

**Introducing the Main Visual of VLADLOVE**  
**by Mamoru Oshii & Junji Nishimura!**  
**Preview Trailer Available on VLADLOVE's YouTube Channel**  
[\*\*\(www.youtube.com/VLADLOVEOFFICIAL\)\*\*](http://www.youtube.com/VLADLOVEOFFICIAL)  
**Special Edition of Episode 1 to be Released on December 18!**



Executive Director Mamoru Oshii ([Ghost in the Shell](#) and [Mobile Police Patlabor](#)) has created a fully-realized world in VLADLOVE that could only be brought to life over the broad arc of a series. His team includes director Junji Nishimura, who worked with Oshii on [Urusei Yatsura](#), music director Kazuhiro Wakabayashi, and music composer Kenji Kawai.

The main visual on the left, being introduced here for the first time, is from VLADLOVE, Oshii's first anime of Japan's Reiwa era. The visual's tagline is "An Explosion of Art!"

This new visual shows the comical side of the main characters, in contrast to the serious tone of the previous key visuals. Oshii hopes that VLADLOVE, his first comedy since [Urusei Yatsura](#), will appeal to a female audience.

#### Comment from Executive Director Mamoru Oshii

I really wanted to write an anime with a "girl meets girl" theme. A story about connections between people. That's why it's about blood. I considered "blood ties" and "friends connected by blood" as themes, but I was serious about writing a story focused centrally on "blood."

And that's why it's also about vampires. Drinking blood is a symbolic act of vampires, and I wanted to write a multifaceted story about blood. Writing about vampires also involves writing about different cultures and non-humans. Beings that are human but not human at the same time. A story about meeting these beings and connecting with them. Stories about blood tend to be dark and gloomy, but I wanted to write a more light-hearted story.

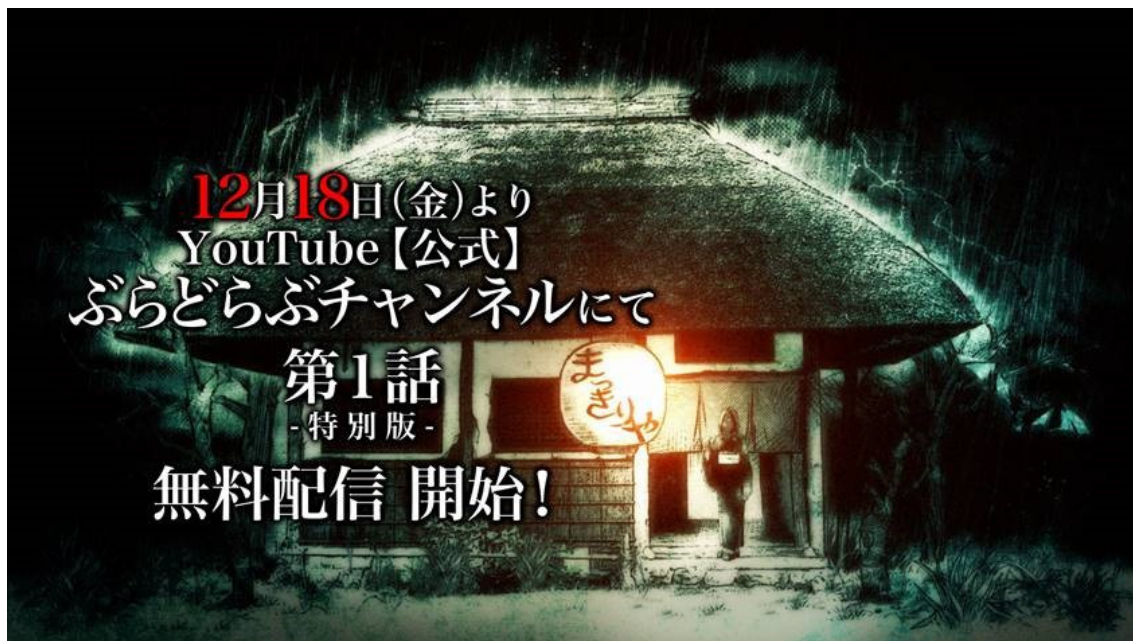
A preview of the series has been released on VLADLOVE's YouTube channel. A special edition of Episode 1 will be available for free on December 18.

**Official VLADLOVE YouTube Channel**

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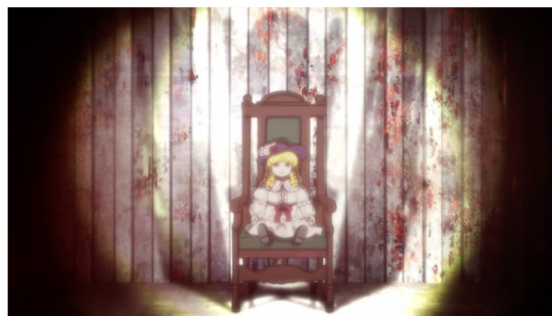
**Preview Trailer**

**<https://youtu.be/xgl4WJbne4o>**



The preview trailer will include previously released images as well as new images that will provide further insight into the series. The trailer will also announce the release of “Episode 1: Special Edition.”

### Sneak Preview from VLADLOVE Episode 1



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## **Story**

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.

## **Production Team**

Executive Director & Screenplay: Mamoru Oshii

Director: Junji Nishimura

Screenplay: Mamoru Oshii, Kei Yamamura

Visual Design: Uta Mizuno

Character Design: Issei Arakaki

Color Design: Hiroko Umezaki

Background Artist: Yasutada Kato

Background Art Director: Kazuhiro Obata

Background Art: smartile

Sound Director: Kazuhiro Wakabayashi

Sound Effects: Kaori Yamada

Sound Production: Take Imaizumi

Sound Work: Production I.G

Music Production: AUBE

Music: Kenji Kawai

Animation: Drive Inc.

Animation Production Cooperation: Production I.G

Creative Production: Comic Animation Inc.

## **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

**Opening Theme Song (Mitsugu Version)****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)

**Opening Theme Song (Mai Version)****Artist: LOVEBITES****Song Title: “Winds Of Transylvania”**

Lyrics by asami

Music composed by asami &amp; Mao

Arranged by LOVEBITES &amp; Mao

**Ending Theme Song (Chihiro Version), Japan Release****Artists: alan & Ayasa****Song Title: “Akaiame”**

Lyrics by Psycho Kawamura

Music composed and arranged by ZENTA

**Ending Theme Song (Ayasa Instrumental Version), Overseas Release****Artist: Ayasa****Title: “Shingetsu (Instrumental)”**

Music composed and arranged by Yasuhisa Inoue

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