

Retro Gamer and Sega create the ultimate Sonic The Hedgehog cover

Imagine Publishing teams up with Sega to celebrate the anniversary of a videogame icon

Issue 158 of *Retro Gamer* goes on sale across the UK and the world this month featuring a glorious silver foil cover – the perfect way to celebrate Sonic The Hedgehog’s 25th anniversary.

From the moment Sonic The Hedgehog appeared in 1991 it instantly gained the attention of gamers, thanks to its stunning visuals, fantastic music and speed-based gameplay. Sega quickly released several sequels for both the Mega Drive and Master System to the same critical acclaim and Sonic was on his way to becoming a household name. 25 years on, Sonic continues to impress, with three new games on the way, including *Sonic Mania*, which looks to recapture all the brilliance of the original 2-D games.

Sega has been celebrating Sonic’s 25th birthday all year with numerous announcements, so it makes perfect sense to create the ultimate magazine cover for the popular mascot. *Retro Gamer* 158 features a spectacular silver foil finish on a glorious Green Hill Zone backdrop. The issue itself is packed with Sonic goodness, too, with Takashi Iizuka, the head of Sonic Team, discussing the impact and importance of those original Mega Drive Sonic games and how they helped turn Sega’s fortunes around. A sister feature is also included, investigating the many animal mascots that followed in Sonic’s wake, from Bubsy The Bobcat to Super Frog and Zool.



“Sonic is one of gaming’s most recognisable and loved characters so it’s a great opportunity to team up with Sega to create the ultimate cover and feature to honour him,” said Editor Darran Jones. “Our 11-year relationship with Sega has allowed us to create an incredible tribute to Sonic with superb access that fans will absolutely love.”

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