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Welcome!

Last year was a big anniversary year for Otafest, our 10th Birthday, the big 1 – 0, a full decade of madness and celebration. With the help of all of you – attendees, guests, vendors, volunteers, staff & execs – it was by far, the biggest Otafest ever.

We increased programming so much we needed to expand, for the first time, to a third day – our Friday Showing Night. We moved into two separate buildings outside of the Science Theatres. We saw over 4000 of you come through our doors! And having been a part of Otafest, a volunteer from the very first one, such a marvellous sight brought the biggest of smiles to my face.

So having accomplished all this, when the Otafest Planning Committee sat down to begin the planning for this year, Otafest 2009, we found ourselves feeling an odd mix of excitement, anticipation, and worry; what could we do this year? Wouldn't the success that was the 10th year, overshadow the 11th? This question seemed to plague us for a long time.

It wasn't until we sat down and debriefed the prior year, listening to the various department reports, discussing what went well, and what didn't, and what plans we had to improve, that it finally occurred to me that while last year was the biggest Otafest, it wasn't necessarily our best. There is always room for improvement, and so our best, as the cliché goes, is yet to come.

Last year's celebration was of Otafest's past – 10 years of fun and insanity. Even our beloved mascot Seph was dressed in a traditional summer yukata. And while it's important to remember the past and where you came from, it's equally important to look onwards and where you're going to go too. That's why we decided on a futuristic theme for Otafest's 11th year.

So I welcome you to Otafest 2009 – the madness continues into the future, greater and brighter than ever before!

Sincerely,

Justin Lo
Otafest 2009 Chairman

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Ai-Kon	July, 2009 www.ai-kon.org
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// Otafest Hours

Registration Desk

Friday:	05 PM - 10 PM
Saturday:	10 AM - 12 AM
Sunday:	10 AM - 10 PM

Convention Hours

Friday:	06 PM - 10 PM
Saturday:	10 AM - 12 AM
Sunday:	10 AM - 10 PM

Vendors Room

Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	10 AM - 06 PM
Sunday:	10 AM - 06 PM

Artist Alley Hours

Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	10 AM - 05 PM
Sunday:	10 AM - 05 PM

Otafest 2009

Applegeeks



There are few names as well known as 'Applegeeks' in the wide world of webcomics and last year, Otafest had the extreme pleasure of presenting Mohammad "Hawk" Haque, and Ananth Panagariya of Applegeeks for their very first Canadian con! They had such a good time, they've decided to come back a second time!

Applegeeks is the fantastically popular web comic featuring the misadventures of "Hawk", a college student with an unnatural fondness for Apple products, and his aspiring writer friend Jayce. Applegeeks have routinely been guests at such cons as Anime Central, Otakon and Katsucon and we are very pleased to be have Applegeeks back at Otafest!

www.applegeeks.com

Dr. Antonia Levi



Dr. Levi is an early scholar in the area of Asian popular culture studies, having studied at Tokyo University and Standard, and taught at Amherst College, Loyola Marymount University and Portland State University. She is the author of Samurai from Outer Space: Understanding Japanese Animation and has previously been a guest at Anime Evolution and Sakura-con.

Otafest 2008 was Dr. Levi's first time with Otafest, and she had such a great time that she's agreed to come back for Otafest 2009! In addition to her infamous 'Yaoi! Zowie!' panel, be sure to check out her impressive scholarly slanted panels as part of our Anime Academia panel lineup!

Johnny Yong Bosch



You've asked for years now, and we've finally been able to do it! Ladies and Gentleman, Otafest is very pleased to present Johnny Yong Bosch as our headlining guest for 2009!

You know him best as Adam Park in Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, but Johnny is also the man behind the voice of some of your most beloved heros of all time, including: Ichigo Kurosaki (Bleach), Vash the Stampede (Trigun), Lelouch Lamperouge (Code Geass) and Nero (Devil May Cry 4)!

Johnny is a frequent guest at anime cons, having appeared at over 50 conventions, and Otafest 2009 will be Johnny's first con in Calgary! Be sure to check out some of Johnny's panels, including informal, acoustic performances of song by his band - Eyeshine!

Midnight Taiko



Midnight Taiko is a group of taiko drummers, spreading their love of the art of Japanese drumming in Calgary. The group is so named because they are very passionate about good taiko and would gladly stay up all night playing! Midnight Taiko has played at Otafest the last 3 years, and due to their unique brand of audience participation, they put on a show you are sure not to want to miss!

www.midnight-taiko.com

Shin Ken Kai Nobara



Iaido is the art of Japanese sword practice done with a live blade. Dave Rathnow has practiced the art for 14 years, and has given regular demonstration and talk on Iaido at the Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens in Lethbridge. Be sure to check out his demonstration and mini-lecture on this exquisite art!

Iaido is a non-combative martial art that involves no direct physical contact or combat with other individuals in the dojo. Practitioners perform patterns, called "kata", that represent confrontational situations where he or she is attacked by one

or more opponents. Almost all patterns are solo; that is, there is no physical enemy. There are some two-person kata, but these are choreographed, with one person defending against a pre-defined series of attacks. Solo kata involve drawing the sword, making one or more cuts, cleaning the blade, and returning the sword to the scabbard with concentration and focus.

www.skknobara.com

The 404s



Theeeeeey're back! The 404s are a touring group of improv performers based in Alberta, Canada.

Presenting their own brand of improv comedy at events across Canada and in the United States, they combine heavy audience participation with their own witty charm, and leave every show with a bloody trail of busted guts and teary eyes in their

wake. Perennial favorites at Otafest since Otafest 2005, we are very pleased to have the 404s return!

www.the404s.com

THWOMP



From their humble beginnings as grumpy ceiling-dwellers, waiting for their big break to drop and crush passing heroes, THWOMP have rocked the airwaves with the sounds of video game nostalgia. Drawing on influences from the golden age of console gaming, from composers such as Nobuo Uematsu (Final Fantasy), Koji Kondo (Super Mario Bros), Yasunori Mitsuda (Chrono Trigger), Yumiko Kanki (F-Zero) and others, THWOMP speak to the inner child of a generation of gamers.

You probably know the music but you've never heard nor seen it like this. Cranked at 115 decibels through screaming amps with even screaming guitar solos, it's 16 bits of sonic bliss. It doesn't stop there: THWOMP are known to wear eccentric costumes, evoking everything from mad scientists in lab coats to sword-wielding heroes. The audience joins in the fun too: gamers in the audience are often invited to play the very games THWOMP is rocking out on vintage consoles on-stage.

www.thwomp.net

Major Events

1337beat Arcade Room



Once upon a time, fans of video games used to gather at arcades to enjoy video games on large and flashy arcade-style machines. With the regrettable passing of the Campus Cove, Calgary no longer has any more arcades. This travesty has not gone unnoticed by Kay & Moose, and as these entrepreneurs strive to bring the arcade scene back to Calgary, Otafest is proud to present 1337beat Arcade Room! With almost 10 machines set on freeplay, make sure you check out the

Arcade Room at least once this Otafest, and have a go on some of your favorite games – for free!

Note: The Arcade Room and the Video Game Room are one at the same and can be found on the 2nd floor of MacEwan Student Centre, directly on top of the Dealer's room! Just head up to stairs in front of the dealer's room and follow the signs to 1337beat Arcade Room!

AMV Contest

The fourth annual Otafest Anime Music Video competition, and fast becoming one of the most popular events at Otafest! Creators select scenes from various anime shows, set them to awesome music, and edit and splice until a beautiful music video is born.

Anime Chess



Quickly becoming one of the most popular events at North American cons everywhere, in Anime Chess, 32 cosplayers representing life-sized chess pieces cut each other down (administrative edit: not literally! Oh god, not literally!!) for the glory of King and Player! A great spectator and participation event!

Due to the popularity of this event, we cannot guarantee your participation. Pieces will be selected randomly by drawing names from a hat. If you'd like to participate as a chess piece, please don't be late to the start of this event, as the first 30 minutes will be the drawing of the chess pieces.

Anime Improv

You know them, you love them! They've brought their show to cons all across the country and now they're back once more! The 404s return to Otafest to perform their unique brand of anime themed improvisation! A fan favourite!

Awards Ceremonies



With so many competitions and contests being held at Otafest this year, who's going to be able to keep track of all the winners and their accomplishments? You are! Come to the awards ceremony, where all the

winners to all the contests will be announced and prizes are given – who knows, it might be your name coming out of those speakers!

Charity Bachelor Auction

It's Otafest 2009's official start! This year marks our 11th festival, and we're starting off with a bang of generosity!

All proceeds of the Charity Bachelor Auction will go towards the Alberta Children's Hospital and our special auction 'items' will include a slew of our most fabulous volunteers, dressed up as your favourite cosplays, who will personally take you to the front of the vendor room line-up, and the front of the cosplay line for reserved best seats in the house, as well as various other perks! So come join us as we kick off Otafest, and raise some money for a worthy cause too!

Cosplay



Come watch the fruit of hundreds of dollars and hours of labour, where fans pay homage to their favourite characters through costume and skits, song and dance! Undoubtedly the most colourful and popular event at Otafest!

/// Otafest Hall Masquerade

For those cosplayers out there who want to show off their costumes, but don't necessarily want to do so onstage during the Cosplay competition, Otafest is proud to present our first every Otafest Hall Masquerade!

Where the hard work and dedication you put into crafting your costume can finally get the attention it deserves, head to the Hall Masquerade room anytime between 11am - 3pm on the Saturday! Here, our judges will look at your costume in detail. No prior experience is necessary - we have separate categories for beginners and experts alike!

/// Otafest Idol



It's baaack! And this time, with actually functioning speakers and mikes! We've upped the ante for this year's Otafest Idol contest! Come listen to your favourite anime and J-pop songs performed live, by some of the country's most talented undiscovered singers! Cheer for your favourite performer, and help them rack up the points for the coveted title of the 2009 Otafest Idol!

/// Short Attention Span AMV Contest

In 2007, the AMV community participated in the first ever "short attention span" contest. The world's most celebrated AMV creators all took part in this contest - which was to create the most hilarious AMVs under 30 seconds long and the results were explosively hilarious! It was such a success that they've done it again! The Short Attention Span Contest will be showing as the Cosplay halftime show, and is not to be missed - you won't be able to find this on online folks; it shows on the convention circuit only!

/// Taiko Drum Demo



Otafest is proud to present Midnight Taiko! The great Japanese drums will be pounding their signature brand of musical magic at Otafest. Come listen to these powerful Japanese drums as they weave you into their enchanting spell! Just follow the sound of the rhythmic rolling thunder - you can't miss it!

Taiko means 'great drum' in Japanese, and today is a musical art form performed by hundreds of thousands.

/// THWOMP! A Concert!

THWOMP is a Calgary based band specializing in video game music! Having played at various festivals around Calgary, Otafest is very pleased to present our very first live band concert performance! Check out the Special Guests page for more information on THWOMP, and be sure to check out their concert too!

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/// Panels

/// Anime Academia

Otafest is proud to present Dr. Antonia Levi & Cory Gross as a guest lecturers for Otafest 2009! Dr. Levi is a pioneer in the scholarly studies surrounding anime and Japanese pop culture (yes – you too can use anime for school projects!) and we are very pleased to be able to present a series of panels developed by Dr. Levi, discussing various aspects of anime, manga, and Japanese pop culture. Currently, our Anime Academia panels include:

Yaoi! Zaoi! I think they're gay!

- In Japan, yaoi (or BL/boys' love as it is more commonly called these days) is a fairly accepted part of female culture, mildly transgressive at most. In North America, however, it takes on new meanings. This presentation will discuss the roots of yaoi in Japan and explore some of the ways in which it has developed new meanings and even a new audiences in North America. Yuri fans are also encouraged to attend and add their perspectives.

Steampunk Anime: Scientific Romances in the Land of the Rising Sun

- Though Steampunk may be a more recent trend, Japan has a tradition of giant steam-powered robots dating back to the 19th century. Learn about Steampunk anime, Japanese history and Victorian Science Fiction in this entertaining crash course.

How to Write the Perfect Term Paper on Anime and Manga

- Term papers, essays, and presentations always work out best when you're actually interested in your subject matter, but going to professors and telling them you want to write about a cartoon can be tricky. Dr. Levi will discuss strategies, approaches, and topics that will allow anime/manga fans to research and write about their obsessions in ways that will be accepted by all but the most hidebound professors. This discussion forum is aimed primarily at university students, but high school students and even teachers and professors are welcome to join in.

Myths for the New Millennium

- Anime and manga have long functioned as postwar Japan's modern mythology, what Fred Schodt once referred to as "the incessant babble of the collective Japanese subconscious." Yet now, those uniquely Japanese myths have gone global. What does this mean? Are the themes and images simply relevant to all (well, most) other cultures, or does the medium allow for such flexibility that different audiences respond differently.

/// Applegeeks

It's a sensation that's not entirely understood yet, but web comics are an art form that have taken the world by storm. Otafest is pleased to present Hawk and Ananth of Applegeeks fame in their first Canadian con! Come have a chance to talk to these popular web comic artists about what Applegeeks is about, how they got started, and what it takes to become successful in web comics!

/// Applegeeks – Photoshop

Have you ever wanted to draw, paint and color like the pros? Hawk and Ananth of Applegeeks fame can get you started on your way! The creators of the popular web comic, Applegeeks, are guests at this Canadian con, and will be teaching you the basics of using Photoshop for all your computer graphic requirements!

/// Ball Joint Doll Panel

A ball-jointed doll or BJD is a doll that is articulated with ball and socket joints. Cast in polyurethane resin, a hard, dense plastic, the parts strung together with a thick elastic. The BJD style has been described as both realistic and influenced by anime. Come join the BJD panel to learn more about them, and discuss them with other enthusiasts!

/// Cosplay: Rules, Regs, Robots and Rascals!

Recommended for cosplayers – this is the panel as hosted by our beloved Cosplay Director, explaining the deep, dark, and wildly mysterious inner working of Cosplay, Otafest's prime event! Come with the questions you've always wanted to ask, and listen to the wisdom run forth!

/// Dedicated Otaku Anime

The DOA is the University of Calgary's very own Anime club! Come join them as they discuss various informative topics as:

Working in an Artist Alley

- Want to know how to start participating in an Artist Alley? Learn about how to sell your work, what materials you'll need, how to make certain kinds of merchandise, and more. Come find out how to make the most of your artist experience.

Character Illustration and Design

- Learn how to create character sheets, use reference material, and how to develop more dynamic characters at the information panel. Discover common pitfalls, tips on bringing more personality to your characters, and how to build a reference library.

Manga Live Reading

- Do you like Manga, Acting, or Improv? Then come on out and try your hand at improv-reading scenes from your favorite mangas. Members of the audience can try their improv and acting skills while reading excerpts from popular manga. Prizes will be awarded to the best and most entertaining performances.

Tokusatsu: What is it?

- Tokusatsu is a genre of Japanese TV and movies, centered on special effects and sci-fi themes. Don't be fooled! Tokusatsu is more than just Power Rangers and Godzilla. It encompasses a large section of TV and movies, and has even influenced anime. Come learn more about the genre and what it includes, watch clips from shows old and new, and learn more about this large but unknown genre of entertainment.

/// G-Unleashed

... be... afraid. Be very... afraid. Our beloved Cosplay Director finally gets the chance to spout about various contemporary anime and otaku-subcultures! Please bring ID, because this panel is for an adult audience only!

/// Japanese 101

Love anime? Wish you could watch it without the subtitles? This course will help you with that first step! An introduction to the basics of the Japanese language. A nice blend of instruction and games to get you learning.

/// Japanese 102

Pick up where the Japanese 101 panel left off! Learn a more Japanese vocabulary, and try your hand at some more complicated sentences. Also learn how to take what you've learned at Otafest and continue studying on your own.

/// Johnny Yong Bosch: Live & Intimate

You've asked for him and we've finally got him! Otafest is pleased to present Johnny Yong Bosch as our headlining guest for Otafest 2009! Not only is Johnny the beloved Adam Park, Black Ranger from Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers, you've also heard him as Ichigo (Bleach) and Vash (Trigun)! Here's your chance to finally meet him, listen to his story, grab his autograph, and if you're really lucky, listen to him perform in a live & intimate acoustic setting!

/// Origami Extravaganza

In the mystical forests of regular school classrooms everywhere, they can be seen, silently folding, silently moulding, creating wonderful and beautiful pieces of work from seemingly simple sheets of paper! How do they do it?!

If you're a beginner, then come to this panel to learn the basics! If you're a master, then come to show off your craft and lend a teaching hand to the next generation!

/// Photoshop with Budgie

Photoshop and Painting Tips and Tricks by Budgie.

OK, so you have Photoshop, and you get the basics of using it, but you still just can't quite get your pictures looking the way you want? This tutorial will help you work through your CG woes, from cleaning up your lineart to shading skin and fabric. Understanding how to choose colors to lighting and texturing guides and tricks.

Open time to ask the questions that you want to know and learn how to CG your characters the way YOU want to CG them.

/// Yaoi – or Boy's Love – It's What We Like!

Come appreciate the wonders of Yaoi – with Yaoi Pictionary, Yaoi Discussions and awesome Yaoi Prizes! Run by Q from Yaoi Fest!

99 Yen Challenge!

It's the 404's signature Saturday time fun show – hilarious improve action with a gameshow twist! This show has consistently left a trail of split sides and uproarious laughter! Be sure not to miss it!

Anime Gameshows

We've taken the lifeblood of day time television and redone them, anime style! Anime variety gameshows is a series of your favorite gameshows, with a twist! In the past, we've had Anime Jeopardy, Anime Feud, Anime Match Game and Anime Guess Who! This year, our line up will include:

Anime Edge

- Yes! It is back! The wildest, wackiest gameshow where anything can happen and the rules are always changing. The one gameshow you won't want to miss, like MXC without the painful neck trauma. Come on out and we'll introduce you to the Anime EDGE.

Anime Feud

- Name a gameshow that challenges you and your friends to name the top responses to survey questions. Survey Says: Anime Feud. An annual gameshow classic that always entertains. Bring out your friends, take your opponent's challenge and begin the Anime Feud!

Anime Guess Who

- The hit gameshow of 2008 returns in 2009 with Anime Guess Who. The gameshow based off the board game you probably had as a child. Only this one features your favorite anime characters on two gigantic game boards. It just doesn't get much better.

Anime Jeopardy

- Challenging answers and questions unknown. Anime Jeopardy is sure to challenge any Otaku. With new categories and a wide array of questions, Can you rise to be the 2009 Anime Jeopardy Champion? Come and find out.

Anime – Match Game

- Join us for another round of the gameshow that has left a trail of split seams and howling laughter over the last three years. Come to Anime Match Game - where we're not sure whether our panel of contestants are here to win the game, or just drive our host bonkers!

Anime – Name that Tune

- At some point in time, we all have that ridiculously catchy anime opening stuck in our heads. I could even arguably say that more often than not, we have a ridiculously catchy anime opening stuck in our heads. Now's the time to turn that anime music knowledge into prizes – at Anime Name That Tune!

Anime – Name that Tune – Delux Advance Monster Edition

- So you've had fun with name that tune, but **really** want to be challenged? Then the DAME show is for you! We've dug up some of the most obscure songs to ever grace any playlist to give you the ultimate name that tune challenge!

Anime Super Password

- Awesome. Code. Otafest. Clues. What does it all add up to? The return of Anime Super Password. A fun clue breaker gameshow with lots of fun challenges. Guess the clues, solve the passwords, and figure out the Super Password.

Anime Talk About

- Think you know everything about Anime? The series, the characters, plotline, even those ridiculous little facts that no one knows? We're going to give you and a friend a chance to show it off with new Anime Talk About. Where you'll have just 20 seconds to show us how much you know about a topic. So come on out and see what's the new Anime Talk About.

Contestants of all ages are welcomed!

AMV Gameshow

Join in the fun as contestants battle it out for prizes and glory as they must answer as many questions as they can in a limited time about AMVs that will be shown! Game play is based on a cool original concept with pieces from other well known game shows thrown in.

Even if your part of the audience, you'll get to watch some very fun and entertaining Anime Music Videos and even help of the contests at times! Contestants will be chosen from the audience based on questions asked about an AMV that will be played at the beginning. No AMV or creator experience required; just a keen eye and good memory!

ART Battle

In the heat of the moment, under intense pressures, some of the world's most beautiful art is created. ART Battle is a new gameshow whereby we take some of Calgary's best starving artists and pit them against each other in a series of short challenges to see who can emerge with the most creative pieces!

/// Battle Action RPG

The perennial Sunday night favourite returns! Otafest is pleased to present BATTLE ACTION RPG – A costume wearing, attack name shouting, live action role playing game in which the audience determines the hit points, surprise attacks can upset even the most obvious of winners, and no one leaves with their eardrums in tact!

/// Boom Desu ka?!

We've seen how funky some gameshows on Japanese television can be, so it was only a matter of time before Otafest tried it's hand at one of these shows! 'Boom!' is a fast paced gameshow where audience contestants participate in fast challenges inspired by various Asian gameshows for prizes! Come check it out!

/// Lego Robot Wars

Lego!! Giant Robots!! Lego!! Giant Robots!! Like peanut butter and jelly, we bring together two elements that have been screaming to be brought together since the beginning of time in one galactic showdown! Bring your blueprints and back-stories, and compete against other teams in the Lego Robot Building Competition!

/// Otafest Tactics

A brand new gameshow developed for Otafest 2009, Otafest Tactics incorporating folk's favorite aspects of Battle Action RPG and Anime Chess – the fights! Half strategy driven and half mad mock-battling, you'll need both your brains and your sense of dramatic flair to come out on top for Otafest Tactics!

/// Vendor Shout Outs

At Otafest 2009 we are graced with the presence of over 20 different Japanese culture related vendors selling a variety of items to our continually growing patron count. Our vendors have strived to bring in materials that are not easy to find locally in the hopes of maximizing the enjoyment of the average Otafest-goer. The following is a shout out by a few of the vendors that wanted to let you know they were here and that they appreciate your attendance at our con and your business as a patron.

"Your Canadian source for Anime and Manga. Visit us online at: www.theCNL.com."

- Derek from C&L Media

"GeoMangaArt is a Art-shop dedicated to bringing the best Drawing & Fanart supplies and the latest Manga & Anime Artwork for Fans & Fan-Artists. Visit us online at: GeoMangaArt.com."

- Lee from GeoMangaArt

"For exceptional quality and value, visit Felix and Kitty and O-kimono for all your costuming needs. Exquisite hand-made clothes for gentlemen and ladies that can take you to the ballroom, boardroom and bedroom are what you get from Felix & Kitty. Since 2006, O-kimono (formerly known as "Ureshiimono") has specialized in Men's and Women's Authentic Japanese Kimonos and accessories imported directly from Japan. Visit us online at: www.FelixandKitty.ca and www.Okimino.ca."

- Felix & Samantha

"OTAKU ENTERTAINMENT provides awesome service and the best selection of Anime, Live Action Asian Cinema and Cartoons on DVD and Blu-Ray. We are happy to announce that we now sell Manga too. In Edmonton we sell Anime through the Happy Harbor Comics chain of stores - HappyHarborComics.com. If you love Anime, we love you!"

- Karl from Otaku Entertainment

"At Phoenix Comics NW, we are all Manga, all the time. Every title, every volume, every day! Come check out our booth at Otafest, or come by our store at 1010 16th Ave NW."

- Mike from Phoenix Comics

"Redd Skull comics is one of Calgary's best kept treasure troves for the Anime, Manga and Comic fan! This year marks Redd Skull's 15th anniversary of being one of the best-stocked stores in Calgary, specializing in rare and hard-to-find books, toys and other favorite paraphernalia. Be sure to check out Redd Skull's booth in the vendor's room and at 720A Edmonton Trail NE in Calgary, and ask about Redd Skull's 15th year anniversary sales!"

- Kelly from Redd Skull

// Dedicated Rooms and Other Cool Things

// Anime Auction

This is the place to come for a chance to pick up bargain deals on anime memorabilia, and to watch our beloved auctioneer lose his voice! Come for the deals! Stay for the insanity!

// AMV Video Blocks

Do you remember that video? You know, the one you watched a couple years ago, that absolutely blew you away? The one that seemed to redefine AMVs as we knew them? The one you promptly could never find again? Well, check out the AMV video block, where we'll be showing the great AMVs of recent memories, submitted to great AMV contests as Sakura-con, Animethon and Anime Evolution!

// Fan Attack! A Dodgeball Tournament!

We've taken the friendly fan competition from the morning's tug of war, and upped it into a dodgeball tournament for the first time in Otafest 2009! Sign up with your friends, give yourselves a team name, and compete against other teams for the title of The Ultimate Fans!

// Fans' Tug of War

An annual Otafest tradition returns! It's Sailor Moon fans vs. Naruto! Bleach fans vs. DBZ! Come show your support for your favorite Anime in a Fan's Tug of War to end them all!

// Go Room

Always a hit with the crowd, the Calgary Go Club returns! Learn how to play the venerable game of strategy during the How To Play Go information panel, then stay in the Go room to refine your skills against the masters, practice the game, and seek out companions! The path to wisdom is here, young grasshopper!

// Haru no Koe Performance!

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// Mr. & Miss Otafest

Now *you* can be the judge! Who do you think had the costume at Otafest? Remember to vote for your favourite guy and gal, and help us to crown our Mr. and Miss Otafest 2007! Winners to be announced at the Awards Ceremony!

// Super Fantastic Otaku Karaoke!

Let there be singing! And dancing! And Jack-assery the like that only otaku can accomplish! It's our Friday Night Karaoke celebration – for those of us with music in our hearts (if not necessarily in our ears. ^_~)!

// Video Game Rooms

Arguably the most popular hang out from Otafest's past, we've brought the Video Gaming Room back with a vengeance – by doubling the size! A great place to kick back between shows, events and mad dashes to the dealer's room and challenge your friends to a duel to a death! Come check out the list of tournaments we'll be hosting all weekend long!

The tournaments we've got schedule this year are:

- Super Smash Bros. Brawl
- Pokémon Diamond & Pearl
- House of the Dead: Overkill
- Mario Kart Wii
- Guilty Gear Accent Core
- The King Of Fighters 98
- Samurai Shodown VI
- Ghost Squad
- Megaman Star Force 2
- Castlevania Judgement
- Arcade Showoff Showdown
- Oldschool Showoff Showdown

Come and show us those epic skills!

/// Synopses A to B

/// Akane-iro ni Somaru Saka

In order to protect the girl Yuuhi Katagiri, a new transfer student, from danger, Junichi Nagase is forced to kiss her. Not understanding what happened, she screams at him, not knowing that her father has arranged for her to marry him.

One day Junichi Nagase comes across two boys tormenting Yuuhi Katagiri. When he steps in to help they run off calling him "Geno Killer". He then walks off without introducing himself or allowing the girl to either.

The next day to both of their surprise she is introduced as a new transfer student to his class. The following day due to a misunderstanding he kisses her which greatly upsets her. That evening to his surprise and dismay she shows up to his door saying she is his fiancée and that she has come to live with him to evaluate him to see if he is worthy of her.

Much hi-jinx ensues as the days go by.

/// Allison & Lillia

The story takes place on a continent where two countries are separated by Lutoni River and Central Mountains. The two countries, the Confederation of Roxche and the United Kingdom of Bezel Iltoa have been at war for over a century and now settled on a cease fire. Allison is a pilot in the Roxche air force and one day reunites with Will, her companion from the House of Future, where they were orphans.

Together they find themselves embroiled in an adventure in enemy territory to find a fabled treasure that will hopefully end the war and bring peace to both countries.

/// Antique Bakery

Antique Bakery, is a small bakery that's run by four handsome man. Tachibana, the owner. Chikage, who was send by Tachibana's family to watch over his childhood friend. Ono the "demonically charming" gay master pastry chef. And Kanda, a former boxer and Ono's apprentice.

/// Aquarion

When the Shadow Angels invade after 12000 years of slumber, humanity is held captive by fear and sheer alien dominance. Eleven years after the Great Catastrophe decimated the world, most of those left alive are scavengers, dirty and starving on the streets.

There is hope, however - Mechanical Angel Aquarion!

Powered by three souls intertwined, a rare breed of pilot takes the controls. Known as Elements, one among them must rise if mankind is to survive. Prophecy is being fulfilled as the end of the world approaches... Thorough a swirling cloud of love, betrayal, loss and destiny, the last hope for the new century arrives and takes flight!

/// Astro Fighter Sun Red

Tentai Senshi Sunred is a powerful, battle tested hero of many years. He has sold his super bike, which is seen in the opening credits. Now he smokes a lot, is effectively unemployed, and lives by the grace of his girlfriend, Kayoko Uchida. His arch enemies in the Evil Florsheim Army are still trying to take over the world. Under the direction of their local leader, Vamp, they help members of the community, run a cooking show, assist Kayoko Uchida whenever possible, and try to attack the ever powerful Sunred. All in all, a light parody of the Japanese hero genera.

/// Azumanga Daioh

The wait is finally over! Class is in session for the long-awaited comedy series Azumanga Daioh! Join charming Chiyo-chan, closet soffie Sakaki, rambunctious Tomo, studious Yomi, bashful Kaorin, and oblivious Osaka as they brave instructors at the fringes of sanity, dodge murderous volleyballs, and grapple with unceasing homework, ultra-impossible quizzes, and an unrelenting case of hiccups that makes for some rather hilarious "cures!" And that's just beginning! So crack open those books, copy those notes, and get ready for a serious lesson in laughter with Azumanga Daioh!

/// Battle Athletes OVA

It is the year 4999 - mankind has long abandoned war in favor of intergalactic competition through athletic events. One of which is an all-female contest for the coveted "Cosmo Beauty" title. Akari Kanzaki has just entered the University Satellite in hopes of becoming the latest Cosmic Beauty - a title held by her mother long ago. On her first few days in the university, she meets new friends, encounters fierce rivals, and struggles to become the best of all the Battle Athletes.

/// Synopses B to E

/// Bastard!!

Several hundred years after Anthrax destroyed modern civilization, a group of four lords plans to set this old god free once again. To prevent this from happening, a former ally of the four is released from his 15 year imprisonment. Dark Schneider, a sorcerer who once fought to conquer the world, now fights to save it.

/// Beck

Koyuki Tanaka was feeling the rut, though he's only a teenager. Between the sheltered and stifling grind of school and the girls the spend their time not noticing him.... Every day was just another day of being a total nobody. Enter Ryusuke: a local rock n' roller haunted by a shady reputation.

Together they form Beck, a dynamic band that just might be the salvation of the stagnant music scene. Sure, it's going to take hard work and obsession to make it, but there's something special in the sound, If the guys can stay true to their vision, the world awaits. Music can change your life, sometimes against your will. Just remember... When it's live, anything can happen.

/// Bubblegum Crisis: Tokyo 2040

After a mysterious earthquake levels Tokyo, Genom becomes a powerful influence providing their artificial organic life forms called Boomers to rebuild and act as a labor class to humanity. However, some of them occasionally run amok, and even the specially created AD Police are at a loss to stop them. Lina Yamazaki travels to Tokyo for employment but also hopes to join a vigilante force called the Knight Sabers, who pilot powered suits to destroy these rogue Boomers.

/// Card Captor Sakura

Sakura Kinomoto was an ordinary 4th grader until the day she opened a strange book and let dozens of powerful magic cards loose on the world. Keroberos, the Guardian of the Clow Cards, informs Sakura that it is now her responsibility to find and capture the freed cards. However, much to the reluctant Sakura's dismay, things aren't going to be easy for her; simply saying magic words and waving her wand around isn't good enough.

Each card is a living, thinking, extremely powerful being. She'll have to learn to cope with her new responsibilities, as well as ordinary troubles involving love, school, family, and friends. With the support of her friend Tomoyo and a young boy with powers of his own, she must learn how to use her newly awakened magical abilities to collect each card and prevent the disaster that will befall the world if she doesn't.

/// Clannad After Story

A sequel to the recently wrapped anime based on the Key Clannad franchise. After Story is a path that opens in the original visual novel after all the other paths have been opened.

/// Code Geass R2

It's been one year since the failure of the Black Rebellion and the supposed death of Zero. Britannia has assigned Area 11 a "correctional education" status, where Elevens are made an example of by brute force, to try to prevent any future uprisings and suppress rebellious thoughts.

Unsuspecting high school student Lelouch, oblivious to his rebellious past as Zero, stumbles upon a scheme on his life and the life of a mysterious woman known as C.C., who reveals to him his forgotten purpose and his "true" self. Destroying his assailants and declaring himself Zero once again, Lelouch sets out to finish what he started.

/// Cowboy Bebop

Spike Spiegel, a bounty Hunter with a dark past, lives on bounty to bounty, barely making it each time, or not making it at all. His partners Jet Black, Faye Valentine, Ed and Ein the dog all help him in his adventures from planet to planet.

/// D.Gray-Man

This popular story revolves around Allen Walker, an Exorcist in 19th century Europe. Allen is a member of the Black Order, a group of Exorcists connected with the Vatican. Their mission is to stop The Millenium Earl, an evil ghoul intending to cleanse the world by destroying all humans in the manner of Noah's great flood.

The Exorcists themselves are special people gifted with the ability to control and use Innocence, a divine substance created in the ages past to combat the Earl's minions, the Akuma. It is said that there are exactly 109 units of Innocence scattered around the world. Once an Innocence finds its compatible person, it will evolve to become a weapon to fight the Akuma.

Death Note 1

Light Yagami is an ace student who finds the Death Note, a notebook dropped by a rogue Shinigami death god named Ryuk. Any human whose name is written in the notebook dies, and Light has vowed to use the power of the Death Note to rid the world of evil. But when criminals mysteriously begin dropping dead, the authorities send the legendary detective "L" to investigate.

Soon he's hot on the trail of Light, who must now reevaluate his noble goal. Both Light and L believe themselves to be on the side of justice, and the two match wits as they attempt to prove which one of them is "good" and which one of them is "evil."

Death Note 2: The Last Name

The story begins on the heels of the first movie as Light Yagami joins the investigation team in pursuit of the serial killer known as "Kira." While L still strongly suspects that Light is Kira, Light tries to uncover L's real name so he can kill him with his Death Note. Confusingly enough, a new rash of murders all around the world are taking place, with a "Second Kira" claiming responsibility. Light learns the identity of the Second Kira and suggests they join forces to get rid of L. Will L be able to catch Kira before he is killed?

Death Note: L, Change the World

The legendary detective "L" takes on the "Kira" case in which countless criminals are dying under mysterious circumstances. L successfully solves the case and stops Kira, but only after sacrificing his life, leaving himself with only 23 days to live.

For his final case L goes up against a bio-terrorist group trying to wipe out humanity with a deadly virus ten times more fatal than Ebola. As L tries to formulate an antidote with a scientist, he must also save the lives of two children who have no one else to turn to. Will L be able to save the world before it's too late?

Witness the last 23 days of L.

Detroit Metal City

Detroit Metal City (DMC) is a quickly rising independent Death Metal band. They garner fame by performing wild live shows and writing songs filled with hate, violence, and rape. The band is fronted by Sōichi Negishi who takes on the stage name Krauser II. On stage he is a wild-unchained beast. Off-stage he is a tranquil, tender-loving person who enjoys Swedish Pop music. He hates himself as Krauser and his two personalities collide making his private life very difficult.

Devil Hunter Yohko

Yohko Mano's sixteenth birthday certainly has not been an occasion to celebrate. The boy she's absolutely crazy about doesn't know she exists, and it's driving her nuts! To top it all off, her loony grandmother has given her an unexpected (and unwanted) birthday present.

As it turns out, Yohko is the 107th generation of a family of professional devil hunters - and she's stuck with the job whether she likes it or not!

Now, all of Japan's devils, demons, and blood-letting creatures of the night have decided to eliminate Miss Mano before she has a chance to learn how to use her newly discovered powers! It's going to be a very un-sweet sixteen as Yohko's birthday turns into a demonic bloodbath and a grueling trial by hellfire!

DNAngel

Adapted from the international best-selling manga series by Yukiru Sugisaki, D•N•Angel is a romantic adventure with a fantastic premise. High School hottie Risa has two suitors: shy Daisuke and the magical thief Dark. But the twist is that Daisuke and Dark share the same body, and it's Daisuke's love for Risa that allows Dark to take over!

The only way to resolve this romantic disaster is for Daisuke to win the heart of his true love-but since she's only got eyes for Dark, that's not happening anytime soon!

El Hazard: The Magnificent World

Encounter a world of wonder and fantasy! Three high school students and one of their teachers are mysteriously transported to the magical world of El Hazard. There, they discover hidden talents, lost technology, an empire of sentient bugs, and enough adventure to fill a lifetime!

/// Synopses E to K

/// Eureka 7

Renton Thurston is a 14-year-old boy who lived with his mechanic grandfather in a backwater town. Every day he dreamed of being with the mercenary "Light Finding Operation (LFO)" aircraft pilot group "Gekkostate" and riding "Trapar" particle waves-- a sport called "reffing"-- with their charismatic leader Holland, especially when faced with his father's acclaimed past or his grandfather's desire to protect him.

When a young girl named Eureka riding the original LFO, the "Nirvash typeZERO", asks his grandfather for a tune-up, she inadvertently brings the attention of the military to the garage; as a result, the garage is destroyed and Renton is forced to deliver a new type of interface -- the "Amita Drive"-- to the Nirvash.

After a heated fight in which the Nirvash destroys the military LFOs by unleashing an immense amount of power, Renton is invited into Gekkostate. However, he quickly realizes that behind the facade of a traveling group of mercenaries is a very bitter reality.

/// Evangelion: 1.01 You Are (Not) Alone

After the second impact, all that remains of Japan is Tokyo-3, a city that's being attacked by giant creatures that seek to eradicate the human kind, called Angels. After not seeing his father for more than eight years,

Shinji Ikari receives a phone call, in which he is told to urgently come to the NERV Headquarters, an organization that deals with the destruction of the Angels through the use of giant mechs called Evas. Shinji's objective is to pilot the Eva Unit 01, while teaming up with the Eva Unit 00 pilot, Ayanami Rei.

/// Fruits Basket

Tohru Honda lives in a tent. She hasn't always lived this way, but with her parents gone and her Grandfather's house temporarily under construction...

She thought it seemed like a good idea at the time. But as Tohru is about to discover, her happy little home in the woods is not her own. She's pitched her tent on land belonging to the cursed Sohma family - and meeting them will change her life forever!

/// Fushigi Yugi

Miaka discovers an enchanted book, "The Universe of the Four Gods" that drastically changes her life! Reading the book suddenly transports Miaka and her best friend Yui into both the world and the story within the mystical tome. Trapped in this perilous magical world, Miaka becomes a high priestess and befriends an emperor - just to get home!

Now, she must overcome heart-breaking betrayals and battle the deadly Seiryu Seven to protect her adopted kingdom, her friends and her true love!

/// Ga-rei Zero

The Japanese Ministry of Defense has an anti-paranormal special forces group called the Supernatural Disaster Prevention Agency. They're the ones responsible to protect Japanese soil and its people from supernatural and paranormal events. However, things didn't go so well in one of their missions, which leads to intervention by the Ministry of Environment's Supernatural Disaster Countermeasures Division after the SDPA has sustained large numbers of casualties battling demons.

/// Ghost in the Shell Movie (1997)

2029 - A female government cyber agent and the Internal Bureau of Investigations are hot on the trail of a "The Puppet Master" - a computer virus capable of invading cybernetic brains and altering its victims' memories.

/// Golden Boy

Kintaro Oe was at the top of his class at the Tokyo University Law School, one of the most prestigious in the entire world. Mastering the entire curriculum easily, he vanishes just before graduation. Now he bikes across Japan on a quest to learn what's most important in life: the lessons that can't be studied in a classroom.

First stop is an upstart software company, where the sleekly dressed lady president has curves that defy computation. Then he tutors a poor little rich girl who's looking for a little experience. Very educational! But nothing can compare to Kintaro's racing challenge against a motorcycle queen who literally loves her bike. She would make anyone want to stay up all night studying!

Bouncing beauties keep tumbling across the pages of Kintaro's notebook. However, they'll be the ones learning their lesson in the end. See? Studying can be fun!

/// Gurren Lagann

In his sky-less cavern of a village Simon toils daily, drilling holes to expand his stifling little world until one day he makes an extraordinary discovery: a small glowing drill-bit and the man-sized mecha it activates. Before he can give it a second thought Simon's dragged into a plot to break through to the surface by the local gang leader Kamina, only to have the ceiling come crashing down on top of them under the weight of a giant monster!

It somehow falls onto the boisterous Kamina and the cowardly Simon to defend their village, but once they defeat the monster what awaits the duo on the surface world?

/// Kamen no Maid Guy

Fumiwara Naeka is a granddaughter of a billionaire and the heir to his fortune. She is pursued by those who desire her inheritance. In order to protect her from them, an agent is dispatched in the form of a male maid, who looks like a masculine samurai wearing a mask and has teeth like a shark's. Wearing a maid uniform, Kogarashi gives his best effort to serve Naeka. His noisy and pushy services make her daily life exciting.

/// Kannagi

An art student named Jin Mikuriya carves a statue from the wood of the Kannagi tree only to have the statue come to life in the form of a goddess, who has now taken over the statue. He and "Nagi" work together to destroy the impurities that are gathering in the town.

/// Karin

In 21st century Japan, a family of vampires settles down in Japan. They live among humans and sucked their blood quietly and discreetly. However their daughter Karin had a secret that she could not share... She did not suck blood like the rest of her family, instead, she is a blood-MAKING vampire!

/// Kemeko DX

A chibi robot doll appears in the room of a typical high school boy. The robot claims the boy as her husband and then a beautiful girl comes out of the doll's mouth who knows the boy from 10 years prior and had been promised his hand in marriage.

/// Kimagure Orange Road

Fifteen year old Kyosuke Kasuga moves to a new city and becomes enamoured by one Madoka Ayukawa, whom often treats him coldly even though she seemed friendly the first time they met, when he caught her red straw hat on the stairs.

Kyosuke also must try to avoid breaking the heart of the slightly childish Hikaru Hiyama, whom fell in love with him after she saw him make an impossible shot with a basketball and whom likes to shower him with affection.

Also, just to make things interesting, Kyosuke, his sisters, his grandfather, and his cousins all have various powers (teleportation, psychokinesis, hypnosis, time travel, personality transference) which Kyosuke desperately tries to keep a secret, though some of the other family members have no such qualms against using their powers in public.

/// Kimi Ga Nozomu Eien

After Haruka Suzumiya got out from the hospital from her three years of coma. She moved back to with her parents and continued to date Takayuki Narumi. She wanted to see her old friend Mitsuki Hayase who Takayuki Narumi dated while she was in coma.

/// Kite: Liberator

The teenage assassin Sawa discovered the man behind her parents' deaths was her own her foster-father, the police detective Akai. She murdered him. Years later, her whereabouts are still unknown.

The story of a new killer has begun to circulate around the city. She is called the Angel of Death. She eliminates her targets with grace and precision, and then vanishes without a trace into the darkness.

By day, the Angel of Death wears a different face; the face of Monaka, an ordinary high school girl. But she seems so delicate and sensitive, can it really all be an act? Her past is tied with Akai, and her fate is a duel to the death with the one man who can protect her - the one she loves most.

Which heart is real? The icy heart of the Angel of Death, or the kind heart of Monaka?

/// Synopses L to S

/// Lucky Star

Meet Konata, an athletic and intelligent girl too dedicated to her favorite primetime anime shows to excel in anything but otaku culture; Miyuki, the cute, bespectacled living example of moe with an encyclopedic knowledge of all subjects; Kagami, the bitter-sweet, tough but shy straight-man to Konata's constant teasing and pranks; and her younger fraternal twin sister, Tsukasa, a kind but air-headed klutz. Witness this study in the human condition as our heroines explore the unexplored in questioning the ordinary!

/// Macross Plus

2040: On the colonial planet of New Eden, the Ministry of Defense is developing a new transforming stealth aircraft - an advanced defense vehicle to counter alien attacks. Isamu Dyson, a maverick jet fighter fresh from the battlefield, is assigned as a test pilot for Project Super Nova.

/// Macross Frontier

Macross Frontier marks the 25th anniversary of the Macross anime franchise. It is a direct sequel to the first Macross series and Macross 7 and follows the lives of Alto Saito, Ranka Lee and a pop idol named Sheryl Nome on board the Macross Frontier colonization fleet. After the war against the Zentradi aliens, Humankind has spread across the universe in order to ensure its survival. The Macross Frontier fleet is part of an effort to spread and maintain the culture of humanity.

/// Maze

Transported through time and space, Maze has gained incredible powers.. and one astronomical problem. Every night, she transforms into a lecherous man! To top it all off, she must rescue a princess from a mysterious warrior cult. But male Maze would rather be chasing the ladies...

/// Minami Kei Okawari

More stories from the daily lives of the three Minami sisters: gentle Haruka, hyperactive Kana, and sarcastic Chiaki.

/// Niea Under 7

As a starving student, Mayuko's life consists of many part-time jobs, a small apartment over a bathhouse, and sleepless study nights. Unfortunately for her sanity, this hard life is complicated by Niea. Niea is a young 7th class under-alien who is living in Mayuko's closet, building flying saucers out of trash, eating Mayuko's food and being a bum. Compared to this stress, the man eating plants and the curry wars are nothing...

/// Nodame Cantabile: Paris

Having been given the opportunity to study at Paris, Noda accompanies Chiaki to Europe as he strives to become the accomplished conductor he always dreamt to be.

/// Otogi-Jushi Akazukin

Long, long ago, there existed a world of magic and science. God, afraid of man's potential, split the world in to the world of science, Elde, and the world of magic, Fandavale. One day in Fandavale, a terrible witch named Cendrillon (Cinderella) revives. Cendrillon plots to rule both worlds, and searches for the "key" which holds tremendous power.

A young boy from Elde by the name of Sōta meets a mysterious girl from Fandavale, Akazukin, and her talking wolf companion, Val. Sōta learns that he is the key Cendrillon is searching for. Now it is up to Akazukin, Val, and the other Fairy Musketeers to protect Sōta from Cendrillon and her Nightmarelians who wish to obtain the power he mysteriously possesses.

/// Ouran High School Host Club

Female transfer student Haruhi unwittingly joins the all-boy Ouran High School Host Club that charms and entertains the girls of Ouran High School for profit. High comedy and hi-jinks ensue while the boys of the most host club try to hide the fact that Haruhi is a girl and are introduced to the world of the commoner. It's School Rumble meets Fruits Basket.

/// Paprika

Prepare to enter the realm of fantasy and imagination where reality and dreams collide in a kaleidoscopic mindscape of sheer visual genius. The magical tale centers on a revolutionary machine that allows scientists to enter and record a subject's dream. After being stolen, a fearless detective and brilliant therapist join forces to recover the device before it falls into the hands of a dream terrorist.

Plastic Little

As Elise is being followed by the army because she knows more about the secret military project of her killed father, she's getting protection from Tita and her friends. Together, they will try to stop the imperialistic plans of the army commander Gaizel.

Puni Puni Poemi

Poemi Watanabe (a.k.a. Kobayashi) is a 10-year-old girl with aspirations of being a famous voice actress. Unfortunately, her school grades are bad and her voice acting is even worse. But when a mysterious alien kills her parents and wreaks havoc all over Tokyo, Poemi grabs a talking fish, skins it into a wand and becomes the magical girl Puni Puni Poemi to save the day.

Romeo X Juliet

For decades the city of Neo Verona enjoyed harmony and prosperity under the rule of King Capulet and the Capulet family. One evening the King's nemesis Duke Montague storms the King's palace and murders the entire Capulet family with the exception of one escapee, Juliet Capulet.

Near her 16th birthday she encounters Romeo Montague, the only son of King Montague, and successor to the throne. As the mystery around Juliet's past and future becomes clear, they begin a timeless romance that is tested by loyalty, society and ultimately morality.

Rozen Maiden

This is the story of one young boy who couldn't get along with his classmates and decided to drop out and never return...
This is the story of an exquisite doll who wished to one day become a normal human girl...

This is the story of one young boy and an exquisite doll and their adventures as they strive to help each other in overcoming their fears and the very real dangers of the Alice Game. However, in order to do that, they must overcome their distrust of each other.

Sailor Moon R Movie

When Mamoru was little he gave a rose to a little boy named Fiore. Fiore promised that one day he would bring Mamoru lots of flowers. Now Fiore has come back to earth but his intentions are not merely to fulfil a promise...

Sailor Moon S Movie

An unusual snow storm hits Tokyo and the Sailor Senshi discover that an evil snow queen Kaguya, wants to freeze the entire earth. It's up to the Inner Sailor Senshi along with the Outers, to defeat the Queen. Meanwhile, Luna falls in love with a human astronomer named Kakeru whose girlfriend is an astronaut about to take a space shuttle mission. Kakeru becomes ill and Luna wishes she could be a human to help him.

Sailor Moon Super S Movie

The senshi fight against the Dead Moon Circus (Zirconia, Nehelena, the Amazon Trio, the Amazoness Quartet), who wants to ultimately take over the world. This season is heavily centered around Chibi-Usagi and her relationship with Helios (Pegasus).

School Rumble San Gaki

Here is your Happy Ending... or something like that. The story reaches its climax. It's time to confess. Everything's going to be nearly clear. A little seriousness in the end but it still remains the comedy what it meant to be.

Serial Experiments Lain

There is a world around us, a world of people, tactile sensation, and culture. There is also a wired world, inside the computer, of images, personalities, virtual experiences, and a culture all of its own.

The day after a classmate commits suicide, Lain, a 13 year old girl, discovers how closely the 2 worlds are linked when she receives an e-mail from the dead girl: I still live here. I just abandoned my body. Has the line between the real world and the wired world begun to blur?

Shikabane Hime - Aka (Corpse Princess)

Makina Hoshimura is one of the living dead. If she is to ever find peace, she must hunt down and destroy her own kind. Aided by a secret society of monks, Makina's quest to rid the world of the undead begins.

/// Synopses S to Y

/// Slayers Revolution

Having lost the Sword of Light in the previous battle, Lina and Gourry continue their journey in search of a replacement weapon. On the way, the two of them meet up with Amelia and Zelgadis in the kingdom of Luvinagard while taunting some pirates.

Lina is happy to reunite with her old friends, but appearing before her is Luvinagard's Inspector of the Special Investigative Unit; a man called Wizer. However, Lina is amazed at his unusual behavior...

/// Sword of the Stranger

Hunted by the Mings from China, young Kotaro and his dog meet a nameless samurai ("Nanashi") who is constantly being haunted by dreams of the past which lead him to seal his sword. Among the Mings is a fierce Western fighter named Rarou, who desires only to find a worthy opponent.

When both groups clash with a Sengoku-era feudal lord, a proud general, and monks torn between faith and survival, the reason behind the Mings' pursuit tests the bond between Kotaro and Nanashi.

/// Tales of the Abyss

Luke Von Fabre, the spoiled son of a noble from the kingdom of Kimlasca-Lavaldear, has been confined inside his father's mansion ever since he was kidnapped seven years ago by a rival country, the Malkuth Empire. Now Luke's memory of the life he led before is missing, and a strange voice, which only he can hear, has been calling out to him ever since.

One day while training with his mentor, Van Grants, a strange woman called Tear breaks into the mansion with the sole intent of taking Van's life. During the struggle Luke is transported far from home, along with Tear, and now that Luke has finally gained the freedom he's been dreaming of, what awaits him in the outside world will shatter everything he's ever known about himself.

/// Tenchi Muyo OVA

Tenchi ignored the warning to never go inside the cave's shrine, and now he has released a demon! OK, actually, the demon is really a beautiful space pirate named Ryoko, but she did blow up his school. Tenchi's troubles aren't over yet as the Jurai princesses Ayeka and Sasami and the Galaxy Police Officer Mihoshi fall from the sky attempting to capture the alluring space pirate. With four beautiful women stranded in his house, Tenchi will never get any rest!

/// The Girl Who Leapt Through Time

Something strange has happened to Makoto Konno. Time has suddenly stopped and moved her backwards. With her newly discovered ability to literally leap backwards in time Makoto finds that tests become a piece of cake, embarrassing situations are corrected, and she can have her favorite food anytime she wants.

Unfortunately, her carefree time traveling has adverse effects on the people she cares for. With every successful leap Makoto somehow alters the fate of those around her. This wasn't supposed to happen and as she races back in time to fix everything, she notices that her abilities are not limitless but with every successful jump she's one step closer to discovering the most wonderful secret in her young adult life.

/// The Machine Girl

Ami is a tough but otherwise average high school girl, trying to lead a normal life. Her world comes crashing down when her brother and his friend are killed by ruthless bullies. As Ami tracks down the ringleader, she is surprised to discover the bullies' association with a sinister ninja yakuza family.

When she goes after her revenge, she soon finds herself in over her head and minus her left arm. Barely surviving, Ami escapes and seeks out shelter from two kindly garage mechanics. They take pity on her, fitting her with a high-powered machine gun where her arm used to be.

She then teams up with the chainsaw-wielding mother of her brother's slain friend and together they unleash an unholy, non-stop, over-the-top kill fest against the equally creative machinery (drill bra, flying guillotine) of their relentless ninja enemies.

/// The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya

I thought that when I entered high school, my days of believing in aliens, time travelers and ESPers were over. That was, until she introduced herself. Claiming to be interested in only aliens, time travelers, and ESPers, Haruhi Suzumiya was the strangest girl I'd met in a long time...

Before I knew what was going on, I'd been dragged into her weird club, and it looks like I'm not the only one who has been drafted into this "SOS Brigade" of hers, because there are three other students here who don't seem to be so ordinary themselves. Either way, we've all found ourselves caught up in Haruhi's quest to search for all things extraordinary. And what's this I hear about us making a movie...?

/// Toradora

Despite Ryūji Takasu's gentle personality, his eyes make him look like an intimidating delinquent so he is utterly hopeless about his chances of getting a girlfriend anytime soon, and does not have many close friends either. After being greeted by his hangover mother in the morning, Ryūji goes to school and is happy to find that he gets to be in the same class as his best friend Yūsaku Kitamura and crush Minori Kushieda.

However, it is then that he unexpectedly knocks into "the school's most dangerous animal of the highest risk level" — Taiga Aisaka — who just happens to also be in his class, and is a good friend of Minori.

/// Toshokan Sensou

In a slightly different timeline than ours, the explosion of information and misinformation came to be considered a direct threat to society. In a daring decision, it was decided to create a new government agency dedicated solely to information management. Some thirty years later, in 2019, the government still monitors and controls information, suppressing anything they find undesirable, but standing against their abuses of power are the libraries, with their special agents called 'the book soldiers'.

/// Trigun

The legendary Vash the Stampede is a gunfighter so ruthless that he has a \$\$60 billion bounty on his head and entire towns evacuate at the rumor of his arrival. Fortunately, the real Vash the Stampede is more heroic - even if he does act like a complete idiot. Couple it with two insurance representatives trying to locate and stop him and you've got a terrific gun slinging comedy!

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