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Gundam Forward Vol. 20 stays true to its mission of bringing you the cutting edge of the *Gundam* universe. From the latest franchise news to pro-tier Gunpla building techniques, we deliver the must-see content and deep-dive insights fans crave.

This issue's headliner is the 10th anniversary of *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans*. Anchored by the all-new MG *Gundam Barbatos Lupus*, our coverage is a triple threat spanning the original TV series, *Urdr-Hunt*, and *MSV*—jam-packed with everything from out-of-box kit reviews to full-on scratch builds.

We also kick things off with a special feature on the highly anticipated film, *Mobile Suit Gundam: Hathaway – The Sorcery of the Nymph Circe*, just ahead of its theatrical release.

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Mobile Suit Gundam: Hathaway – The Sorcery of the Nymph Circe

in theaters nationwide (426 theaters) starting Friday, January 30!

Four years after the previous installment took the world by storm, the saga continues with the latest chapter: *Mobile Suit Gundam: Hathaway – The Sorcery of the Nymph Circe*, hitting theaters nationwide on Friday, January 30.

Based on Yoshiyuki Tomino's 1989 novel, this film brings his gritty, profound narrative to life with breathtaking, top-tier cinematography. While the first film focused on the fateful meeting between Hathaway Noa, Gigi Andalucia, and Kenneth Sleg, fans are eager to see how their complex dynamic—and the lives of those around them—will evolve in this high-stakes sequel.

With the premiere just around the corner, we're bringing you an exclusive sneak peek featuring trailer stills and special comments from the main cast.

Official Website: <https://gundam-official.com/hathaway/>
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▲ A battle-scarred Penelope. It has been decoupled into the Odysseus Gundam and the FF Unit, likely for maintenance—a rare sight we didn't get to see in the previous film.

STORY

U.C. 0105—Twelve years after the dust settled on Char's Counterattack.

The Earth Federation Government continues to tighten its tyrannical grip on humanity. In defiance, an anti-Federation organization known as "Maffy" has launched a campaign of resistance, striking at the heart of the regime through the targeted assassination of high-ranking officials. The man leading this insurgency is Hathaway Noa—son of the legendary Bright Noa, who once fought alongside Amuro Ray in the One Year War.

As Hathaway prepares for a high-stakes raid on the Adelaide Conference, he finds himself haunted by the enigmatic Gigi Andalucia, whose mysterious, preternatural intuition stirs up ghosts from his past. Despite being unsettled by her presence, he remains committed to Maffy's mission.

Meanwhile, Federation Colonel Kenneth Sleg finalizes his strategies to defend the conference and annihilate Maffy. Amidst his preparations, he is approached by Hundley Yeaxam of the Criminal Police Agency with a clandestine proposal. As Hathaway and Kenneth each move toward their own ends, Gigi sets out for Hong Kong to fulfill her own role in the unfolding conflict.

Gigi Andalucia



▲ An enigmatic young woman whom Hathaway met during his descent to Earth on the Haunzen. Possessing an uncanny, almost prophetic intuition, her presence acts as a powerful catalyst that drastically alters the course of Hathaway's destiny.

Kenneth Sleg



▲ A Colonel in the Earth Federation Forces who, like Gigi, first encountered Hathaway aboard the Haunzen. As the commanding officer of the Circe Unit—a task force dedicated to hunting and neutralizing Maffy—Kenneth begins to suspect that Hathaway and the insurgent leader might be one and the same.



● **Hathaway Noa**

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Behind his facade as a botanical inspector, Hathaway leads the anti-Federation insurgent group "Maffy" under the alias Maffy Naveu Erin. While orchestrating high-stakes strikes against government officials, he also takes the front lines as the pilot of the cutting-edge Mobile Suit, the Ξ (Xi) Gundam.

Mobile Suit Gundam: Hathaway – The Sorcery of the Nymph Circe is almost here. In this film, Kelia's relationship with Hathaway begins to undergo a subtle shift. I approached the recording wanting to express her inner conflict—how she wavers while watching the path she chooses, and how she eventually finds her own way. Please look forward to the release!

CAST COMMENT

Kensho Ono (Hathaway Noa)



"Everything is insane." A man who questions the world, Hathaway struggles in solitude with the weight of his own questions: What is justice? What am I fighting for? Amidst that internal conflict, Gigi's presence continues to grow, becoming an unstoppable force. Is it the world that's gone mad, or is it something else? Please look forward to the premiere.

Soma Saito (Lane Aim)



I've been dying to voice Lane again, and I'm sure he was just as desperate for a chance to settle the score with Hathaway. We poured all of our youthful energy and passion into these performances. The visuals were already breathtaking during the recording stage, so I can't wait to see the finished product. Please experience it for yourselves in theaters!

Saori Hayami (Kelia Dace)



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CAST COMMENT

Reina Ueda (Gigi Andalucia)



I often wonder if she even realizes that she is the one who holds the fate of the battle in her hands. There are lines where she seems to be playfully rolling every syllable of the name "Hathaway Noa" off her tongue, but I hope to also convey her more serious side—the way she truly worries and thinks deeply.

Kenjiro Tsuda (Gawman Nobil)



The wait is over! *Mobile Suit Gundam: Hathaway* Chapter 2 is finally making its debut. Ever since the first film, I've been constantly asked, "When is the next one?" Each time, I tell fans, "Please wait for it—it will return with the quality you expect." And now... it's back! And the quality is exactly what we promised. Enjoy!

Hiroshi Shirokuma (Brinks Wedge)



Despite his eccentric, "at-his-own-pace" lifestyle—often seen running around half-naked—Brinks actually has a pretty sharp handle on the situation. He's a character whose way of life I genuinely admire. I hope you enjoy the contrast between his relaxed attitude and his more serious moments. *Gundam* fans are known for dissecting every second of a film to find their favorite details, so I hope you'll watch it again and again to find your own personal highlights.

Junichi Suwabe (Kenneth Sleg)



Thank you so much for your patience. I've been waiting for this moment just as eagerly as all of you. *Hathaway* Chapter 2 is finally here! The trailer, with its escalating tension, is enough to give anyone goosebumps. The story of these characters, tossed about by the whims of fate, takes a major step forward. Don't miss it!

Shunsuke Takeuchi (Iram Masam)



I'm thrilled to be able to bring the world of *Hathaway* to you all once again. During the recording sessions, I had the chance to dive deeper into Iram's character, and... things are getting quite interesting. The unique dialogue, the specific phrasing, and the world-building of this series are truly captivating. In this installment, I feel the "timing" and "silences" are particularly well-executed. This is a cinematic experience you can only get from *Hathaway*.



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Iron-Blooded Orphans

10th Anniversary



The Iron Flower That Never Withers

Since its TV debut in 2015, *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans* (*IBO*) has reached its landmark 10th anniversary in 2025. The biggest highlight of this celebration was undoubtedly the theatrical release on October 31, 2025, featuring the special compilation film *Urdr-Hunt –Path of the Little Challenger–*, alongside the all-new 10th-anniversary short, *Wedge of Interposition*. We're sure many of you have already witnessed it—a truly satisfying tribute worthy of a decade-long legacy.

On the gunpla front, the hype is equally high. The MG *Gundam Barbatus Lupus* has finally joined the Master Grade lineup as the third core release of the series (excluding expansion sets). Furthermore, fans were thrilled by the first-ever kit releases from *Urdr-Hunt* in the HG series: the *Monkey Rodi* (598's Unit) and the *Gundam Zagan*.

In this, our second dedicated *IBO* feature, we retrace the path the series has walked over the past ten years. Our coverage spans the original TV series, the transition of *Urdr-Hunt* from the *IBO G* mobile app to the big screen, and the deep-lore world-building of *IBO MSV*. From comprehensive kit reviews to high-end scratch builds, we invite you to immerse yourself in the world of *Iron-Blooded Orphans* through the lens of these incredible models.

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A decade of *IBO* captured in one stunning visual! This 10th-anniversary key visual features a brand-new illustration by character designer Michinori Chiba. The composition spotlights Mikazuki Augus, who was always at the vanguard of every battle, alongside Orga Itsuka, the leader who carried the weight of everyone's hopes. The single blossom held by Mikazuki serves as a poignant metaphor for Tekkadan itself. Another highlight you can't afford to miss is the appearance of Wistario Afam from *Urdr-Hunt* in the background, bridging the legacy of the series.



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A quick primer

Mobile Suit Gundam Iron-Blooded Orphans

IRON-BLOODED ORPHANS. MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM

To kick off this feature, we'll be covering the essential lore and background info you'll need to fully immerse yourself in the world of *Iron-Blooded Orphans*. We'll also be introducing the brand-new Mobile Suits that made their debut in the 10th-anniversary short film, *Wedge of Interposition*.



WORLD GUIDE

The Calamity War

A massive conflict between humanity and machines that erupted approximately 300 years ago, triggered by the rampaging of Mobile Armor. The war was devastating, claiming nearly 25% of the global population and pushing human civilization and technology to the brink of collapse. To counter the Mobile Armor threat, Mobile Suits were deployed. Guided by Agnika Kaieru and the founders of what would become the Seven Stars, humanity successfully eradicated the Mobile Armor and brought the Calamity War to an end.



Gjallarhorn & The Four Economic Blocs

A global peacekeeping organization established by Agnika Kaieru and the ancestors of the Seven Stars. The Calamity War officially ended with their "Vingolf Declaration," ushering in the new Post Disaster (P.D.) era. The world is divided and ruled by four major economic blocs: Arbrau, the SAU, the African Union, and the Oceanian Federation. Outer regions like Mars and Jupiter are designated as "Outer Spheres" and fall under the jurisdiction of these blocs.



Tekkadan



Mikazuki Augus

A boy belonging to Tekkadan. While easygoing and rarely bothered by trivial details, he is prepared to make any sacrifice for his comrades. He is the most skilled pilot in Tekkadan and is entrusted with the *Gundam Barbatus*.



Orga Itsuka

The leader of Tekkadan. His exceptional leadership earns him the absolute trust of the boys, and he works tirelessly to live up to their expectations. He and Mikazuki have been together since childhood, sharing a bond deeper than brotherhood. He founded Tekkadan to create a place where children could live without oppression.



Biscuit Griffon

The calm and collected tactical mind supporting Orga. A bookworm by nature, he joined CGS to provide for his grandmother and twin sisters. Unlike most of the other boys, he is literate and had a formal education.



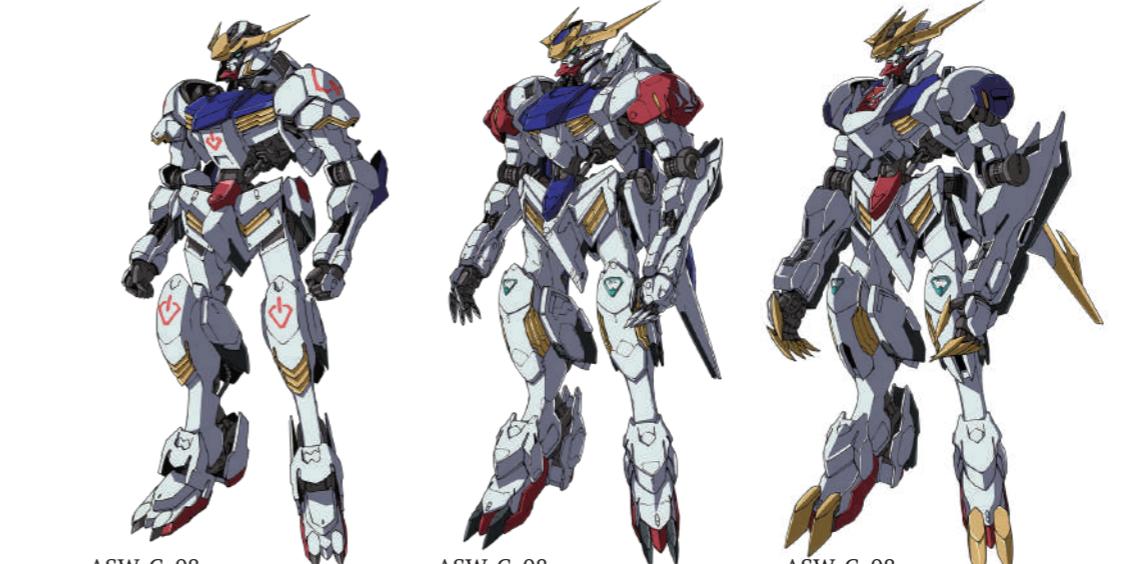
Eugene Sevenstark

One of the senior boys in Tekkadan; he was the de facto leader before Orga joined. While physically gifted and intelligent, his impulsive nature often undermines his charisma. He frequently clashes with Orga, resenting how the younger kids look up to him.



Akihiro Altland

Unlike Mikazuki's group, Akihiro is the leader of the "Human Debris"—boys sold into CGS as disposable assets. Due to his harsh background, he is initially stoic and aloof. He is often placed on the front lines for dangerous missions and possesses piloting skills second only to Mikazuki.



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Gundam Barbatus

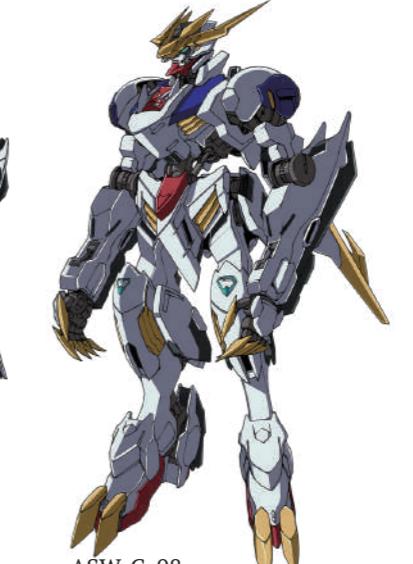
A Gundam Frame Mobile Suit that had long been used as a makeshift power reactor at CGS headquarters. During a surprise raid by Gjallarhorn, the boys of CGS reactivated the suit, and it became Mikazuki Augus's primary unit.



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Gundam Barbatus Lupus

The Barbatos as it appeared after a complete overhaul at "Saisei," the headquarters of Teiwaz. Its entire armament has been tailored to perfectly match Mikazuki Augus's increasing aggressive and intuitive combat style.



ASW-G-08

Gundam Barbatus Lupus Rex

The final, massive evolution of the Barbatos. Following a brutal confrontation with the Mobile Armor "Hashmal," the suit underwent extensive field-customization and overhauling at Saisei to push its performance to the absolute limit.



ASW-G-11

Gundam Gusion

Originally operated by the space pirates "Brewers." It is characterized by its exceptionally thick, heavy armor plating and is equipped with a massive Gusion Hammer.



ASW-G-11

Gundam Gusion Rebake

The Gusion as it appeared after being captured from the Brewers and refitted by the Turbines. This specialized variant is piloted by Akihiro Altland.



ASW-G-11

Gundam Gusion Rebake Full City

A further refined version of the Rebake after an overhaul at Saisei. While the engineers focused on restoring the suit's original Calamity War-era data, they also incorporated new armaments based on Akihiro's personal combat records.



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Gundam Flauros

Unearthed from a half-metal mine managed by Tekkadan. After undergoing an overhaul at Saisei, the suit was given a distinctive custom paint job and personalized markings at the request of its pilot, Shino.

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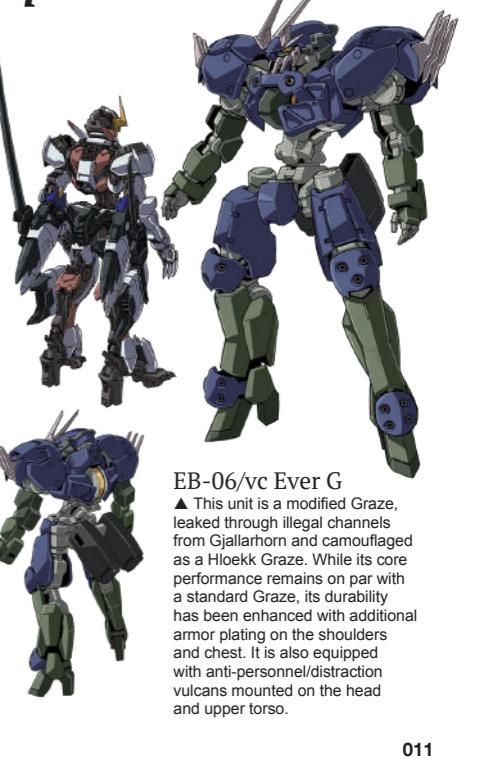
Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans 10th Anniversary Special Short: Wedge of Interposition

This special episode takes place shortly after Tekkadan returns to Mars, having successfully completed their mission to escort Kudelia to Edmonton. It bridges the gap leading into the second season of the TV series, shedding light on key details such as the evolution of the Barbatos's armament and the origins of Orga's new outfit. The short also features the debut of a new configuration: the *Gundam Barbatus Adapt*.



ASW-G-08 Gundam Barbatus Adapt

Though the Barbatos sustained catastrophic damage during the Battle of Edmonton, Tekkadan's mechanics managed to perform extensive field repairs, keeping the machine on the front lines as the "Barbatos Adapt." Its primary armaments, a pair of long and short Tachi (swords), were procured by Teiwaz specifically to gather combat data for future developments.



EB-06/vc Ever G

This unit is a modified Graze, leaked through illegal channels from Gjallarhorn and camouflaged as a Hoeikk Graze. While its core performance remains on par with a standard Graze, its durability has been enhanced with additional armor plating on the shoulders and chest. It is also equipped with anti-personnel/distraction vulcans mounted on the head and upper torso.

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Gundam Frame

A specialized mobile suit frame developed during the Calamity War. Each frame is equipped with dual Ahab Reactors; by synchronizing these power plants in parallel, the Gundam Frame achieves an output that sets it worlds apart from standard mobile suits. While 72 units were originally produced, many were lost in the brutal conflict against the Mobile Armor. Today, only 26 are confirmed to still exist.

Ahab Reactor

A phase-transition vacuum reactor used to power mobile suits and warships. While these reactors solved the world's energy crisis by providing a semi-permanent power source, they also generate Ahab Particles. These particles produce "Ahab Waves," which jam radar and all forms of wireless communication except for specialized laser-based systems. Currently, the manufacturing technology for these reactors is monopolized by Gjallarhorn.

Nano-Laminate Armor

A specialized armor system created by vapor-depositing a reactive metallic paint onto the surface of a mobile suit or vessel. When exposed to Ahab Particles, the paint forms a multi-layered molecular structure optimized for absorbing physical impacts. However, because combat stresses can cause the coating to crack or peel, the armor requires periodic repainting to maintain its defensive integrity.

Alaya-Vijnana System

A man-machine interface developed during the Calamity War. By connecting an organic device implanted in the pilot's spine directly to the suit's computer, the system creates a pseudo-organ for spatial awareness within the brain. This allows for intuitive control of the machine that transcends raw skill or training. However, the massive feedback from the mobile suit puts a tremendous strain on the brain, carrying a high risk of permanent neurological damage. The use of this system is currently banned by Gjallarhorn.