
Subject: 21st Year of Watching Anime

Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Sun, 03 Jan 2016 19:27:17 GMT

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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

2016 starts my 21st year of watching anime. Time and life flies by. What was I watching 20 years ago?

"Meitantei Conan", "Lupin III TV", "Urusei Yatsura"...

What am I watching today?

"Meitantei Conan". "Lupin III (2015)", the Urusei Yatsura Blu-Ray discs...

"Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"...

Okay, maybe not quite 100%. So what else was I watching or trying out back then? (Thanks in great part to my Japanese friend's subscription at the time to the Japanese "Kids Channel" which was re-broadcasting so many old anime TV series and OAVs.)

"Fushigi Yuugi" TV + OAVs

"Battle Skipper"

"Dragon Ball GT" and "Dragon Ball Z"

"Cutey Honey Flash"

"Idol Eriko"

"Ruroni Kenshin"

"Crayon Shinchan"

"Flame of Recca"

"Kochira Katsushika-ku Kamearikouen-mae Hashutsujo"

"Ge Ge Ge no Kitaro"

"Jungle no Ouja Taachan"

"You're Under Arrest" TV + OAV

"Tenchi Muyo" OAV1 + TV1

“Son Goku”

“Dragon Quest”

“Yawara”

“Master Mosquiton” OAV

“NG Seishi Rumness & 40”

“Sasuga no Sarutobi”

“H2”

“Osomatsu-kun” TV2

“Gokinjo Monogatari”

“Nintama Rantarū”

“Rakushou! Hyper Doll”

“El Hazard – The Magnificent World” OAV

“Mikan Enikki”

“Maison Ikkoku”

Which of those have I re-watched in recent years (in addition to the UY discs)?
Only “El Hazard – The Magnificent World” OAV, which remains one of my all time favourite anime stories.

Dave Baranyi

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Nick Roberts](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2016 14:07:56 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

In message <ABFA5CCB-953A-488D-963B-E34B8014DD77%anthony.baranyi@bell.net>
Dave Baranyi <anthony.baranyi@bell.net> wrote:

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I concur again.

As we seem to have a degree of commonality of tastes, perhaps I should
revisit Conan 8-)

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Nick Roberts tigger @ orpheusinternet.co.uk

Hanlon's Razor: Never attribute to malice that which
can be adequately explained by stupidity.
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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2016 22:10:48 GMT
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Nick Roberts <tigger@orpheusinternet.co.uk> wrote:

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Meitantei Conan is an acquired taste of sorts. You have to appreciate that it is outwardly aimed at grade school-aged kids and deliberately goes out of its way to try to teach younger viewers logical thinking patterns. At the same time it has always appealed to young women/young mothers with the on-going romances and all of the gossipy class-conscious cases. Over the run of the series the advertisements have always aimed for kids during the first half of an episode and women during the second half of the episode.

The reasonably consistent quality of the mysteries is an added bonus, as are the characters. I suspect most long time viewers of the series are like me and find the "comfort" in the characters and their behaviours to be one of the most attractive parts of the series.

And as the movies and the semi-annual conflicts with the Black Gang show, the series can do action quite well when the situation calls for it.

So yes, the series has been going on too long and the author (and many long time fans, LOL) might die before it finishes, but it continues to provide good, solid entertainment, year in and year out, in an industry which too often attempts to only pander to the lowest common denominator.

Dave Baranyi

Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Tank](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2016 21:41:35 GMT
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- Ranma 1/2
- Tenchi Muyo (Tenchi Universe TV series)
- El Hazard: The Wanderers (TV series)
- Gunbuster
- Gunsmith Cats

Early fansubs would have been:

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- Fushigi Yugi
- Nurse Angel Ririka SOS

--Edwin E.

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Thu, 07 Jan 2016 00:43:16 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

Tank <no_Tank_spam_252ca@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Yeah, I remember watching "Wings of Mayonnaise" on cable in those days too.
(LOL)

You can tell that I wasn't as impressed by "Wings" as a lot of other fans, but then, I blame it reading Analog for decades and also a personal long term disinterest in melodrama, which tended to be present in so many "serious" anime movies in those days. That's where UY and in particular "Beautiful Dreamer" was such a gale of fresh air for me.

It's quite possible that if I didn't discover the UY movies and TV series in early 96 I might not have become an anime fan at all.

Thanks for the comments -

Dave Baranyi

BTW - I also seem to remember discovering CServe's Anime Forum around the same time as you. Up until then I was mainly active in various anime mailing lists. It was in one of those where I stumbled upon the request to trade tapes from a girl in Japan, who ended up becoming the friend with whom I ended up trading

over a thousand tapes of North American TV shows for various anime over a six year period.

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime

Posted by [Sea Wasp \(Ryk E. Spoo\)](#) on Thu, 07 Jan 2016 04:56:30 GMT

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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On 1/6/16 4:41 PM, Tank wrote:

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime

Posted by [GeoffC](#) on Thu, 07 Jan 2016 09:48:41 GMT

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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On 07/01/2016 04:56, Sea Wasp (Ryk E. Spoor) wrote:

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I was instantly hooked as a fan of this exotic medium. Soon after this, "Akira" got a video release in the UK. Hard to believe that I've been watching anime for 25 years. Back then one could only get anime as dubbed releases or hard-to-get fansubs.

Now anime is cheaper in real terms than it was back then (or free to the more flexibly-minded) and available at the touch of a few buttons. A shame that it's hard to rouse more than a dim flicker of enthusiasm for the recent output.

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime

Posted by [Stainless Steel Rat](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2016 00:19:05 GMT

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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On Wed, 06 Jan 2016 23:56:30 -0500, Sea Wasp (Ryk E. Spoor) wrote:

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime

Posted by [Gerardo Campos](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2016 04:40:42 GMT

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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On 01/07/2016 06:19 PM, Stainless Steel Rat wrote:

> On Wed, 06 Jan 2016 23:56:30 -0500, Sea Wasp (Ryk E. Spoor) wrote:

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Knight, Heidi, Marco, Perrine

Then it was notable the difference of animation techniques when comparing Japanese cartoons vs US limited animation shows like Felix the Cat, Underdog or the Road Runner.

Also, it was hard of not notice all the Japanese text, names and landmarks appearing in shows like Skyers 5, Comet-san and Astroboy, I liked how those names sounded: Yukino, Tsukuba, Koji, Takeshi

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Saludos

Gerardo Campos

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Tank](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2016 15:39:25 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On Thu, 07 Jan 2016 09:48:41 +0000, GeoffC <info@sandg-anime-reviews.net> wrote:

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> Police" as well. Jaws dropped at a screening of Urotsukidoji" (it was
> very popular) :-).

Ah, how could I forget Dominion Tank Police! I still have the tapes. Just the first 2 as I recall. Couldn't get the 3rd one for some reason. I have some older shows, but they were acquired used from Jumbo Video when they closed down so I obtained them much later. I didn't want to include any anime that I had seen when I was younger as I treated them the same as other Saturday morning cartoons. It wasn't really until Dragonball and those Space Channel movies came along that I got bitten by the 'anime' bug.

--Edwin E.

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Stainless Steel Rat](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2016 17:07:47 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On Thu, 07 Jan 2016 22:40:42 -0600, Gerardo Campos wrote:

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Kirk James](#) on Sat, 09 Jan 2016 19:09:51 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On 1/8/2016 11:07 AM, Stainless Steel Rat wrote:

> On Thu, 07 Jan 2016 22:40:42 -0600, Gerardo Campos wrote:

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Sat, 09 Jan 2016 20:26:52 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

Kirk James <dev60@isp.com> wrote:

> On 1/8/2016 11:07 AM, Stainless Steel Rat wrote:
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Dave Baranyi

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime
Posted by [Gerardo Campos](#) on Sun, 10 Jan 2016 04:35:10 GMT
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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On 01/09/2016 01:09 PM, Kirk James wrote:
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> oxy-gum.

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For some reason, I always remember the Spanish opening song for Skyers 5
(Agente S-5) (Por la justicia, siempre lucha, el agente ese 5)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TW04isaCnQ>

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Saludos

Gerardo Campos

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Subject: Re: 21st Year of Watching Anime

Posted by [Stainless Steel Rat](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 2016 02:59:08 GMT

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From Newsgroup: rec.arts.anime.misc

On Sat, 09 Jan 2016 20:26:52 +0000, Dave Baranyi wrote:

> So you guys had anime to watch when you were little kids. I had Kukla,

We had very Americanized anime when we were little kids. :)

> Fran, and Ollie (but not Howdy Doody because he scared the hell out of
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We had those, too, along with a slew of Sid & Marty Kroft puppet shows.

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