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## **SLR PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCES CREATIVE TEAM FOR 'CAPTAIN FLINN AND THE PIRATE DINOSAURS'**

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Australia's SLR Productions today announced the creative team on the animated series 'Captain Flinn and The Pirate Dinosaurs' which was recently green-lit for production with local broadcast partner Nine Network along with international partners, ZDF Enterprises, Telegael and Top Draw Animation.

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With Suzanne Ryan of SLR Productions as Executive Producer, the series will combine the creative expertise of Greg Ingram as Director, Jo Boag as Studio Creative Director, Yasmin Jones as Line Producer, Melanie Alexander as Script Producer and David Evans, David Witt, Cleon Prineas, John Armstrong, Tom Mason, Dan Danko, Rachel Spratt and Bruce Griffiths as the series' script writers.

The 52 x 11 minute series is based on award winning picture books of the same name by internationally recognised and highly acclaimed Author/Illustrator duo, Giles Andreae and Russell Ayto and the television series will be developed by Jo Boag, Melanie Alexander, Steve Moltzen and Rachel Spratt.

"We have the very best of creative talents on board for 'Captain Flinn and The Pirate Dinosaurs'. Each of the team will bring their many years of experience and knowledge in animation to make the series irresistible to audiences locally and internationally" said Executive Producer and CEO of SLR Productions, Suzanne Ryan.

"The Telegael design team is super excited about 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs'. It has a unique style and will be a fun series to be part of. I was aware of the books and am really looking forward to working with the creative crew to bring them to life" said Telegael's Head of Animation, Yvonne Hennessy.

"This is the third series we've had the pleasure to collaborate on with SLR Productions and also with Telegael. It's a terrific team and a proven formula that guarantees a fabulous outcome. As for Captain Flynn.....his brand of irreverence and general silliness is right up our alley and promises some happy sailing ahead" said Managing Director of Top Draw Animation, Wayne Dearing.

"I am really looking forward to working with the creative team for 'Captain Flinn and The Pirate Dinosaurs'. Many of the creative crew have worked on SLR Productions television content in the past so it is a great opportunity to collaborate again on this fun and silly series for children" said Studio Creative Director, Jo Boag.

"Our team of writers is incredibly talented and we have the most amazing stories in Giles Andreae and Russell Ayto's picture books to draw from to create our television adaptation. I am thrilled to work with each script writer in developing the storylines to be ones that children all over the world adore" said Script Producer, Melanie Alexander.

In 2011 'Captain Flinn and The Pirate Dinosaurs' won Best TV Pilot and the prestigious Arlecchino Award for Best Book Based Work, an

esteemed accolade of the Cartoons On The Bay Pulcinella Awards, International Television and Cross Media Animation Festival held in Italy. The series also was selected as a nominee in the 2011 Banff International Pilots competition in the youth and children category and was shown at the 2011 Banff World Media Festival in Canada.

Pirattitude meets silly in these riotous tales of a jam-stealin' Captain T Rex, Stig the stegosaurus, Dippy the diplodocus, Tricky the triceratops and Terry the pterodactyl and four adventure lovin' kids Captain Flinn, Pearl, Tom and Violet who teach them a thing or two! Irreverence, general silliness and flagrant disrespect for pirate dinosaurs wrapped around a message of simple empowerment: sometimes when you face your fear...you'll notice it's wearin' a milk moustache (underneath that eye-patch...arrr).

## **SLR PRODUCTIONS**

SLR Productions is one of Australia's leading Emmy and multi award winning children's entertainment companies, specialising in the creative development and production of world-class media content. Established in 2002 by CEO, Suzanne Ryan, SLR is recognised for creating successful brands such as the internationally acclaimed preschool property, Guess How Much I Love You™, the Australian comic book series GASP!™ and the Emmy Award winning animated series I Got a Rocket™. SLR's passion is to make creative, adventurous, imaginative and exciting programmes for audiences worldwide. The company has produced more than 100 hours of content sold in more than 150 territories worldwide. With its highly experienced development and production divisions, SLR partners with major broadcasters, producers, distributors, publishers and creatives both locally and internationally to create hit shows with a truly global reach.

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