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French Artistic Educational Anime “Little Malabar” makes its Japan Debut!

ABC ANIMATION,INC. (CEO: Yoshifumi Mori), a subsidiary of Asahi Broadcasting Group Holdings Corporation (President & CEO: Masayuki Nishide), in collaboration with ODESSA ENTERTAINMENT Co.,LTD (President: Koji Hoshino), will begin the Japanese deployment of the French educational anime series Little Malabar.

Little Malabar is a leading educational anime series from France. Including France, it is distributed in over 30 countries and regions in 22 languages.

To date, a total of 52 episodes have been developed across Season 1 & Season 2 (26 episodes each). Each episode is a short, accessible 4-minute animation in which the protagonist, Malabar, happily explores and learns about the planets of the solar system and the wonders of the universe.



While the series is primarily popular among children ranging from preschoolers (ages 3–6) to middle school students interested in space, its art style—characterized by soft lines and vivid colors—possesses a unique charm that captivates adults as well, earning it high acclaim.

■ Distribution Starts January 10, 2026 on Netflix, Prime Video and U-NEXT in Japan

The Japanese dubbed version of Little Malabar is confirmed for streaming on Netflix, Prime Video, and U-NEXT starting January 10, 2026. Through this simultaneous release on these three major OTTs, the series will be easily delivered to the family households. As it's said "educational content that is safe to show children," Little Malabar is gathering attention from education-conscious parents, both from the perspective of early childhood education and to cultivate artistic sensibility of the children.

■ Voice Actor : Konomi Kohara as “Little Malabar”



Popular voice actor Konomi Kohara, known for roles such as *Chika Fujiwara* in *Kaguya-sama: Love Is War* and *Hagoromo Lala/Cure Milky* in *Star Twinkle PreCure*, has been cast as the protagonist, Little Malabar. Ms. Kohara has been interested in astronomy since childhood and even has experience compiling research on the solar system for independent study projects.

Comment from Konomi Kohara:

"I have loved stars and the solar system since I was small, so I was truly happy to encounter Malabar and enjoyed performing in every episode. Malabar is a kind child who is full of curiosity and loves not only stars but animals as well. To spend each day happily, he cherishes his desire to 'know!' and connects his heart with the stars. I hope this work will interest children in space or serve as a catalyst for that interest. Let's go on a space expedition together! ♪ Please support Little Malabar!"



■Future Developments

A book adaptation of Little Malabar is also decided for publication in 2026. Opportunities for parents and children to enjoy the "excitement of space" from both directions—anime and books—will expand. Going forward, we are planning various developments such as workshops and screenings to deliver the charm of this work to even more families.

■Company Information

ABC ANIMATION,INC. [Shinjuku 2-1-12, PMO Shinjuku Gyoenmae 4F, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo]

A 100% subsidiary of Asahi Broadcasting Group Holdings Corporation. It is a company that handles the planning and production of TV and theatrical animation, as well as content business development. It is responsible for the animation business of the group, managing content business expansions derived from works, such as video gram sales, overseas sales, merchandise, and events.

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A group company of Chuo Eiga Boeki Co., Ltd., which was established in 1952 for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and cultural exchange with foreign countries through film. Odessa Entertainment's business centers on DVD planning, production, and sales; film production and theatrical distribution; and the distribution of in-house works and entrusted works from external content holders to various streaming platforms.

- President: Koji Hoshino
- Establishment: July 2010
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