



## **SHOUT! FACTORY AND TOEI ANIMATION ENTER MULTI-PICTURE DISTRIBUTION DEAL FOR NEW DIGIMON ANIME FEATURE FILM SERIES**

### ***DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri. – REUNION*** ***Reunites the Characters and Original Cast from the Cult Classic Series***

Los Angeles (**January 17, 2017**) – Shout! Factory, a multi-platform media company, and Toei Animation Inc. announced a new multi-picture deal to bring Toei Animation’s highly popular action-adventure anime film series, *DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri.* to the home entertainment marketplace. The announcement was made today by Shout! Factory’s founders Richard Foos, Bob Emmer and Garson Foos; and Masayuki Endo, President of Toei Animation Inc.

This new multi-year alliance provides Shout! Factory with exclusive North American broadcast and home entertainment distribution rights to the first three feature-length movies (boasting English voice cast) from the *DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri.* film series, including DVD, Blu-ray™ which will also include the original Japanese audio with English subtitles, and electronic sell-through digital rights. Shout! Factory plans a strategic rollout of the new films, beginning with the first movie, *DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri – REUNION* on home entertainment shelves this year.

“We’re incredibly excited about this opportunity with Toei Animation. *Digimon* continues to stand as an enduring global pop culture phenomenon. We look forward to bringing these highly entertaining and immersive movies to anime fans and families,” said Melissa Boag, Senior Vice President of Kids & Family Entertainment at Shout! Factory.

“Shout! Factory is an exceptional partner as we prepare to share the exciting new chapter of the *Digimon* saga with our fans across North America,” said Masayuki Endo, President of Toei Animation Inc. “*DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri – REUNION* not only reunites *Digimon*’s talented cast and beloved characters, it reconnects the series with a generation of viewers, and perhaps even their children, who can’t wait to follow the adventure into a new era.”

Produced by Toei Animation, *DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri – REUNION* is *DIGIMON*’s first feature-length film since 2000 and has already delighted audiences and loyal fans across Japan. This film reunites the characters and original cast from the classic television series.

Toei Animation has revamped this wildly popular anime movie for North American audiences by bringing onboard a stellar English voice cast. Joshua Seth, who voiced the main character Tai Kamiya in the original series, returns to the role for this feature film, alongside an exciting team of voice talent and *DIGIMON* luminaries, including Colleen O’Shaughnessey (*Toy Story 3*) as Sora Takenouchi, Mona Marshall (*South Park*) as Izzy Izumi, Philece Sampler (*The Legend of Korra*) as Mimi Tachikawa, Tom Fahn (*Digimon: Digital Monsters*) as Agumon, Kirk Thornton (*Sonic Boom*) as Garurumon, Jeff Nimoy (*Digimon*

*Data Squad*) as Tentomon and Kabuterimon, Melodee Spevack (*Digimon: Digital Monsters*) as Birdramon, and Dave Mallow (*Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*) as Angemon.

*DIGIMON ADVENTURE tri. — REUNION* picks up when the beloved Digimon Adventure 2002 series ended. It's been six years since that summer adventure when Tai (now in high school) and the rest of the "DigiDestined" crossed over to the Digital World, and nearly three years since the frenzied final battles between warring factions. With the gate to the Digital World closed, time continues to pass, until the adventure "digi-volves" once again.

#### **About Toei Animation Inc.**

Based in Los Angeles, Toei Animation Inc. manages the film distribution of Toei's top properties, including Dragon Ball all series, Sailor Moon, One Piece, Saint Seiya, and many others to North America, Latin America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Toei Animation's Los Angeles office further handles all categories of consumer product licensing based on its film and television brands within these territories. For more information, please visit [www.toei-animation-usa.com](http://www.toei-animation-usa.com).

#### **About Shout! Factory**

Shout! Factory, LLC is a diversified multi-platform media company devoted to producing, uncovering, preserving and revitalizing the very best of pop culture. Founders Richard Foos, Bob Emmer and Garson Foos have spent their entire careers sharing their music, television and film favorites with discerning consumers the world over. Shout! Factory's entertainment offerings serve up feature films, classic and contemporary TV series, animation, live music and comedy specials. In addition, Shout! Factory maintains a vast entertainment distribution network which delivers culturally relevant programming, movie and audio content to all the leading digital service providers in North America and across multiple platforms. Shout! Factory owns and operates Shout! Factory Productions, Scream Factory, Shout! Factory Kids, Shout! Factory Films, Mystery Science Theater 3000, Timeless Media Group and Shout! Factory TV. These riches are the result of a creative acquisition mandate that has established the company as a hotbed of cultural preservation and commercial reinvention. Shout! Factory is based in Los Angeles, California. For more on Shout! Factory, visit [shoutfactory.com](http://shoutfactory.com).

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