November 20, 2020 Ichigo Ichigo Animation

VLADLOVE World Premiere with Mamoru Oshii, Junji Nishimura, and the VLADLOVE Production Team on December 28 at United Cinemas Toyosu in LaLaport Toyosu

VLADLOVE Story Overview

Mitsugu Bamba is a high school student with a blood donation obsession, to the point that she feels compelled to visit a local blood bank on a daily basis, earning the ire of an unfriendly nurse.

One day at the blood bank Mitsugu encounters a beautiful girl named Mai who looks like she is from overseas. Mai is so pale that she appears ready to faint. Instead, she suddenly starts smashing equipment. Mai then loses consciousness, and Mitsugu takes her home.

At Mitsugu's home, Mai regains consciousness and drinks the blood (Mitsugu's) that Mitsugu had stored there as part of her obsession. It turns out that Mai comes from a prestigious vampire family. Thus unfolds the first meeting of blood donation-obsessed Mitsugu and the beautiful (and always hungry) vampire Mai. VLADLOVE follows the students at Seijumonji High School in their daily chaotic quest for blood.



Production Team

Executive Director: Mamoru Oshii Director: Junji Nishimura

Screenplay: Mamoru Oshii, Kei Yamamura Sound Director: Kazuhiro Wakabayashi

Music: Kenji Kawai

Character Design: Issei Arakaki Visual Design: Uta Mizuno

Animation: Drive Inc.

Animation Production Cooperation: Production I.G

Cast

Mitsugu Bamba: Ayane Sakura Mai Vlad Transilvania: Rina Hidaka

Chihiro Chimatsuri: Romi Park Maki Watabe: Saori Hayami Jinko Sumida: Yoko Hikasa Nami Unten: Yu Kobayashi

Kaoru Konno: Kanako Takatsuki

Masumi Katsuno: Kenta Miyake Okada: Kaito Ishikawa Kambara: Ryunosuke Watanuki Horita: Taro Kiuchi

Mai's Dad: Hiroshi Iwasaki Mitsugu's Dad: Jouji Nakata

VLADLOVE World Premiere

Place: United Cinemas Toyosu in LaLaport Toyosu

Date: December 28, 2020 Doors Open: 12:30pm

Screening: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Invitation to the World Premiere

Due to Covid, event guests are currently limited to lottery winners from the voice actor event held earlier this year. If Ichigo determines it is safe to increase guest capacity (to be decided by December 18), a lottery will be held to invite additional guests.

Please check the VLADLOVE official website and Twitter for updates.

VLADLOVE Official Website <u>www.ichigo-animation.com/en</u>

VLADLOVE Official Twitter https://twitter.com/VLADLOVE ANIME

Opening Theme Song (Mitsugu Version)

Storyboard/Direction/Key Animation Director: Kenichi Kutsuna

Artist: BlooDye

Song Title: "Where you are"

Lyrics by Daisuke "DAIS" Miyachi and LITTLE

Music composed by Daisuke "DAIS" Miyachi

Arranged by Yuichi Ohno

RAP by LITTLE (KICK THE CAN CREW)



BlooDye is a vocal unit with Kanako Takatsuki, a voice actress and singer who voiced Hanamaru Kunikida in <u>Love Live! Sunshine!!</u>, performed in the 69th NHK Kohaku Uta Gassen as a member of Aqours, and is voicing Kaoru Konno in VLADLOVE, and Karin Isobe, a voice actress/actress who voiced Kogane Tsukioka in <u>THE IDOLM@SHINY COLORS</u> and has performed in plays and musicals. BlooDye, an official VLADLOVE ambassador, will be marking its second anniversary and announcing its new members soon.

VLADLOVE's opening theme song, "Where you are," is produced by Daisuke "DAIS" Miyachi, and the song features verses from rapper, LITTLE (KICK THE CAN CREW).

Opening Theme Song (Mai Version)

Storyboard/Direction: Yujiro Abe

Key Animation Directors: Kazuyo Nakamura, Yoshiyuki Okubo

Artist: LOVEBITES

Song Title: "Winds Of Transylvania"

Lyrics by asami

Music composed by asami & Mao Arranged by LOVEBITES & Mao



LOVEBITES is a Japanese heavy metal band with five female members: Asami as the lead vocalist, Midori on guitar, Miyako on guitar and keyboard, Miho on bass, and Haruna on drums. Formed in Tokyo in 2016, they debuted in May 2017 with "THE LOVEBITES EP." They won the Metal Hammer Golden Gods Award for Best New Band in 2018 awarded by the UK music magazine "Metal Hammer." They have performed at major music festivals around the world and toured across Europe. Their third album "ELECTRIC PENTAGRAM" released in January 2020 ranked ninth on the Japanese Oricon Music chart.

LOVEBITES kicked off their Japan tour in February 2020 and in July released a live performance Blu-ray DVD "FIVE OF A KIND – LIVE IN TOKYO 2020" featuring a live concert performance recorded at Zepp DiverCity, which ranked first on the Oricon Music Blu-ray chart.

LOVEBITES' Japan tour "RIDE FOR VENGEANCE TOUR 2021" is scheduled to begin in January 2021.

Ending Theme Song (Chihiro Version), Japan Release

Direction: Junji Nishimura

Key Animation Director: Issei Arakaki

Artists: alan & Ayasa Song Title: "Akaiame"

Lyrics by Psycho Kawamura Music composed by ZENTA

Ending Theme Song (Ayasa Instrumental Version), Overseas Release

Animation: Uta Mizuno

Artist: Ayasa

Title: "Shingetsu (Instrumental)"
Music composed by Yasuhisa Inoue



alan

Birthday: July 25, 1987 Hometown: Sichuan, China

Blood Type: O

alan sang "River of No Return," the theme song of the 2008-2009 film, <u>Red Cliff</u>, and achieved the highest ranking for a Chinese artist on the Oricon Music chart. She has also recorded other movie theme songs.

Ayasa

Birthday: October 19, 1991 Hometown: Tokyo, Japan

Blood Type: A

Ayasa is a rock violinist who began playing the violin at age three. She is well-known for her YouTube videos where she plays anime songs on the violin.

World Premiere Terms & Conditions

- The event may be cancelled if Covid restrictions on movie theaters or events are issued by the government.
- In the case of a cancellation, the event sponsors are not responsible for refunding any ticketing fees or any other costs.
- Please adhere to the safety guidelines when attending the screening event.
- Please note that there may be changes to the safety guidelines at the event.
- Please adhere to any additional safety measures that are separately requested at the event.

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