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# **JAPAN ANIME SLATE HIGHLIGHTS 2022**



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## LEAN BACK

## KOTARO LIVES ALONE

Now Streaming

Selling over 1.5 million copies, Mami Tsumura's manga Kotaro Lives Alone is Japan's most heartwarming comedy. Ding-dong! There is a little boy standing at the door. He hands over a nice box of tissues as a gift and says, "My name is Sato, and I have just moved in to number 203. Pleased to make your acquaintance." He is Kotaro Sato, and he has moved into Shimizu Apartments to live by himself. He is four years old. He makes his daily shopping trips alone with a toy sword strapped to his side. Both grown-up and childish at the same time, Kotaro starts to affect the people around him with his wise ways. This is the story of a four-year-old boy who is determined to live strong until the day he can live with his parents.

Watch trailer [HERE](#)Please link to [www.netflix.com/KotaroLivesAlone](http://www.netflix.com/KotaroLivesAlone) in your coverage.

Based on the manga Kotaro Lives Alone (published by Shogakukan in Big Comic Superior) by Mami Tsumura

**DIRECTOR:** Tomoe Makino**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Tomomi Kimura**COMPOSITION:** Hiroshi Sato**VOICE CAST:** Rie Kugimiya, Toshiki Masuda, Saori Hayami, Junichi Suwabe, Yumiri Hanamori, Soma Saito, Kaito Ishikawa

## THERMAE ROMAE NOVAE

Coming on March 28

Mari Yamazaki's manga masterpiece *Thermae Romae*, winner of the Cartoon Grand Prize 2010 and the Short Story Award at the 14th Osamu Tezuka Cultural Prize, is finally being adapted into a Netflix original anime as *Thermae Romae Novae*! Mari Yamazaki herself will also be participating in the series as series composer.

This fantastical bathhouse comedy tells the story of Lucius, a young man struggling as a bathhouse designer in the Roman Empire who somehow ends up time traveling between ancient Rome and present-day Japan and incorporating Japan's bath culture in the designs of his own Roman *thermae*.

Watch teaser [HERE](#)Please link to [www.netflix.com/ThermaeRomaeNovae](http://www.netflix.com/ThermaeRomaeNovae) in your coverage.

Original manga by Mari Yamazaki

**DIRECTOR:** Tetsuya Tatamitani (*African Office Worker*)**WRITER:** Yuichiro Momose (*Hypnosis Mic-Division Rap Battle- Rhyme Anima*)**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Fumihiko Nagata (*Chihayafuru*)**MUSIC:** Ryo Kawasaki (*To Your Eternity*)**ANIMATION PRODUCTION:** NAZ (*ID:INVADED*)**VOICE CAST:** Kenjiro Tsuda, Chikahiro Kobayashi, Sanae Kobayashi, Satoshi Hino, Tsutomu Isobe, Asami Seto, Shuichi Ikeda, Takahiro Sakurai, Yoshimasa Hosoya, Junya Enoki

## FAMILY FRIENDLY

### BUBBLE

Coming on April 28

The story is set in Tokyo, after bubbles that broke the laws of gravity rained down upon the world. Cut off from the outside world, Tokyo has become a playground for a group of young people who have lost their families, acting as a battlefield for parkour team battles as they leap from building to building. Hibiki, a young ace known for his dangerous play style, makes a reckless move one day and plummets into the gravity-bending sea. His life is saved by Uta, a girl with mysterious powers who appears suddenly. The pair then hear a unique sound audible only to them. Why did Uta appear before Hibiki? Their encounter leads to a revelation that will change the world.

Watch main trailer [HERE](#) & download key art [HERE](#) (\*please download, do not post link)

Please link to [www.netflix.com/bubble](http://www.netflix.com/bubble) in your coverage.

**DIRECTOR:** Tetsuro Araki (*Attack on Titan*)

**SCREENPLAY:** Gen Urobuchi (*Puella Magi Madoka Magica*)

**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Takeshi Obata (*Death Note*)

**MUSIC:** Hiroyuki Sawano (*Promare*)

**PRODUCER:** Genki Kawamura

**PRODUCTION STUDIO:** WIT Studio (*Attack on Titan*)

**VOICE CAST:** Jun Shison, Riria, Mamoru Miyano, Yuki Kaji, Tasuku Hatanaka, Sayaka Senbongi, Marina Inoue, Shinichiro Miki, Alice Hirose

### DRIFTING HOME

Coming in 2022

Following the release of their first feature film *Penguin Highway* in 2018, Studio Colorido received worldwide praise for *A Whisker Away*, which was distributed exclusively on Netflix in 2020 and ranked in the top 10 most-watched films in over 30 countries. Now Studio Colorido is releasing their long-awaited third feature-length film, *Drifting Home*. In this summer adventure, sixth-graders Kosuke, Natsume and their friends enter a large public housing complex, which then begins to drift through the ocean with the children still inside it.

With a visual style that takes the audience from reality to a fantasy world, the film features the familiar beautiful animations fans have come to expect of Studio Colorido.

Watch teaser trailer [HERE](#) & download teaser art [HERE](#) (\*please download, do not post link)

Please link to [www.netflix.com/driftinghome](http://www.netflix.com/driftinghome) in your coverage.

**DIRECTOR:** Hiroyasu Ishida

**SCREENPLAY:** Hayashi Mori, Hiroyasu Ishida & Minaka Sakamoto

**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Akihiro Nagae

**ASSISTANT CHARACTER DESIGN:** Fumi Kato

**COMPOSER:** Umitaro Abe

**PRODUCER:** Koji Yamamoto

**PRODUCTION:** Studio Colorido

**PLANNING:** Twin Engine

## FAN FAVORITES

**BAKI HANMA****Now Streaming**

Baki Hanma, the third part of the anime series based on the hit martial arts manga Baki by Keisuke Itagaki. The first two seasons of Baki were previously released on Netflix, starting with Baki in 2018, and continuing with the Great Raitai Tournament Saga in 2020. At the end of the Great Raitai Tournament Saga, Baki challenges Yujiro, the man known as “the strongest creature on Earth.” Yujiro accepts this challenge, and in doing so, recognizes that Baki is a fitting opponent. The stage is set for the explosive events of the ultimate father-son grudge match in the third season of the Baki series, Baki Hanma.

After overcoming countless intense battles with powerful enemies, the time is finally ripe for Baki to face his father, Yujiro Hanma, who is said to be “the strongest creature on Earth.” Before this battle, Baki chooses Biscuit Oliva—also known as Mr. Unchained—as an appropriate sparring partner.

Oliva is currently incarcerated in a prison called the “Black Pentagon,” home to only the most violent criminals. In order to fight Oliva, Baki gets himself imprisoned in the Black Pentagon. However, in addition to his desired sparring partner, a number of terrifying fighters also await him here!!

**Based on a manga series by Keisuke Itagaki (published in Weekly Shonen Champion by Akita Shoten)**

**DIRECTOR:** Toshiki Hirano

**SERIES COMPOSITION:** Tatsuhiko Urahata

**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Shingo Ishikawa

**ANIMATION PRODUCTION:** TMS Entertainment

**VOICE CAST:** Nobunaga Shimazaki, Akio Otsuka, Hochu Otsuka, Kenji Nojima, Mami Koyama, Takaya Hashi

Please link to [www.netflix.com/BakiHanma](https://www.netflix.com/BakiHanma) in your coverage.

**TIGER & BUNNY 2****Coming on April 8**

In Sternbild City, people of all races and ethnicities live alongside humans with superhuman abilities called NEXT, who use their NEXT abilities to maintain peace.. Heroes wear sponsor logos, help solve crimes and save people in order to improve the image of their companies and acquire hero points. Their activities are broadcast on the popular show “Hero TV,” where the heroes try to climb the annual rankings and aim to be the “King of Heroes.” Kotetsu T. Kaburagi and Barnaby Brooks Jr. continue their hero activities to boost the image of their company, Apollon Media, as well as maintain peace. The hero system that originated in Sternbild City has now been adopted in

**DIRECTOR:** Mitsuko Kase

**SERIES COMPOSITION, SCREENPLAY,**

**STORY DIRECTOR:** Masafumi Nishida

**CHARACTER DESIGN & HERO DESIGN:** Masakazu Katsura

**DEVELOPED, PRODUCED, AND BASED ON THE WORK OF:** BN Pictures

**VOICE CAST:**

Hiroaki Hirata, Masakazu Morita, Minako Kotobuki, Taiten Kusunoki, Mariya Ise, Kenjiro Tsuda, Go Inoue, Nobuhiko Okamoto

places around the world. As more and more heroes appear, a new hero enters Sternbild City. Now that they are more veteran heroes, will Kotetsu and Barnaby be able to live up to the expectations put on them?!

Download key art [HERE](#) (\*please download, do not post link)

## ULTRAMAN SEASON 2

Coming on April 14

Released on Netflix in 2019, the anime ULTRAMAN (Based on the works of Tsuburaya Productions, Eiichi Shimizu and Tomohiro Shimoguchi) became a global hit and received many awards both in Japan and overseas. Season 2 of this series is now set for a global release on April 14, only on Netflix. The series centers on the son of Ultraman, Shinjiro Hayata, and the six heroes (ULTRAMAN, SEVEN, ACE, ZOFFY, JACK, TARO) who carry on the tradition of the legendary 6 Ultra Brothers. Together, they face the schemes of aliens on a cosmic scale.

Kotaro Higashi, a young photographer, encounters a mysterious missing persons case. He takes a photo proving that it was the work of aliens and brings it to the SSSP with his girlfriend Izumi. However, a certain incident transforms him into a superhuman with incredible fiery superpowers. Then, a massive cosmic weapon appears before the human-sized Ultraman...

Watch character teaser trailer [HERE](#)

Please link to [www.netflix.com/Ultraman](http://www.netflix.com/Ultraman) in your coverage.

Based on the work of Tsuburaya Productions, Eiichi Shimizu, Tomohiro Shimoguchi (Published in ComiXplex/ Monthly Comic Magazine HERO'S)

**DIRECTOR:** Kenji Kamiyama and Shinji Aramaki

**MUSIC:** Nobuko Toda and Kazuma Jinnouchi

**PRODUCTION:** Production I.G, SOLA DIGITAL ARTS

**VOICE CAST:** Ryohei Kimura, Takuya Eguchi, Megumi Han, Hideyuki Tanaka, Ryota Takeuchi, Tomoaki Maeno, Sumire Morohoshi, Junichi Suwabe

## VAMPIRE IN THE GARDEN

Coming on May 16

One cold winter, humanity lost its battle with the vampires, and with it, most of where they called home. A small population of survivors created a wall of light in a small town to protect them and give them a place to live in peace. The protagonist, Momo, lives a repressed life but still wishes to coexist with the enemy, the vampires. Fine, the vampire queen, once loved humans and disappeared from the battlefield. As war rages through the humans' town, the two have a

**DIRECTOR:** Ryoutarou Makihara (*Ha!, The Empire of Corpses*)

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** Hiroyuki Tanaka (*Attack on Titan*)

**CHARACTER DESIGN/SUPERVISING**

**DIRECTOR:** Tetsuya Nishio (*Naruto, The Sky Crawlers*)

**ART SETTING:** Satoshi Takabatake, Kazushi Fujii

**MUSIC:** Yoshihiro Ike

**ANIMATION PRODUCTION:** WIT STUDIO

fateful encounter. Once upon a time, humans and vampires lived in harmony in a place called Paradise. This is the story of a young girl and a vampire on a journey to find Paradise.

**VOICE CAST:** Megumi Han, Yu Kobayashi

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Please link to [www.netflix.com/Vampire in the Garden](http://www.netflix.com/Vampire_in_the_Garden) in your coverage.

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## SPRIGGAN

**Coming on June 18**

A great civilization once existed on this Earth. Possessing knowledge and scientific prowess far exceeding that of modern man, the relics of this ancient civilization remain hidden across this world even now. As high-speed communications networks cover the globe and the peering eyes of satellites are able to expose all secrets, the armies of great nations clash as they seek to uncover and research these artifacts, which possess an unfathomable “power.” A member of this ancient civilization carved a message into a plate: “Protect our legacy from evildoers.” Taking this message to heart, one organization aims to seal away this ancient civilization for good. The elite secret agents of this organization are known as... Spriggans.

The legendary manga that took Japan by storm in the 90s is being brought to the screen in a combination of 2D and 3D. Over 30 years on from the manga’s original release, experience a new action-packed adventure that delves into the world of an ancient civilization.

**Based on a story by Hiroshi Takashige and Ryoji Minagawa, Shogakukan**

**DIRECTOR:** Hiroshi Kobayashi

**SERIES COMPOSITION:** Hiroshi Sekoi

**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Shuhei Handa

**ANIMATION PRODUCTION:** David Production Inc.

**VOICE CAST:** Chiaki Kobayashi, Yohei Azakami, Kenji Hamada, Mariya Ise, Ken Narita, Ayumu Murase

Watch teaser trailer [HERE](#)

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## KAKEGURUI TWIN

**Coming in August**

The anime series Kakegurui is set at the illustrious Hyakkaou Private Academy, where the hierarchy is controlled by gambling. The protagonist Yumeko Jabami and her friend Mary Saotome take on the

**Based on the manga Kakegurui Twin by Homura Kawamoto and Kei Saiki/Based on the manga Kakegurui by Homura Kawamoto and Toru Naomura (published in the monthly magazine Gan Gan JOKER by SQUARE ENIX)/Animation**

**PRODUCTION:** MAPPA

Hyakkaou student council by gambling against them. This popular title has been adapted into an anime twice before: the TV anime *Kakegurui* in 2017, and the TV anime *Kakegurui xx* in 2019, and it has earned passionate fans not only in Japan, but also around the world. Finally, the long-awaited new series *Kakegurui Twin* is now in the works, with a worldwide release set for August 2022, only on Netflix! This series tells the story of Mary Sautome's gambling feats one year before Yumeko Jabami transferred to her school. The story begins with Mary Sautome, a normal girl, entering the academy.

**VOICE CAST:** Minami Tanaka

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## THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS: GRUDGE OF EDINBURGH

**Part 1 coming in 2022**

With over 37 million copies sold and winning in the children's category of the 39th Kodansha Manga Award, the mega-hit *The Seven Deadly Sins* (original work: Nakaba Suzuki) is receiving a spin-off anime film. This film will feature an original story by Suzuki. Split into two parts, the story will follow Tristan, the son of *The Seven Deadly Sins* protagonists Meliodas and Elizabeth. Tristan inherits the power of the Goddess Clan and can heal people's wounds and injuries, but he often ends up hurting others due to his inability to control his Demon Clan power. To protect his family, Tristan heads to Edinburgh Castle and meets a host of new friends along the way.

Based on the manga *The Seven Deadly Sins* (published by Kodansha in *Weekly Shonen Magazine*) by Nakaba Suzuki

**SUPERVISING DIRECTOR:** Noriyuki Abe  
**DIRECTOR:** Bob Shirahata  
**SCREENPLAY:** Rintaro Ikeda  
**PRODUCTION:** Alfred Imageworks × Marvy Jack  
**VOICE CAST:** Ayumu Murase, Mikako Komatsu, Yuki Kaji

Download character poster [HERE](#) (\*please download, do not post link)  
Please link to [www.netflix.com/SevenDeadlySinsGrudgeofEdinburgh-Part1](http://www.netflix.com/SevenDeadlySinsGrudgeofEdinburgh-Part1) in your coverage.

## JOJO'S BIZARRE ADVENTURE STONE OCEAN Ep. 13-24

**Coming in 2022**

Florida, U.S.A, 2011 After an accident while on a drive with her sweetheart, Jolyne Cujoh falls into a trap and is sentenced to fifteen years at the state-run maximum-security correctional facility Green Dolphin Street Prison—AKA "the Aquarium." On the verge of despair,

Original manga by Hirohiko Araki

**CHIEF DIRECTOR:** Kenichi Suzuki  
**DIRECTOR:** Toshiyuki Kato  
**SERIES COMPOSITION:** Yasuko Kobayashi  
**CHARACTER DESIGN:** Masanori Shino  
**DESIGNER OF THE STAND:** Sunichi Ishimoto  
**SOUND DIRECTOR:** Yoshikazu Iwanami  
**MUSIC:** Yugo Kanno  
**ANIMATION PRODUCTION:** David

she receives a pendant from her father that causes a mysterious power to awaken inside of her. *"There are things in this world that are more terrifying than death, and what's happening in this prison is definitely one of them."* A message from a mysterious boy who appears before Jolyne, inexplicable events that occur one after another, the horrifying truth told to her by her father when he comes to visit, and the name DIO... Will Jolyne ultimately be set free from this stone ocean they call a prison? The final battle to end the century-long, fateful confrontations between the Joestar family and DIO begins!

Production Inc.

**VOICE CAST:** Fairouz Ai, Mutsumi Tamura, Mariya Ise, Atsumi Tanezaki, Yuichiro Umehara, Daisuke Namikawa, Daisuke Ono

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