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GROUNDBREAKING ANIME FILM TO PREMIERE AT WATERLOO FESTIVAL
Celebrated sci-fi thriller by the creator of *Ghost in the Shell* is the first “3D Live Anime”

WATERLOO, CANADA – The Waterloo Festival for Animated Cinema (WFAC) announced today that Geneon Entertainment’s eagerly anticipated sci-fi anime feature film *Appleseed* will be the opening film of the 2004 Festival.

Set in the year 2131 A.D., a non-nuclear war has left the Earth barren, and Deunan Knute, a female warrior, roams the Badlands, one of the many soldiers who continue to fight, unaware that the war has ended. One day, a mysterious assault force subdues and captures her for unknown reasons. She wakes up in a shining city named Olympus to the voice of an old lover who she had thought was dead. But, there is a dark side to utopia, and soon she is thrust into events that will force her to judge whether Olympus is a dream or a nightmare... and she must face her tortured past, overcome the disorienting present, and battle for the future of humanity.

The film features revolutionary new technology incorporating motion capture and new full 3D CG cel rendering to achieve its relentless, dynamic visuals. The “3D Live Anime” style combines the precision of computer graphics and the soul of cel animation, puppetry, and the meticulous composition and staging of live theatre. The results are truly stunning.

Appleseed will be screening October 27th, 2004 at the Galaxy Cinemas at Conestoga, 550 King Street North, Waterloo, Canada at 17:00 and 19:30. Tickets and festival passes are available online from the festival web site at <http://www.wfac.ca>. The screenings of *Appleseed* are sponsored by Gemini Jetpack.

About the Festival

The Waterloo Festival for Animated Cinema (WFAC) is a film festival dedicated to promote recognition for animation as a legitimate medium for cinema, and to celebrate the power of animation in feature films. Now in its fourth year, WFAC 2004 is running October 27th-30th in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Visit us at <http://www.wfac.ca>.

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