shared interests. **CC:** Suicide attempt in the first 30 seconds of the anime, depression, family conflicts. *Crunchyroll*

Drama

Orb: on the Movements of the Earth – 25 Episodes – Fall 2024 – In 15th Century Europe, espousing theories that go against the Church's teachings about the world brands one a heretic. Even so, the quest for knowledge and scientific progress continues in spite of the threat of eternal damnation. This series speculates on the evolution and lineage of heliocentrism, before it rejoins known history at the end of the series. **CC:** Sometimes extreme violence, religious-based persecution, suicide. *Netflix*

Nina the Starry Bride – 12 Episodes – Fall 2024 – After the death of the nation's princess, Nina, an orphan, is kidnapped to take her place. Her bright blue eyes might allow her to pass as royalty, even if her mannerisms don't always. Once in the palace, Nina finds herself at the center of political machinations between her home country and a neighboring one on a warpath. Much more than the royal romance it may appear to be, this series rides on the cleverness of its heroine. **CC:** Violence, abuse. *Crunchyroll*

Ameku M.D. – 12 Episodes – Winter 2025 – When individuals arrive at Teniikai General Hospital with mystery ailments, genius doctor Takao Ameku uses her vast knowledge to uncover the mystery behind these unusual ailments. This is a fun, compelling series in the vein of *House*. **CC:** Some violent deaths, vomiting, bleeding, etc. *Crunchyroll*

Yakuza Fiance – 12 Episodes – Fall 2024 – Yoshino is the daughter of a Yakuza family who ends up betrothed to the son of another family with whom her grandfather signed a truce. When she moves to

Tokyo to meet him, what she finds is a twisted, disturbing, and often also charming counterpart. Yoshino becomes embroiled in the Tokyo underworld while also setting boundaries on her yakuza "prince." More a crime drama than a romance, there aren't any healthy relationship dynamics to be found her, but the series is compelling despite (or because) of that. **CC:** Violence, toxic relationship dynamics, sex. *Crunchyroll*

Supernatural

Tasokare Hotel – 12 Episodes – Winter 2025 – The Tasokare Hotel lives in perpetual twilight, and welcomes souls who are not yet sure whether they're meant to return to the world of the living, or pass on to the afterlife. Neko Tsukuhara is one such soul, with no memory of her former life. She begins working at the hotel to help other souls as she tries to discover her own reality. This series presents an interesting twist on purgatory. **CC:** Violence. *Amazon Prime Video*

Yatagarasu: The Raven Does Not Choose Its Master – 20 Episodes – Spring 2024 – Yukiya is a member of the Yatagarasu (3-legged raven) nobility who shows little interest in his status. He's sent to work for Wakamiya, the crown prince, and becomes entangled in the palace intrigue surrounding the prince's upcoming betrothal. This series is a fascinating twist on the typical royal drama. **CC:** Violence, prejudice, bullying. *Crunchyroll*

Tonari no Yokai-san – 13 Episodes – Spring 2024 – In the rural town of Fuchigamori, yokai live alongside humans. When he turns 20, Buchio the cat transforms into a nekomata. He learns to navigate his new relationship with his family and how he fits into the life of the town while rumblings of a looming threat begin to arise. This is a fascinating and heartfelt look at what a world with yokai could be like. **CC:** Violence. *Crunchyroll*

Romance and Relationships

Twilight out of Focus – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – High school dorm-mates Mao and Hisashi pledge to one-another that they won't reveal that Hisashi is gay and won't enter into a relationship with each other. The second pledge is put to the test when their feelings begin to emerge. This anthology series follows multiple and varying relationships centered around the film club to which the characters belong. **CC:** Sexuality, abuse. *Crunchyroll*

Makeine: Too Many Losing Heroines – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Kazuhiko is a boring guy who happens to witness a romantic rejection happening in real-time. He befriends Anna, the girl at the receiving end of the rejection, and befriends her. Soon Kazuhiko finds himself surrounded by girls in similar situations, and through them learns what it is to have friendships. This is an interesting take on a "harem" series that focuses closely on the different relationships. **CC:** Mild fanservice, creepy school nurse. *Crunchyroll*

365 Days to the Wedding – 12 Episodes – Fall 2024 – Ohara and Honjoji are employees of J.T.C. travel agency. When the agency announces an outpost in Alaska, Ohara and Honjoji (who have no romantic interest in one-another) decide to pretend to be engaged so they're less likely to be

stationed overseas. This series looks at two unique people with no interest in romance who have to appear "all-in," all the while beginning to understand what relationships actually entail. *Crunchyroll*

Senpai is an Otokonoko – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Saki confesses her love to Makoto, the attractive girl in her class. However, it turns out that Makoto is a boy who dresses as a girl. This doesn't bother Saki, who is still in love with Makoto. But Makoto may be harboring feelings toward Ryuji, his childhood friend. The characters explore their relationships to others and to themselves in this story that softly examines gender expression. **CC:** Unsupportive parenting, bullying. *Crunchyroll*

Tadaima, Okaeri – 12 Episodes – Spring 2024 – Masaki is a stay-at-home husband to Hiromu, who works outside the home. The two also have a young son together. While they love each-other deeply, they come from different worlds and their relationship is often challenged by people who have prejudice toward them. Perhaps not what you may be thinking based on the description – this series is sweet and the relationship between its leads is loving. It's also part of the "omegaverse" genre of romantic stories. It's good, though, I swear! **CC:** Prejudice, sex. *Crunchyroll*

Horror/Mystery

Delico's Nursery – 13 Episodes – Summer 2024 – There have been a recent series of murders targeting vampires, but Dali Delico, a member of the Blood Pact Council, can't be bothered. It turns out that, since his wife's death, he's taken on the bulk of the child-rearing of his two young children. He offers his help to the investigation – as long as his fellow investigators show the same devotion to their own offspring. Though having children around their delicate work can be a liability, being a parent also becomes a source of strength. If you've ever struggled maintaining work-life balance, this show is for you! **CC:** Violence, sexism, the word "TRUMP" used repeatedly. *Crunchyroll*

The Grimm Variations – 6 Episodes (varying lengths) – Spring 2024 – A series of 6 reimagined tales from the Grimm fairytale canon, many of which take a much darker turn. This series features some great classic stories with a violent, psychological twist. **CC:** Violence, nudity, substance use. *Netflix*

Fantasy/Isekai

Wistoria: Wand and Sword – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Will Sefort has high aspirations in the magical world. Unfortunately he has zero magic skill and it's a wonder he hasn't been expelled from his elite magic academy. However, what he lacks in magical prowess, he makes up for in tenacity and sword skills. Will navigates bullying students and professors in order to try to live up to a childhood promise. A cool take on the misfit protagonist, with some great action animation. **CC:** Violence. *Crunchyroll*

Zenshu – 12 Episodes – Winter 2025 – Natsuko Hirose is a genius animation director encountering the first bout of writers' block in her life when faced with directing a prestige rom-com anime film. After eating a bad bento, she dies and is reincarnated into "A Tale of Perishing," a favorite anime film from her youth. She's also gained the ability to summon her animation powers, and uses them to save characters and change the course of the story. However, her feelings begin to catch up with her, and

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so does the plot of the film. This series conveys a love of anime history alongside a tale of character growth. **CC:** Violence. *Crunchyroll*

Comedy/Slice-of-Life

Mayonaka Punch – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Masaki is a former streamer who was ousted from her group due to a propensity for violence. She has a chance encounter with a vampire named Live, who wants a taste of Masaki's sweet, sweet blood. Masaki offers it on one condition – if Live and her compatriots can achieve the milestone of 1million subscribers on their new, late-night streaming channel! This extremely zany look at online streaming culture continues in the P.A. Works tradition of women doing jobs. Funny and exciting. **CC:** Slapstick and "undead" violence. *Crunchyroll*

From Bureaucrat to Villainess: Dad's Been Reincarnated! – 12 Episodes – Winter 2025 – Kenzaburou is a civil-servant who, after a collision with a truck, is seemingly reincarnated in the villianess of the otome game his daughter has recently been enjoying. Though he doesn't know much about the genre, being an otaku (and a supportive dad), he uses his parental know-how and nerd skill to navigate the game world. Surprisingly sweet in addition to funny, this series will give you a laugh and make you proud to be an otaku. Best family in anime! *HIDIVE*

Sequels, Continuations, Remakes

Sound Euphonium S3 – 13 Episodes - Spring 2024 – Kumiko's final year of high school begins as president of the concert band. *Crunchyroll*

SHY S2 - 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Shy continues her story having gained more confidence as a hero. Unfortunately the stakes are becoming much higher. *Crunchyroll*

Oshi no Ko S2 – 13 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Aqua continues his quest to find his father (and likely his mother's killer) while Ruby continues on her path to becoming an idol. *HIDIVE*

Laid Back Camp S3 – 12 Episodes – Spring 2024 – The members of the Outdoor Activities Club continue their cozy group and solo camping adventures. *Crunchyroll*

The Duke of Death and His Maid S3 – 12 Episodes - Spring 2024 – Will the Duke and his maid Alice finally discover how to overcome his deadly curse so that they can finally be together? *Crunchyroll*

Natsume's Book of Friends S7 – 12 Episodes – Fall 2024 – Natsume Takashi continues to return names to various Yokai in this cozy, bittersweet supernatural series. *Crunchyroll*

My Happy Marriage S2 – 13 Episodes – Winter 2025 – Having come into her abilities, will Miyo be able to navigate her marriage to Kiyoka with trouble looming? *Netflix*

Ave Mujika: The Die is Cast – 13 Episodes – Winter 2025 – Sequel series to BanG Dream! It's MyGO!!!!!, this series follows the darker Ave Mujika which debuted at the end of the prior season. *Crunchyroll*

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Mononoke Movie 1: Phantom in the Rain – 1st of 3 films – Summer 2024 – The Medicine Seller returns to exorcise spirits, this time in the emperor's inner sanctum. *Netflix*

Kimi ni Todoke: From me to You S3 – 5 Episodes – Summer 2025 – The fluffiest love story about a quiet girl and cool guy continues. *Netflix*

The Apothecary Diaries S2 – 24 Episodes – Winter 2025 – Maomao's involvement in palace intrigue continues. *Crunchyroll*

Bartender: Glass of God – 12 Episodes – Summer 2024 – Remake of an iyashi-kei anime revolving around a perceptive bartender and his drinks that heal the soul. *Crunchyroll*

Spice and Wolf: Merchant Meets the Wise Wolf – 25 Episodes – Spring 2024 – A re-do of the economics-focused story about a wolf goddess and a merchant. *Crunchyroll*

More Info

You can get copies of the presentation and clips from Jessi's website, s1e1.com, following the convention. Feel free to contact us using the email addresses below with any questions!

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