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Bandai Visual USA Premieres
HARUKA: Beyond the Stream of Time
at
Sakura-Con 2008

Torrance, Calif. February 1, 2008 – Bandai Visual USA, is pleased to host the premiere of *HARUKA: Beyond the Stream of Time – A Tale of the Eight Guardians* at Sakura-Con 2008!

In honor of the US premiere, the director of *HARUKA*, Aki Tsunaki, will be a Guest of Honor at Sakura-Con 2008, March 28th-30th, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, WA.

Aki Tsunaki belongs to Yumeta Company, an acclaimed anime production company in Japan. He comes from Kumamoto Prefecture and began his career in the anime industry when he was 20 years old. In addition to directing *HARUKA: Beyond the Stream of Time – A Tale of the Eight Guardians*, he's also involved as animation director in various titles such as: *Go Forward*, *Pokémon the Movie*, *Yu-Gi-Oh* TV and *Initial D*. Sakura-Con is very pleased to host Mr. Tsunaki's first appearance in the United States.

Bandai Visual USA recently announced the release of "*HARUKA: Beyond the Stream of Time – A Tale of the Eight Guardians*" on DVD. "*HARUKA*" is a hit Japanese romance adventure game which has been adapted into an equally popular manga in Japan. The first volume of director Aki Tsunaki's animated version of *HARUKA* is set to hit store shelves April 22, 2008. The manga is now serialized in *SHOJO BEAT* magazine and Vol. 1 of the manga will be in stores April 1, 2008. Both are published by VIZ Media.

Those attending Sakura-Con 2008 have a unique opportunity to see and purchase *HARUKA* before the official DVD release. The first DVD volume will be exclusively available for purchase at Sakura-Con 2008! Don't miss the chance to see it first and meet the Director in person! Details about the premiere screening will be made available at www.sakuracon.org.

For more information on the Haruka DVD release please visit Bandai Visual USA's official website to be made online early this month: www.bandavisual.us/haruka and more information about the *Haruka* manga and Shojō Beat please visit www.shojobeat.com.

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