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**Naoshi Arakawa, creator of *Your Lie in April*, to Attend  
Anime Expo 2016 on July 1-4 as Guest of Honor**

**April 6, 2016—San Francisco, CA—**[Kodansha Comics](#) announced today that **Naoshi Arakawa**, creator of the critically acclaimed manga about the struggles of a teen piano prodigy, [Your Lie in April](#), will be attending this year's [Anime Expo](#) in Los Angeles on July 1-4 as an official Guest of Honor.

This marks the first time Arakawa, who resides in Japan, will be making a Stateside appearance in person. With more details to follow, Arakawa's activities at Anime Expo so far are to include a Q&A panel, media interviews, and fan autograph sessions. A schedule will be announced shortly.

Arakawa's visit comes on the strength of the growing popularity in North America of *Your Lie in April*, which is published by Kodansha Comics and recently made the list of "[2016 Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#)" announced by the Young Adult Library Services Association (a division of the American Library Association). In Japan, *Your Lie in April* won the Shonen Category of the 37th Kodansha Manga Awards and was singled out by global bestselling artist Eiichiro Oda (creator of *One Piece*) as "the manga I'm most jealous of." *Your Lie in April* has been adapted into [a hit anime series](#) (available from Aniplex of America) that was voted 1st place for the SUGOI Japan Award 2016 by Japanese fans. A live-action film is forthcoming in Japan later this year.

Arakawa's appearance at Anime Expo was first announced in Japanese, in the print issue of *Monthly Shonen Magazine* released on April 6. In that issue, it was also announced that Arakawa would be debuting a brand-new series, titled *Sayonara Watashi no Cramer*, in the June issue of *Monthly Shonen Magazine*, on May 6.

***About Naoshi Arakawa***

*Naoshi Arakawa made his debut as a manga artist in 2007 with Tsumetai Kousha no Toki wa Tomaru (The Time Stops on a Frozen Campus), a manga adaptation of the mystery novel by Mizuki Tsujimura. After his original soccer series, Sayonara Football, he started his most renowned work, Your Lie in April in 2011. The series about the lives of young and talented classical musicians won the Kodansha Manga Award in 2013. It was adapted into an anime series in 2014 and will be a live-action movie in 2016. He is currently preparing to launch a brand new series in Monthly Shonen Magazine.*

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***About Kodansha Comics***

*Established in 2008, Kodansha Comics is the U.S.-based manga imprint of Kodansha Ltd., Japan's leading publishing house, headquartered in Tokyo. Since its inception, Kodansha Comics has released such classics as Naoko Takeuchi's Sailor Moon, Katsuhiro Otomo's Akira, Shirow Masamune's The Ghost in the Shell, and the latest #1 comics phenomenon in the world, the postapocalyptic thriller Attack on Titan. Kodansha's U.S. subsidiaries include Kodansha USA Publishing, based in New York, and its digital distribution arm, Kodansha Advanced Media, based in San Francisco. **More at [kodanshacomics.com](http://kodanshacomics.com).***