**TOTAL WAR: ROME II RELEASE DATE ANNOUNCED**

**PRE-ORDER AND COLLECTOR’S EDITION CONTENT REVEALED**

**STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN– May 9, 2013 –** SEGA® of America, Inc. and SEGA® Europe, Ltd. today revealed the release date, final pack art, pre-order bonus and Collector’s Edition for *Total War™: ROME II*.

**Release Date:**

The global release date for the most keenly-anticipated *Total War* game yet will be **September 3rd, 2013** across all territories on both physical and digital formats.

The game is now available for pre-order from the SEGA Store (<http://download-store.sega.com/eshop/total-war/rome-2-3418.html>) and other retailers world-wide <http://www.totalwar.com/preorder>

**Pre-order Bonus:**

Those gamers who pre-order any edition from participating retailers will receive *ROME II*’s first DLC for free alongside the game on release day. This first DLC, the Greek States Culture Pack, adds three additional playable factions to the game; Epirus, Athens and Sparta.

These factions have their own unique units, buildings, missions and win conditions alongside a distinct tech tree and, in the case of Sparta, will present a considerable challenge to the advanced player wishing to restore the famous city state to its former glory.

**Collector’s Edition:**

The *Total War™: ROME II* Collector’s Edition will be produced in a single, extremely limited run; only 22,000 individually numbered copies will be manufactured.

The CE contains a wealth of custom, Roman-themed games and items, bound in a leather-effect presentation box, complete with gold logo and magnetic closure; including:

* **Numberedcopy of *Total War™: ROME II***

The most ambitious and expansive game in the *Total War™* series to date, *ROME II* brings the statecraft, politics, intrigue, diplomacy and epic battles of the ancient world to life in thrilling detail. This version comes in a debossed Steelbook™ case, laser-etched with your unique collector’s number in Roman numerals.

* **Tabula set**
	+ The Roman forerunner to Backgammon, this Tabula set comprises 30 bone-effect game pieces supplied in their own burlap drawstring bag; the board itself is built into the base of the Collector’s Edition box.
* **Tesserae Dice**
	+ Three replica bone-effect dice for use in a variety of games. The design is based on original Roman Tesserae, found at the archaeological site of Herculaneum.
* **Total War Cards™: PUNIC WARS**
	+ Designed from the ground up to echo elements from *ROME II*, Total War Cards is a game of skill and luck for two players. Involving combat, territorial control, resource management and technological development, PUNIC WARS consists of 58 high-quality playing cards and a game-board printed with the PUNIC WARS tech-tree.
* **Canvas Campaign Map**
	+ A reminder of the world you must conquer, this ribbon-tied canvas map depicts each of the 57 provinces of the *ROME II* campaign.
* **Roman Onager**
	+ A complete, fully-functional Onager, or Roman siege catapult. This easy-to-assemble kit is constructed from weathered wood and steel, measures 26cm x 12cm x 12cm, and is capable of unleashing small projectiles at a variety of inanimate objects which may have affronted the glory of your empire.

A remarkable way to mark over 10 years of *Total War* games and Creative Assembly’s 25th Anniversary, the *Total War™: ROME II* Collector’s Edition is only available through selected retailers. Follow the link to pre-order from a list of participating stockists: <http://www.totalwar.com/rome2_collectors>

The award-winning Total War series returns to Rome in 2013 with the hotly anticipated *Total War: ROME II*, setting a brand new quality benchmark for strategy gaming. Players can become the world’s first superpower and command the Ancient world’s most incredible war machine. Find out more about ROME II at [www.totalwar.com](http://www.totalwar.com)

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**About Total War**

Multi-million-selling Total War is one of the most critically-acclaimed series in gaming with a legacy covering 12 years. A drive for historical authenticity and superb gaming quality has helped establish the franchise as one of the most successful PC games of all time. Alongside the core historical-based games, the Total War series has expanded to include mobile and now has a free-to-play title, Total War: ARENA, currently in development. Total War’s website is located at [www.totalwar.com](http://www.totalwar.com)

**About Creative Assembly**

Founded in 1987 and based in Horsham, West Sussex, Creative Assembly is one of the UK’s most successful and established game studios. Creator of the multi award-winning Total War strategy series, the studio has received numerous press, industry and consumer accolades, including BAFTA and the Develop Industry Excellence awards. With over 250 highly talented developers and counting, the studio is expanding to embark on thrilling new triple-A console, PC and mobile projects. Creative Assembly’s website is located at [www.creative-assembly.com](http://www.creative-assembly.com)

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