



TOEI ANIMATION AND FUNIMATION PRESENT "ONE PIECE WANO WATCH PARTY" GLOBAL SIMULCAST FAN EVENT ON APRIL 24

Special Guest Mayumi Tanaka (Voice of "Monkey D. Luffy"), Kazuya Nakai (Voice of "Roronoa Zoro"), and Director Tatsuya Nagamine will Join Fans for a Virtual Simulcast Event.

Watch Streamed Episodes of 969 and 970 with YouTuber RogersBase

LOS ANGELES – March 30, 2021. It's no secret that anime fans around the globe have fallen entranced with the world of *One Piece*. With fans fully engrossed in the Land of Wano Arc, Toei Animation and Funimation are excited to bring viewers worldwide the "One Piece Wano Watch Party." This live stream event of epic proportion will coincide with the simulcast stream of episode 971. Special guests and *One Piece* voice actors Mayumi Tanaka (voice of "Monkey D. Luffy"), Kazuya Nakai (voice of "Roronoa Zoro"), and Director Tatsuya Nagamine will join hosts Justin Rojas (Toei Animation) and YouTuber RogersBase for the 75-minute long simulcast celebration. As always, fans can also look forward to giveaways throughout the live stream on Toei Animation's <u>YouTube</u> channel and Funimation's <u>YouTube</u> channel. "One Piece Wano Watch Party" kicks-off on Saturday, April 24 at 7 pm CT / 8 pm ET in the U.S. and Canada, and internationally, including 10:00 am AEST in Sydney and 12:00 pm NZST in New Zealand.

"One Piece Wano Watch Party," A Virtual Simulcast Event Presented by: Toei Animation and Funimation

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Time: U.S.& Canada: 7 pm Central / 9 pm Eastern

International: April 25 at 10:00am AEST Australia / 12:00pm

NZST New Zealand

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

URL: Simulcast on Toei Animation's <u>YouTube</u> channel and

Funimation's YouTube channel

Hosts: Justin Rojas (Toei Animation) and Roger DiLuigi of the YouTube

Channel RogersBase

Special Guest: Special Guest Mayumi Tanaka (Voice of "Monkey D. Luffy"),

Kazuya Nakai (Voice of "Roronoa Zoro"), and director Tatsuya

Nagamine

Program: "One Piece Wano Watch Party" featuring a live stream simulcast

of episodes 969 and 970 on YouTube coinciding with the premiere of episode 971. The event will also include a prerecorded Q&A with voice actors and director as well as

promotional giveaways throughout the event

One Piece Land of Wano Arc Synopsis

Luffy arrives at the Land of Wano to find its people and its beautiful lands in a disastrous state. The one behind it all is Kaido of the Four Emperors, who is in league with the shogun! The Straw Hats search desperately for allies while the island's tragic history comes to light. Amid the stories of the past, a tale of Oden and Gol D. Roger surfaces.

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