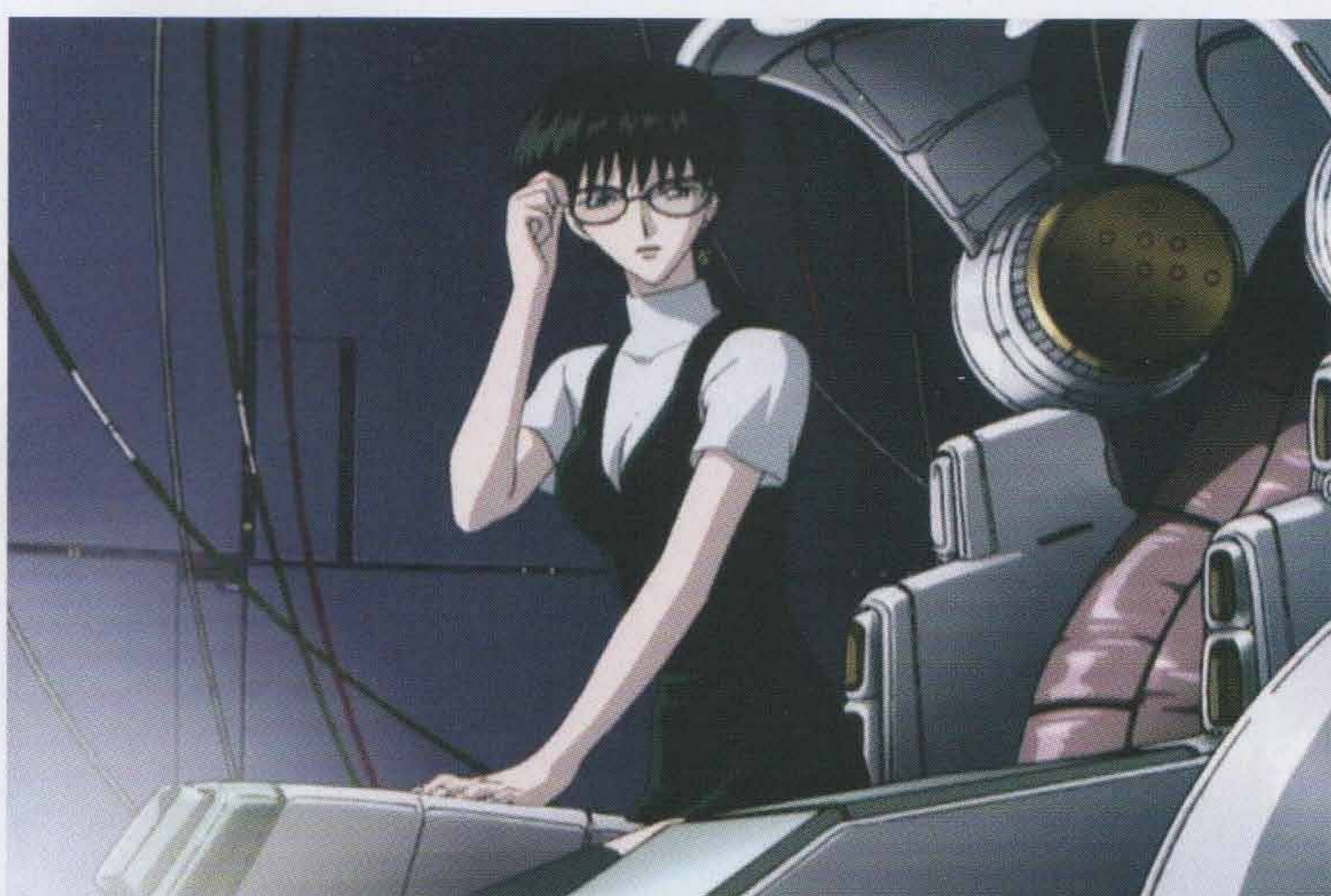


AVAILABLE: Now
 LABEL: Geneon
 CERTIFICATE: 13+
 NO. OF DISCS: 5 Discs
 RETAIL PRICE: \$124.99
 RUNNING TIME: 620 mins

DVD EXTRAS

Along with the animation, the audio has been remastered in both English and Japanese. As well as interviews, a bonus OVA and concept art, the five disc set covers in a plush leather case and contains an extra booklet looking at the characters and locations used in the series.



X Remix Collector's Edition

You've probably seen the movie of the same name, based on the ultra-violent manga by CLAMP, but did you know X was also animated into a full TV series?

The end of the world is coming and the fate of Tokyo will reflect upon the world itself. The Dreamseer Hinoto assembles the seven Dragons of Heaven while her sister, Kanoe, summons the Dragons of Earth, and each faction will do battle using their innate magics and supernatural abilities. In the middle of this is Kamui, the chosen one, whose choice will determine the very course of the future. Swearing to protect his childhood friends, Fuuma and Kotori, he joins the battle but ends up facing his worst nightmare.

The animation is gorgeous and accompanied by a powerful soundtrack and a stellar cast of voice actors. Yet it's also violent and bloody with plenty of character development and a driven story. A brilliant adaptation.

LESLEY SMITH

NEO VERDICT

Intense and violent, X is a rollercoaster ride to the end of the world.

FILM

DVD EXTRAS

★★★★★

★★★

CHANCE OF RELEASE: LOW

The series is so old now we can't help but think its chances of release are slim.



AVAILABLE: Now
 LABEL: Geneon
 CERTIFICATE: 13+
 NO. OF DISCS: 5 Discs
 RETAIL PRICE: \$59.99
 RUNNING TIME: 650 mins

DVD EXTRAS

As well as the usual Japanese and English audio and subtitles, there are a host of extras spread over the five discs as well as reversible covers, postcards and even a birthday card. As well as the standard opening and ending themes, there are galleries, trailers for the series, a music video, concept art and a special shot episode.



Kaoru Hanabishi's life is perfectly normal until the day he helps a woman in a kimono with a broken sandal strap. Aoi Sakuraba is searching for the man she pledged to marry as a child, and little do the pair know they bound together by the red string of fate itself. Soon Kaoru finds himself living in a mansion surrounded by attractive girls, but he must keep his relationship with Aoi a secret from her family and friends.

Ai Yori Aoshi seems like a straight forward romantic comedy and can easily be compared to Love Hina. It is funny but, at times, tackles serious emotions. Kaoru and Aoi are the heart of the series but the episodes also take time to look into the lives of his housemates, Tina, Taeko, Chika, Mayu and Miyabi. Beautifully animated with a distinctly Japanese flavour, it's a series well worth watching.

LESLEY SMITH

CHANCE OF RELEASE: MEDIUM

TOKYOPOP's release of this manga means that the series could still see a release in the UK.



NEO VERDICT

Quintessentially Japanese, funny and heart-felt, Ai Yori Aoshi is a classic.

FILM

DVD EXTRAS

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