



## Ar tonelico 2 ~Melody of Metafalica~ coming January 20, 2009

Santa Ana, Calif. (Aug 01, 2008) –NIS America, Inc. announced today Ar tonelico 2's change of release date. Ar tonelico 2 will be released in North America for the PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system on January 20, 2009.

Developed and published in Japan by Banpresto Co., Ltd., Ar tonelico 2 marks a new approach to the RPG genre by seamlessly combining simulation with role-playing. Gamers can not only customize weapons and items, but now design their character's personalities, skills, and appearance through virtual interaction. Also past events will intersect with future game play as well as the outcome of the game.

### SETTING

The region of Metafalss surrounds Infel Pira, the second Tower, which is said to represent the Goddess Frelia of the Trio. A mysterious epidemic called Infel Pira Dependency (IPD) has been killing Reyvateils. Croix, a young knight from the Grand Bell Hall, is sent to contain the epidemic. However, many more challenges await, which lead him to unraveling the mysteries of the planet Ar Ciel and seek the legend handed down by the people of Metafalss: the lost Song of Metafalica.

### KEY FEATURES

**-Cosmosphere:** Ar tonelico features a revolutionary system that combines character development with skill acquisition. By diving into the Reyvateil's subconscious world, one gets to know the character of the team member better, while acquiring new spells.

**-Song Magic:** When the frontline attacks an enemy, the song magic gauge increases. After a certain level, the Reyvateils are able to cast a powerful magic attack by singing.

**-Replakia:** Song magic can be powered up by Replakia which are replicas of Reyvateils you have saved. The more Replakias you have, the stronger and more unique your song magic becomes.

**-Syncrinity:** In this latest installment, song magic is cast by 2 Reyvateils. If their emotions are more closely synced, the stronger the magic becomes.

**-Emotion Gauge:** During battle, how well you cheer your Reyvateil becomes the key to victory.

#### About NIS America

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The 21st century will be an era of spirituality  
Greater added values are attained as industrial activities advance to a higher level of industrialization

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**GENRE:** Sim RPG

**PLAYER(S):** 1

**ESRB:** Teen

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