GUNDAM EVOLUTION NOW AVAILABLE ON CONSOLES; SEASON 2 NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL PLATFORMS

Multiplayer Mecha Action Arrives on PlayStation and Xbox

TOKYO, JAPAN (December 1, 2022) – Leading video game developer Bandai Namco Online Inc. and publisher Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. today announced that *GUNDAM EVOLUTION*, the franchise's first-ever free-to-play hero shooter, is now available on PlayStation®5, PlayStation®4, Xbox Series X|S, and Xbox One in North America, Europe and Japan. Additionally, the recently announced *GUNDAM EVOLUTION* Season 2 has officially kicked off and is set to introduce a variety of new features and updates in two half-season intervals.

The launch trailer for the console version of **GUNDAM EVOLUTION**, featuring a second original track remixed by Steve Aoki, is available at: https://youtu.be/F0M7vmwJhFY.

The first Season 2 update is now available, and includes the following:

- Addition of the new unit Nu Gundam
- New Destruction rule "Colony Trading Post" map
- 170 new custom items for the Season 2 Mobius update
- Ability to change one's player name
- New custom match functionalities (PC version only. Console version under development)
 - Spectator Mode
 - Coaching Function
 - o Time Out Function
 - o Room ID Change Function
- Ranked match adjustments (various changes to rating and matchmaking systems)
- Distribution of season Title rewards
- Unit Pack Mobius item set (contents are as follows)
 - New unit Nu Gundam
 - Nu Gundam unit skin: Another Code
 - o Nu Gundam weapon skin: Another Code
 - o Amuro Ray (CCA) Ver. 2 portrait
- Additional MP exchange-only items
 - o Pale Rider (Space Design)
 - o Gundam Barbatos (Second Form)
- Events commemorating the console version launch
 - Event period: duration of Season 2
 - And more (please see the official website for more details)
- Additional service areas for the PC version
 - India, Vietnam, Turkey, Israel, Ukraine, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic
- Balance patches for each unit
- Stabilization of network environment and improved convenience of re-matching
- Renewal of present boxes

Various campaigns will continue to be implemented throughout Season 2 so that players can enjoy *GUNDAM EVOLUTION* during the holiday season.

The Season 2 update is themed around the anime film "Mobile Suit Gundam: Char's Counterattack," and details can be found in a top-secret Mission Briefing accessible at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmP-xG3yryg. Meanwhile, a trailer spotlighting the theme of Season 2, Mobius, can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rVox2X908M.

GUNDAM EVOLUTION is a free-to-play team-based first-person shooter featuring 6v6 PvP combat with playable mobile suits from across the Gundam universe. The game offers three objective-based game modes: Point Capture, Domination and Destruction. The title presents a unique set of challenges that requires teams to craft and execute formidable offensive and defensive strategies to emerge victorious.

GUNDAM EVOLUTION is now available for PC via STEAM® in parts of North America, Europe, Asia, and Japan. Service areas for the PlayStation 5, PlayStation 4, Xbox Series X|S, and Xbox One are listed on the official website (https://gundamevolution.com/).

For more information about *GUNDAM EVOLUTION*, please visit the official website at <u>GUNDAMEVOLUTION.COM</u>, or join the conversation on Twitter at https://twitter.com/gundamevolution.

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About Bandai Namco Online Inc.

"Online games from Japan to the world"

Bandai Namco Online Inc. is a rapidly growing company within the Bandai Namco Group that specializes in the online game business, with a full range of functions from development and operation to publishing. Our company continues to develop a variety of contents and services for all devices, including the team shooter GUNDAM EVOLUTION, the online action RPG BLUE PROTOCOL, and our original IP IDOLiSH7.

Upholding our slogan, "Online games from Japan to the world," we are committed to challenging ourselves to create online games with a unique Japanese twist. While focusing on the production of online games, we will continue to collaborate with other companies both within and outside of the Bandai Namco Group in order to develop a wide variety of entertainment that goes beyond games.

About Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc.

Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc., part of the Bandai Namco Group, is a leading global publisher and developer of interactive entertainment for major video game consoles, PC, online, and mobile platforms. The company is known for creating many of the industry's beloved classic franchises such as PAC-MAN®, GALAGA®, TEKKEN®, SOULCALIBUR®, and ACE COMBAT®, and publishing the critically acclaimed DARK SOULS™ series and the blockbuster title ELDEN RING™. Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is also the premier publisher in the Western hemisphere for anime-based video games including GUNDAM™, NARUTO SHIPPUDEN™, DRAGON BALL™, and ONE PIECE®. Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. is headquartered in Irvine, California. More information about the company and its products can be found at http://www.bandainamcoent.com.

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Sunrise Inc. is a Japanese animation studio founded in September 1972 world renown for its revolutionary "mecha anime" and spearheading the global franchise GUNDAM. The original 1979 Mobile Suit Gundam anime series was made in collaboration with Gundam's director Yoshiyuki Tomino, animator Yoshikazu Yasuhiko, and mechanical designer Kunio Okawara. Partnered with Bandai Namco, Gundam has since become one of the most recognizable Japanese brands worldwide with its myriad of entries, rich storytelling and thematics, breathtaking animation, and model kit empire. Sunrise has also garnered acclaim with such works as Shinichiro Watanabe's Cowboy Bebop, City Hunter, Dirty Pair, Sgt.Frog, Gin Tama, Inuyasha, Tiger & Bunny, and the popular Love Live! idol franchise. Over a span of over forty years, Sunrise has created a broad range of visual products, starting with animations, and many of which have been completely original creations and has also created numerous adaptations of acclaimed light novels including Crest of the Stars, Dirty Pair, Horizon in the Middle of Nowhere and Accel World, and manga such as City Hunter, Inuyasha, Outlaw Star, Yakitate!! Japan, Planetes, Sgt. Frog, Gin Tama, and Kekkaishi. More information about the company and its products can be found at https://www.sunrise-inc.co.jp/international/

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