

S2 Games Announces Heroes of Newerth

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S2 games today, officially announced their third game, Heroes of Newerth. This new multiplayer title is directly inspired by the highly popular Defense of the Ancients. Player will be able to control a single hero unit in an RTS like environment as two teams of up to five players battle. The game will also have improved graphics and unlike DotA, Heroes of Newerth will have built-in VOIP.

There are few mods that interest as many people as Defense of the Ancients. This Warcraft 3 mod is beginning to inspire more and more games and now S2 games, makers of Savage and Savage 2 are making their own version of DotA. Let hope this game is as good as its predecessor.

KALAMAZOO, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Independent game developer S2 Games is finally breaking the silence and officially announcing its highly anticipated third title, Heroes of Newerth (HoN). HoN, a session-based, multiplayer, Action-RPG, is heavily inspired by the popular Warcraft 3 mod, Defense of the Ancients (DotA), but with vast improvements in graphics and gameplay. Heroes of Newerth is currently in closed beta and will be available to the public in Q4 2009 on Windows, MAC and Linux for \$30.00 (USD).

In Heroes of Newerth, two teams of up to five players each take on the role of a special Hero unit. With the assistance of AI-controlled armies, each team sets out with the sole objective of destroying the other team's base. As a match progresses, players can earn experience and gold which can be used to upgrade skills or purchase items to make their character more powerful. The team-oriented design of HoN coupled with unprecedented in-game Voice-Over-IP controls and Clan Support allow for an incredibly deep, tactical team-based experience.

S2 Games is best known for its critically acclaimed online multiplayer Savage franchise (Savage: The Battle for Newerth and Savage 2: A Tortured Soul), which created the RTSS (real-time strategy-shooter) genre. Heroes of Newerth is the vision of S2 Games CEO and Founder, Marc DeForest, who after years as a die-hard fan, set out to create a standalone version of Defense of the Ancients (DotA) that would incorporate all of the features he felt were lacking, while still remaining true to the frenetic, yet heavily team-reliant style of gameplay that had kept him hooked for so long. In the short three months of closed beta there have been over 1.3 million matches played. There are over 350,000 registered beta players and the game sees upwards of 25,000 concurrent players during peak hours.

“All of us at S2 are extremely excited and passionate about HoN and we know that this is going to be a breakthrough title for us,” said Marc DeForest, CEO and Founder, S2 Games. “We’ve been passionate about our games in the past, but we’ve always attempted innovative, groundbreaking, and unproven ideas. This time around we have proof in advance that people want to play this type of game, so we’re that much more excited about delivering it!”

Some of the unique features of HoN include the following:

Dozens of playable Hero characters, over 100 items as well as regular content updates to ensure no two games of HoN will ever be the same.

Client/Server Architecture eliminates lag, cheats and map hacking

Quick reconnect feature allows players to jump right back into their game should they get disconnected

In-game VOIP for fast and easy communication with teammates

Game archives and replay support for all games played on official servers (players can rewind, slow down, fast forward, and otherwise pinpoint the exact part of a match that they wish to view)

Built upon the proprietary K2 engine to deliver enhanced graphics while maintaining low system specs

Powerful map editor and mod capabilities

Available in six language translations: English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Russian.

Available for PC, Mac, and Linux

Heroes of Newerth is currently in closed beta and an open beta can be expected soon. Players can visit the website to be notified of future release dates. www.heroesofnewerth.com. More information on this title can also be found at www.s2games.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heroesofnewerth.

About S2 Games

The core S2 Games team is an experienced group of developers from diverse backgrounds, including film, fine art, computer science and business. Through this mix of skill and experience, a synergy is born creating a fresh perspective in game design. The mission of the S2 Games team is to create the next level of multiplayer gaming. With the creation of the K2™ Engine, they have the freedom to take online multiplayer games to heights not reached before. For more information, visit the company's website at www.s2games.com.