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DerMensch24 - September 20, 2016, 7:48 pm

Aoki Hagane no Arpeggio: Ars Nova

Synopsis (Courtesy of MAL):

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) By 2039, global warming had caused sea levels to rise and large amount of territory to be lost. As though in response, a mysterious group of warships clad in mist, "the Fleet of Mist," appeared in every corner of the ocean, and began attacking human ships. In spite of humanity mustering all their strength, they were utterly defeated by the Mist's overwhelming force. All of humanity's trade routes were blockaded by the Fleet of Mist, their political economy was destroyed, and the human race was steadily beaten down. Seven years later, the Fleet of Mist's submarine I-401 appears before cadet Gunzo Chihaya. The humanoid life form that pilots the sub, who should be their enemy, is instead offering her services to mankind.

Season(s): 1 -> 12 eps + 1 film (technically a recap although apparently has 40 min of extra material/ties up loose ends)

Genre(s): Action, Sci-Fi, Seinen

Aired: Oct 8, 2013 - Dec 24, 2013

Source: https://myanimelist.net/anime/18893/Aoki_Hagane_no_Arpeggio_Ars_Nova

Sub/Dub: Not sure if a dub exists, the sub was alright.

Trailer (only one I could find that was decent):

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) [Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFEhFR8g9Vc>]

This is an anime I watched a few years ago when it came out and decided to make a discussion thread seeing as I could not find any prior existing ones. Aoki Hagane no Arpeggio: Ars Nova (or Arpeggio of Blue Steel in English) places the viewer within a military/sci-fi anime. The anime therefore stresses the importance of strategy throughout and presents some very interesting battles, and occasionally touches on more personal topics, yet still fuses in sci-fi structure. However the plot is lacking, as there is a fastened pace, some incomplete conspiracies, and especially has little character development. This is most noticeable in the main protagonist (considered to be the best tactician in the series) with whom we only know a handful of information about and his motivation.

Sound was done fairly well, and the OPs were pleasant to listen to. For an anime that deals with CG its actually a decent watch and the action is done well. The characters are decent, however as stated above there is quite a lack with the development. It is also noticeable that eventually further into the anime that the main group of characters represents a harem with there being the MC, one other dude and the rest all female. Nevertheless, this was still a decent watch and I'd recommend it for anyone seeking an average sci-fi in their spare time. ;)

Mafty Navue Erin - September 20, 2016, 9:07 pm

It looks a bit of the mediocre side and the CG is off-putting, but nonetheless I added it to my watch it.

DerMensch24 - September 20, 2016, 9:19 pm

(Sep 20, 2016 09:07 PM)Faulkner Wrote: [CITE](#) It looks a bit of the mediocre side and the CG is off-putting, but nonetheless I added it to my watch it.

Its an average watch, the only good highlights were probably the action scenes. CG was decent, not great but watchable.

severos - September 21, 2016, 9:40 pm

It's nice anime to watch if you're looking for a small break from whatever genre you're watching. Usually I rewatch many anime series, but I don't think this anime is rewatchable, not that it's bad, but not too good to rewatch. Except for the OP song, no idea why I took a liking to it <.<

Aura - September 22, 2016, 1:43 pm

I watched 1 episode because the opening was nice, but the art style threw me off and I said fuck it. Not watching it.

Black Hole - September 22, 2016, 1:52 pm

This is like a guilty little pleasure anime of mine. Like, its not super good in any particular region, but I still really enjoyed the anime in its entirety. Not sure why I like it so much, but I recommend giving it a watch.